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PREFACE.

THE Revision of the Authorised Version was undertaken in consequence of a Resolution passed by both houses of the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury, as has been fully explained in the Preface to the Revised Version of the New Testament, which was first published in May 1881. When the two Companies were appointed for carrying out this work, the following General Principles, among others, were laid down by the Revision Committee of Convocation for their guidance :—

‘1. To introduce as few alterations as possible into the Text of the Authorised Version consistently with faithfulness.’

‘2. To limit, as far as possible, the expression of such alterations to the language of the Authorised and earlier English Versions.’

‘4. That the Text to be adopted be that for which the evidence is decidedly preponderating; and that when the Text so adopted differs from that from which the Authorised Version was made, the alteration be indicated in the margin.’

‘7. To revise the headings of chapters and pages, paragraphs, italics, and punctuation.’

In order to shew the manner in which the Old Testament Company have endeavoured to carry out their instructions, it will be convenient to treat the subjects mentioned in the foregoing rules in a somewhat different order.

It will be observed that in Rule 4 the word ‘Text’ is used in a different sense from that in Rule 1, and in the case of the Old Testament denotes the Hebrew or Aramaic original of the several books. In this respect the task of the Revisers has been much simpler than that which the New Testament Company had before them. The Received, or, as it is commonly called, the Massoretic Text of the Old Testament Scriptures has come down to us in manuscripts which are of no very great antiquity, and which all belong to the same family or recension¹. That other recensions were at one time in existence is probable from the variations in the Ancient Versions, the oldest of which, namely the Greek or Septuagint, was made, at least in part, some two centuries before the Christian era. But as the state of knowledge on the subject is not at present such as to justify any attempt at an entire reconstruction of the text on the authority of the Versions, the Revisers have thought it most prudent to adopt the Massoretic Text as the basis of their work, and to depart from it, as the Authorised Translators had done², only in exceptional cases. With regard to the variations in the Massoretic Text itself, the Revisers have endeavoured to translate what appeared to them to be the best reading in the text, and where the alternative reading seemed sufficiently probable or important they have placed it in the margin. In some few instances of extreme difficulty a reading has been adopted on the authority of the Ancient Versions, and the departure from the Massoretic Text recorded in the margin. In other cases, where the versions appeared to supply a very probable though not so necessary a correction of the text, the text has been left and the variation indicated in the margin only.

In endeavouring to carry out as fully as possible the spirit of Rules 1 and 2, the Revisers have borne in mind that it was their duty not to make a new translation but to revise one already existing, which for more than two

¹ The earliest MS. of which the age is certainly known bears date A.D. 916.

² See, for instance, 2 Sam. xvi. 12; 2 Chr. iii. 1, xxii. 6; Job xxxvii. 7; Ezek. xlvi. 10; Am. v. 26; Hag. i. 2.

centuries and a half had held the position of an English classic. They have therefore departed from it only in cases where they disagreed with the Translators of 1611 as to the meaning or construction of a word or sentence; or where it was necessary for the sake of uniformity to render such parallel passages as were identical in Hebrew by the same English words, so that an English reader might know at once by comparison that a difference in the translation corresponded to a difference in the original; or where the language of the Authorised Version was liable to be misunderstood by reason of its being archaic or obscure; or finally, where the rendering of an earlier English version seemed preferable, or where by an apparently slight change it was possible to bring out more fully the meaning of a passage of which the translation was already substantially accurate.

It has been thought advisable in regard to the word 'JEHOVAH' to follow the usage of the Authorised Version, and not to insert it uniformly in place of 'LORD' or 'GOD', which when printed in small capitals represent the words substituted by Jewish custom for the ineffable Name according to the vowel points by which it is distinguished. It will be found therefore that in this respect the Authorised Version has been departed from only in a few passages, in which the introduction of a proper name seemed to be required.

Terms of natural history have been changed only where it was certain that the Authorised Version was incorrect and where there was sufficient evidence for the substituted rendering. In cases of doubt the alternative rendering has been given in the margin; and even where no doubt existed, but where there was no familiar English equivalent for the original word, the Old Version has been allowed to remain¹, and the more accurate term has been placed in the margin.

In some words of very frequent occurrence, the Authorised Version being either inadequate or inconsistent, and sometimes misleading, changes have been introduced with as much uniformity as appeared practicable or desirable. For instance, 'the tabernacle of the congregation' has been everywhere changed to 'the tent of meeting', on account of Exodus xxv. 22, xxix. 42, 43, and also because 'the tabernacle of the congregation' conveys an entirely wrong sense. The words 'tabernacle' and 'tent', as the renderings of two different Hebrew words, are in the Authorised Version frequently interchanged in such a manner as to lead to confusion; and the Revisers have endeavoured throughout the Pentateuch to preserve a consistent distinction between them. Their practice in regard to the words 'assembly' and 'congregation' has been the same in principle, although they have contented themselves with introducing greater consistency of rendering without aiming at absolute uniformity. In consequence of the changes which have taken place in the English language, the term 'meat offering' has become inappropriate to describe an offering of which flesh was no part; and by the alteration to 'meal offering' a sufficiently accurate representation of the original has been obtained with the least possible change of form.

As regards the use of words, there are only a few cases in which it has been found needful to deviate from the language employed in the Authorised Version. One of these deviations occurs so frequently that it may be well to state briefly why it was adopted. The word 'peoples' was nowhere used by King James's Translators in the Old Testament, and in the New Testament it occurs only twice (Rev. x. 11, xvii. 15). The effect of this was to leave the rendering of numerous passages inadequate or obscure or even positively misleading. Thus in one of the best known Psalms (Ps. lxxvii.), where the Septuagint has *λαοί* and the Vulgate *populi*, the English had 'Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee'; leaving it at least doubtful

¹ As for instance, 'coney' (Lev. xi. 5), 'fitches' (Is. xxviii. 25, 27), 'gourd' (Jon. iv. 6).

whether the 'nations' of verse 4, or God's people, Israel, be referred to. And in Isaiah lv. 4, 'Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people', the word 'people' is naturally understood by the English reader to refer to Israel.

Again, the Hebrew word *goyim* 'nations', which is applied to the nations of Canaan dispossessed by the Hebrews, and then also to the surrounding nations among whom the people of Israel were afterwards dispersed, acquired in later times a moral significance, which is represented in the Authorised Version by the rendering 'heathen' or 'Gentiles'. While recognizing this moral sense of the word, the Revisers have employed it much more sparingly than their predecessors had done.

Similarly, the Hebrew *Sheol*, which signifies the abode of departed spirits, and corresponds to the Greek Hades, or the under world, is variously rendered in the Authorised Version by 'grave', 'pit', and 'hell'. Of these renderings 'hell', if it could be taken in its original sense as used in the Creeds, would be a fairly adequate equivalent for the Hebrew word; but it is so commonly understood of the place of torment that to employ it frequently would lead to inevitable misunderstanding. The Revisers therefore in the historical narratives have left the rendering 'the grave' or 'the pit' in the text, with a marginal note 'Heb. *Sheol*' to indicate that it does not signify 'the place of burial'; while in the poetical writings they have put most commonly '*Sheol*' in the text and 'the grave' in the margin. In Isaiah xiv. however, where 'hell' is used in more of its original sense and is less liable to be misunderstood, and where any change in so familiar a passage which was not distinctly an improvement would be a decided loss, the Revisers have contented themselves with leaving 'hell' in the text, and have connected it with other passages by putting '*Sheol*' in the margin.

In connexion with this it may be mentioned that '*Abaddon*', which has hitherto been known to the English reader of the Bible only from the New Testament (Rev. ix. 11), has been introduced in three passages (Job xxvi. 6; Prov. xv. 11, xxvii. 20), where a proper name appears to be required for giving vividness and point.

The Hebrew word *Asherah*, which is uniformly and wrongly rendered 'grove' in the Authorised Version, most probably denotes the wooden symbol of a goddess; and the Revisers therefore have not hesitated to introduce it as a proper name in the singular (Judg. vi. 25, &c.), with the plurals *Asherim* (Ex. xxxiv. 13, &c.) and *Asheroth* (Judg. iii. 7, &c.), following the analogy of the *Baalim* (Judg. iii. 7) and the *Ashtaroth* (Judg. ii. 13), which are already familiar.

In regard to the language of the Authorised Version, the Revisers have thought it no part of their duty to reduce it to conformity with modern usage, and have therefore left untouched all archaisms, whether of language or construction, which though not in familiar use cause a reader no embarrassment and lead to no misunderstanding. They are aware that in so doing they will disappoint the large English-speaking race on the other side of the Atlantic, and it is a question upon which they are prepared to agree to a friendly difference of opinion. The principle by which they have been guided has been clear and consistent. Where an archaic word or expression was liable to be misunderstood or at least was not perfectly intelligible, they have substituted for it another, in equally good use at the time the Authorised Version was made, and expressing all that the archaism was intended to convey, but more familiar to the modern reader. In such cases the gain was greater than the loss. But in other instances where the word or expression, although obsolete, was not unintelligible, it was thought that the change would involve greater loss than gain, and the old rendering was therefore allowed to stand. More especially was this the case when the archaism was a perfectly correct rendering of the original and there was no

exact modern equivalent for it. The principle adopted by the Company will be best illustrated by two typical examples. The verb 'to ear' in the sense of 'to plough' and the substantive 'earring' for 'ploughing' were very reluctantly abandoned, and only because it was ascertained that their meaning was unknown to many persons of good intelligence and education. But it was easy to put in their place equivalents which had a pedigree of almost equal antiquity, and it would have been an excess of conservatism to refuse to substitute for an unintelligible archaism an expression to which no ambiguity could be attached. On the other hand the word 'bolled' (Ex. ix. 31), which signifies 'podded for seed' and is known in provincial dialects, has no synonym in literary English. To have discarded it in favour of a less accurate or more paraphrastic expression would have been to impoverish the language; and it was therefore left, because it exactly expresses one view which is taken of the meaning of the original.

One of the few instances in which the language of the Authorised Version has been modified in accordance with later usage is the change of the neuter possessive pronoun from 'his' to 'its'. It is well known that 'its' does not occur in the Bible of 1611, and it does not appear to have been introduced into any edition before 1660. But it is found ten times in Shakespeare, and there is other evidence to shew that at the time of the Authorised Version it was coming into use. It was found necessary in some cases to substitute 'its' for 'his' in order to avoid obscurity, and there seemed no good reason, when it was once introduced, for refusing to admit it generally when it referred to purely inanimate objects.

In making minor changes, whether in translation or language, the Revisers have followed the example of the translators of the Authorised Version, who allowed themselves in this respect a reasonable freedom, without permitting their liberty to degenerate into license.

It will be at once seen that the old division of the books into chapters and verses has been abandoned in favour of the arrangement in paragraphs, the numbering of the chapters and verses being however retained for convenience of reference. Where the change of subject seemed to require a greater break than was marked by the beginning of a new paragraph, it has been indicated by a space before the paragraph. Occasionally the divisions of the chapters in the Authorised Version differ from those in the common Hebrew Bibles. In such cases the variations are given in the margin. In the Psalms, the titles are printed in smaller type, as in some modern English Bibles, which differ in this respect from the edition of 1611. One consequence of the arrangement in paragraphs has been the omission of the headings of chapters, which for other and more important reasons it was thought advisable to abandon, as involving questions which belong rather to the province of the commentator than to that of the translator. With the headings of chapters the head-lines of pages naturally disappeared also, and for the same reason.

In the poetical portions, besides the division into paragraphs, the Revisers have adopted an arrangement in lines, so as to exhibit the parallelism which is characteristic of Hebrew Poetry. But they have not extended this arrangement to the prophetic books, the language of which although frequently marked by parallelism is, except in purely lyrical passages, rather of the nature of lofty and impassioned prose.

In the use of italics the Revisers departed from the custom of the Authorised Version and adopted as their rule the following resolution of their Company:

'That all such words now printed in italics, as are plainly implied in the Hebrew and necessary in English, be printed in common type.'

But where any doubt existed as to the exact rendering of the Hebrew,

all words which have been added in order to give completeness to the English expression are printed in italic type, so that the reader by omitting them may be able to see how far their insertion is justified by the words of the original. This of course is especially true of those renderings for which an alternative is given in the margin, where the roman and italic type play exactly opposite parts.

To complete the account of the Revised Version it remains only to describe the marginal notes. These will be found to contain

(1) The renderings of such variations in the Massoretic Text as appeared to be of sufficient importance. These variations are known by the technical names of K'ri (*read*) and C'thib (*written*), which denote that the K'ri, or reading in the margin of the Hebrew Bible, is to be substituted for the C'thib which appears in the written text. The Revisers have generally, though not uniformly, rendered the C'thib in the text, and left the K'ri in the margin, with the introductory note 'Or, according to another reading', or 'Another reading is'. When the K'ri has been followed in the text, the C'thib has been placed in the margin, if it represented a variation of sufficient importance.

(2) Alternative renderings, introduced by 'Or'. These are either different meanings of the word or passage, or they serve to connect it with other renderings elsewhere.

(3) Literal renderings of the Hebrew or Aramaic, indicated by the prefix 'Heb.' or 'Aram.'

(4) Changes of text made on the authority of the ancient Versions.

(5) Readings from ancient Versions which appeared to be of sufficient importance to be noticed.

(6) Renderings of the Hebrew consonants as read with different vowel points, or as differently divided. These are introduced by the words 'Or, as otherwise read'.

(7) Marginal references to other passages, which are either strictly parallel, or serve the purpose of illustrating or justifying a particular rendering.

(8) Explanations of certain proper names, the meaning of which is referred to in the text.

In the Proper Names the Revisers have endeavoured to ascertain the system of transliteration adopted by the Translators of the Authorised Version and to carry it out with somewhat greater consistency. They have not however attempted anything like rigid uniformity, and have left unchanged all those names which by usage have become English; as, for instance, Moses, Aaron, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the like.

Among the Rules laid down by the Revision Committee of Convocation for the guidance of the Revisers was one that no change should be finally made in the text of the Authorised Version except by the vote of two-thirds of the Company present and voting; and this Rule has been invariably acted upon. The result has been that in many cases a rendering which was preferred by the majority of the Company voting has been recorded in the margin, the majority not being sufficient to give it a place in the text. But all questions of marginal readings, as well as of punctuation and division into paragraphs, except where these affected the sense of a passage, were decided by a simple majority.

It may be of some interest to describe the method observed by the Company in their work, if only to shew that every question raised was carefully and deliberately considered. In the first Revision it was the practice for the Secretary to read over each verse, first in the original and then in the Authorised Version: the proposals for change were then taken; first those communicated in writing by absent members, and next those made by

the members present. Each proposal was moved, and if seconded was discussed and voted upon; the decision in the first Revision being by a majority only. If a proposal met with no seconder, it was not discussed but allowed to drop. In the second Revision, the Secretary read out in order the changes which had been made at the first Revision; if these were unchallenged they were allowed to remain, otherwise they were put to the vote and affirmed or rejected according as they were or were not supported by the requisite majority of two-thirds. In the second Revision new propositions could only be made by special permission of the Company, and discussion was limited, as far as possible, to exceptional cases. In the final review, which was in reality the completion of the second Revision, the Company employed themselves in making a general survey of what they had done, deciding finally upon reserved points, harmonizing inconsistencies, smoothing down roughnesses, removing unnecessary changes, and generally giving finish and completeness to their work. Everything in this final survey was decided by the vote of a majority of two-thirds.

The Revisers had already made some progress, and had in fact gone twice through the Pentateuch, before they secured the co-operation of the American Old Testament Revision Company. The first Revision of the several books was submitted to the consideration of the American Revisers, and, except in the case of the Pentateuch, the English Company had the benefit of their criticisms and suggestions before they proceeded to the second Revision. The second Revision was in like manner forwarded to America, and the latest thoughts of the American Revisers were in the hands of the English Company at their final review. In every instance the suggestions from America were treated with the same consideration as those proceeding from members of the English Company, and were adopted or rejected on their merits. It was a part of the terms of agreement with the American Company that all points of ultimate difference between them and the English Revisers should be placed on record, and they will accordingly be found fully stated at the end of the Old Testament, or at the end of the several portions, according as the Revised Version appears in one or more volumes. Many of them will be found to be changes of language which are involved in the essentially different circumstances of American and English readers; others express a preference for the marginal rendering over that given in the text; others again involve a real difference of opinion; but all shew that they have been dictated by the same leading principle, the sincere desire to give to modern readers a faithful representation of the meaning of the original documents.

It could not but be expected that in the course of fourteen years many changes would take place in the members of the Company. Of the original number who first put their hands to the work on the 30th of June 1870, only fifteen now remain. Ten of the Company have been removed by death, and two resigned; the places of these were filled from time to time by others; but since October 1875 no new members have been added. The Revision was completed in eighty-five sessions, ending on 20th June, 1884; and it occupied 792 days. The greater part of the sessions were for ten days each, and each day the Company generally sat for six hours. The labour therefore has been great, but it has been given ungrudgingly; and now with a feeling of deep thankfulness to Almighty God, and the earnest hope that their endeavours may with His blessing tend to a clearer knowledge of the Old Testament Scriptures, the Revisers bring their long task to a close.

JERUSALEM CHAMBER, WESTMINSTER ABBEY,
10 July, 1884.

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THE FIRST BOOK OF MOSES,

COMMONLY CALLED

GENESIS.

¹ Or, was
breeding
upon

² Heb.
expanse.

1 In the beginning God created the
2 heaven and the earth. And the earth
was waste and void; and darkness
was upon the face of the deep: and
the spirit of God ¹ moved upon the
3 face of the waters. And God said,
Let there be light: and there was
4 light. And God saw the light, that it
was good: and God divided the light
5 from the darkness. And God called
the light Day, and the darkness he
called Night. And there was evening
and there was morning, one day.
6 And God said, Let there be a ² firma-
ment in the midst of the waters, and
let it divide the waters from the waters.
7 And God made the firmament, and di-
vided the waters which were under
the firmament from the waters which
were above the firmament: and it was
8 so. And God called the firmament
Heaven. And there was evening and
there was morning, a second day.
9 And God said, Let the waters under
the heaven be gathered together unto
one place, and let the dry land ap-
10 pear: and it was so. And God called
the dry land Earth; and the gathering
together of the waters called he Seas:
11 and God saw that it was good. And
God said, Let the earth put forth grass,
herb yielding seed, and fruit tree bear-
ing fruit after its kind, wherein is the
seed thereof, upon the earth: and it was
12 so. And the earth brought forth grass,
herb yielding seed after its kind, and
tree bearing fruit, wherein is the seed
thereof, after its kind: and God saw
13 that it was good. And there was even-
ing and there was morning, a third day.
14 And God said, Let there be lights in
the firmament of the heaven to divide
the day from the night; and let them
be for signs, and for seasons, and for
15 days and years: and let them be for
lights in the firmament of the heaven
to give light upon the earth: and it
16 was so. And God made the two great
lights; the greater light to rule the
day, and the lesser light to rule the
17 night: *he made* the stars also. And
God set them in the firmament of the
heaven to give light upon the earth,
18 and to rule over the day and over the
night, and to divide the light from the
darkness: and God saw that it was

19 good. And there was evening and
there was morning, a fourth day.

20 And God said, Let the waters ³ bring
forth abundantly the moving creature
that hath life, and let fowl fly above
the earth ⁴ in the open firmament of
21 heaven. And God created the great
sea-monsters, and every living crea-
ture that moveth, which the waters
brought forth abundantly, after their
kinds, and every winged fowl after
its kind: and God saw that it was
22 good. And God blessed them, saying,
Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the
waters in the seas, and let fowl mul-
23 tiplify in the earth. And there was
evening and there was morning, a
fifth day.

24 And God said, Let the earth bring
forth the living creature after its kind,
cattle, and creeping thing, and beast
of the earth after its kind: and it was
25 so. And God made the beast of the
earth after its kind, and the cattle
after their kind, and every thing that
creepeth upon the ground after its
kind: and God saw that it was good.

26 And God said, Let us make man in
our image, after our likeness: and let
them have dominion over the fish of
the sea, and over the fowl of the air,
and over the cattle, and over all
the earth, and over every creeping
thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 And God created man in his own
image, in the image of God created
he him; male and female created he

28 them. And God blessed them: and
God said unto them, Be fruitful, and
multiply, and replenish the earth, and
subdue it; and have dominion over the
fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the
air, and over every living thing that

29 ⁵ moveth upon the earth. And God
said, Behold, I have given you every
herb yielding seed, which is upon the
face of all the earth, and every tree,
in the which is the fruit of a tree yield-
ing seed; to you it shall be for meat:

30 and to every beast of the earth, and to
every fowl of the air, and to every
thing that creepeth upon the earth,
wherein there is ⁶ life, *I have given*
every green herb for meat: and it
31 was so. And God saw every thing
that he had made, and, behold, it was

³ Heb.
swarm
which
rears
of living
creatures.

⁴ Heb.
on the
face of
the ex-
panse of
the heaven.

⁵ Or,
creepeth

⁶ Heb. a
living
soul.

very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

- 2 And the heaven and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.
 2 And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his
 3 work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and hallowed it: because that in it he rested from all his work which God had created and made.
 4 These are the generations of the heaven and of the earth when they were created, in the day that ¹the Lord
 5 God made earth and heaven. And no plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up: for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was not a man to till the ground;
 6 but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of
 7 the ground. And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
 8 And the Lord God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put
 9 the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground made the Lord God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good
 10 and evil. And a river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four
 11 heads. The name of the first is Pishon: that is it which compasseth the whole land of Havilah, where there is
 12 gold; and the gold of that land is good: there is bdellium and the ²onyx
 13 stone. And the name of the second river is Gihon: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Cush.
 14 And the name of the third river is ³Hiddekel: that is it which goeth ⁴in front of Assyria. And the fourth
 15 river is Euphrates. And the Lord God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to
 16 keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely
 17 eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.
 18 And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will
 19 make him an help ⁵meet for him. And out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field, and every fowl of the air; and brought them unto the man to see what he would call them: and whatsoever the man called every living creature, that was the name
 20 thereof. And the man gave names to

all cattle, and to the fowl of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for ⁶man there was not found an help meet
 21 for him. And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof:
 22 and the rib, which the Lord God had taken from the man, ⁷made he a woman,
 23 and brought her unto the man. And the man said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called ⁸Woman, because she was
 24 taken out of ⁹Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and
 25 they shall be one flesh. And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.

3 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not
 2 eat of ¹⁰any tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may
 3 eat: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall
 4 ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not
 5 surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as ¹¹God,
 6 knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was ¹²to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her,
 7 and he did eat. And the eyes of them both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves
 8 ¹³aprons. And they heard the ¹⁴voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the ¹⁵cool of the day: and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst
 9 the trees of the garden. And the Lord God called unto the man, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy ¹⁴voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and
 11 I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?
 12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave
 13 me of the tree, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the woman, What is this thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, cursed art thou ¹⁶above all cattle, and ¹⁶above every beast of

¹ Heb. Jehovah, as in other places where LORD is put in capitals.

⁸ Or, leprosy

³ That is, Tigris.
⁴ Or, toward the east of

⁵ Or, answering to

⁶ Or, Adam

⁷ Heb. builded he into.

⁸ Heb. ishah.
⁹ Heb. ish.

¹⁰ Or, all the trees

¹¹ Or, gods

¹² Or, desirable to look upon

¹³ Or, girdles
¹⁴ Or, sound
¹⁵ Heb. wind.

¹⁶ Or, from among

the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in ²toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. And the man called his wife's name ²Eve; because she was the mother of all living. And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins, and clothed them.

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

4 And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have ⁴gotten a man with ²the help of the LORD. And again she bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, ⁵shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin coucheth at the door: and unto thee ⁶shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. And Cain ⁷told Abel his brother. And it came to

pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now cursed art thou from the ground, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; when thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a wanderer shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the LORD, ⁸My punishment is greater ⁹than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the ground; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that whosoever findeth me shall slay me. And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should smite him.

16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of ¹⁰Nod, ¹¹on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methushael: and Methushael begat Lamech. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents and have cattle. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe. And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, ¹²the forger of every cutting instrument of ¹³brass and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. And Lamech said unto his wives: Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: For ¹⁴I have slain a man ¹⁵for wounding me, And a young man for bruising me: If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.

25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name ¹⁶Seth: For, ¹⁷said she, God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel; for Cain slew him. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.

¹ Or, *he* *is* *to* *walk* *for*

² Or, *toil*

³ Heb. *Kanah*, *that* *is* *living*, *or*, *life*.

⁴ Heb. *Kanah*, *to* *get*.

⁵ Or, *shall* *it* *not* *be* *accepted*?

⁶ Or, *is* *his* *desire*, *but* *thou* *shalt* *rule* *over* *it*

⁷ Heb. *said* *unto* *Abel* *his* *brother*. *Let* *us* *go* *into* *the* *field*.

⁸ Or, *mine* *iniquity*
⁹ Or, *than* *can* *be* *for-* *given*

¹⁰ That *is*, *Wandering*.
¹¹ Or, *in* *front* *of*

¹² Or, *an* *in-* *structor* *of* *every* *artificer*
¹³ Or, *copper* *and* *so* *else-* *where*.

¹⁴ Or, *I* *will* *slay*

¹⁵ Or, *to* *my* *wound-* *ing*, *am* *I* *not* *avenged* *my* *hurt*

¹⁶ Heb. *Seth*.

¹⁷ Heb. *sheth*.

1 Or,
Man

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name ¹Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived an hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth: and the days of Adam after he begat Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

6 And Seth lived an hundred and five years, and begat Enosh: and Seth lived after he begat Enosh eight hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years: and he died.

7 And Enosh lived ninety years, and begat Kenan: and Enosh lived after he begat Kenan eight hundred and fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years: and he died.

8 And Kenan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalalel: and Kenan lived after he begat Mahalalel eight hundred and forty years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years: and he died.

9 And Mahalalel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared: and Mahalalel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety and five years: and he died.

10 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and begat Enoch: and Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died.

11 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

12 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech: and Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty and two years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty and nine years: and he died.

13 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: and he called his name Noah, saying, This

same shall ²comfort us for our work and for the toil of our hands, ³because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed. And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety and five years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy and seven years: and he died.

14 And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

15 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose. And the LORD said, My spirit shall not ⁴strive with man for ever, ⁵for that he also is flesh: ⁶yet shall his days be an hundred and twenty years. The ⁷Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them: the same were the mighty men which were of old, the men of renown. And the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will ⁸destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping thing, and fowl of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

16 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, and ⁹perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God. And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. And the earth was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.

17 And God saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.

18 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make thee an ark of gopher wood; ¹⁰rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch.

19 And this is how thou shalt make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A ¹¹light shalt thou make to the ark, and to a cubit shalt thou finish it ¹²upward; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and

² Heb. *salveth*, to comfort.
³ Or, *which cometh from the ground*

⁴ Or, *rule in*
⁵ Or, *according to many ancient versions, abide in*
⁶ Or, *in their going astray they are flesh*
⁷ Or, *therefore*
⁸ Or, *giant*
See Num. xiii. 33.

⁹ Heb. *blot out*.

¹⁰ Or, *stamens*

¹¹ Heb. *rafts*.

¹² Or, *roof*

¹³ Or, *from above*

17 third stories shalt thou make it. And I, behold, I do bring the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; every thing that is in the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. Of the fowl after their kind, and of the cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them. Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

7 And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee seven and seven, the male and his female; and of the beasts that are not clean two, the male and his female; of the fowl also of the air, seven and seven, male and female: to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. For yet seven days, and I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made will I¹ destroy from off the face of the ground. And Noah did according unto all that the Lord commanded him.

6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him, into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. Of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the ground, there went in two and two unto Noah into the ark, male and female, as God commanded Noah. And it came to pass after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on the same day were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. In the selfsame day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark; they, and every beast after its kind, and all

the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind, and every fowl after its kind, every bird of every sort. And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh wherein is the breath of life. And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God commanded him: and the Lord shut him in. And the flood was forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bare up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. And the waters prevailed, and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark went upon the face of the waters. And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth; and all the high mountains that were under the whole heaven were covered. Fifteen cubits upward did the waters prevail; and the mountains were covered. And all flesh died that moved upon the earth, both fowl, and cattle, and beast, and every² creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every³ man: all in whose nostrils was the breath of the spirit of life, of all that was in the dry land, died. And every living thing was⁴ destroyed which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and creeping thing, and fowl of the heaven; and they were⁵ destroyed from the earth: and Noah only was left, and they that were with him in the ark. And the waters prevailed upon the earth an hundred and fifty days.

8 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged; the fountains also of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; and the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of an hundred and fifty days the waters decreased. And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen. And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: and he sent forth a raven, and it went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. And he sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground; but the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him to the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth: and he put forth his hand, and

² Heb. wing.

³ Or, swimming thing that swimmeth.

⁴ Or, And he destroyed every living thing.

⁵ Heb. directed out.

¹ Heb. blow out.

took her, and brought her in unto him
10 into the ark. And he stayed yet other
seven days; and again he sent forth
11 the dove out of the ark; and the dove
came in to him at eventide; and, lo,
in her mouth ¹an olive leaf plucked
off: so Noah knew that the waters
12 were abated from off the earth. And
he stayed yet other seven days; and
sent forth the dove; and she returned
13 not again unto him any more. And
it came to pass in the six hundred
and first year, in the first month, the
first day of the month, the waters
were dried up from off the earth: and
Noah removed the covering of the
ark, and looked, and, behold, the face
14 of the ground was dried. And in the
second month, on the seven and twen-
tieth day of the month, was the earth
dry.

15 And God spake unto Noah, saying,
16 Go forth of the ark, thou, and thy
wife, and thy sons, and thy sons wives
17 with thee. Bring forth with thee every
living thing that is with thee of all
flesh, both fowl, and cattle, and every
creeping thing that creepeth upon the
earth; that they may breed abundantly
in the earth, and be fruitful, and mul-
18 tiply upon the earth. And Noah went
forth, and his sons, and his wife, and
19 his sons' wives with him: every beast,
every creeping thing, and every fowl,
whatsoever moveth upon the earth,
after their families, went forth out of
20 the ark. And Noah builded an altar
unto the Lord; and took of every clean
beast, and of every clean fowl, and
offered burnt offerings on the altar.

21 And the Lord smelled the sweet sav-
our; and the Lord said in his heart,
I will not again curse the ground any
more for man's ²sake, for that the
imagination of man's heart is evil
from his youth; neither will I again
smite any more every thing living, as I
22 have done. While the earth remain-
eth, seedtime and harvest, and cold
and heat, and summer and winter, and
23 day and night shall not cease. And
God blessed Noah and his sons, and
said unto them, Be fruitful, and
multiply, and replenish the earth.

24 And the fear of you and the dread
of you shall be upon every beast of
the earth, and upon every fowl of
the air; with all wherewith the ground
25 teemeth, and all the fishes of the
sea, into your hand are they delivered.

26 Every moving thing that liveth shall
be food for you; as the green herb
27 have I given you all. But flesh with
the life thereof, ³which is the blood
28 thereof, shall ye not eat. And surely
your blood, ⁴the blood of your lives,
will I require; at the hand of every
beast will I require it: and at the
hand of man, even at the hand of every

man's brother, will I require the life
6 of man. Whoso sheddeth man's blood,
by man shall his blood be shed: for in
7 the image of God made he man. And
you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring
forth abundantly in the earth, and
multiply therein.

8 And God spake unto Noah, and to his
9 sons with him, saying, And I, behold,
I establish my covenant with you, and
10 with your seed after you; and with
every living creature that is with you,
the fowl, the cattle, and every beast
of the earth with you; of all that
go out of the ark, even every beast
11 of the earth. And I will establish
my covenant with you; neither shall
all flesh be cut off any more by the
waters of the flood; neither shall there
any more be a flood to destroy the

12 earth. And God said, This is the
token of the covenant which I make
between me and you and every living
creature that is with you, for per-
13 petual generations: ⁴I do set my
bow in the cloud, and it shall be for
a token of a covenant between me
14 and the earth. And it shall come
to pass, when I bring a cloud over
the earth, that the bow shall be seen
15 in the cloud, and I will remember
my covenant, which is between me
and you and every living creature of
all flesh; and the waters shall no
more become a flood to destroy all
16 flesh. And the bow shall be in the
cloud; and I will look upon it, that I
may remember the everlasting coven-
ant between God and every living
creature of all flesh that is upon the
17 earth. And God said unto Noah, This
is the token of the covenant which
I have established between me and all
flesh that is upon the earth.

18 And the sons of Noah, that went
forth of the ark, were Shem, and Ham,
and Japheth: and Ham is the father
19 of Canaan. These three were the sons
of Noah: and of these was the whole
earth overspread.

20 And Noah began to be an husband-
21 man, and planted a vineyard: and he
drank of the wine, and was drunken;
and he was uncovered within his tent.

22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw
the nakedness of his father, and told
23 his two brethren without. And Shem
and Japheth took a garment, and
laid it upon both their shoulders,
and went backward, and covered the
nakedness of their father; and their
faces were backward, and they saw
24 not their father's nakedness. And
Noah awoke from his wine, and knew
what his ⁵youngest son had done unto
25 him. And he said,

Cursed be Canaan;
A servant of servants shall he be
unto his brethren.

¹ Or,
a fresh
olive leaf

² Or,
sake; for
the

³ Or,
creepeth

⁴ Or, /
have set

⁵ Or,
youngest

26 And he said,

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem;

And let Canaan be ¹his servant.

27 God enlarge Japheth,

And ²let him dwell in the tents of Shem;

And let Canaan be ¹his servant.

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years: and he died.

10 Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem Ham and Japheth: and unto them were sons born after the flood.

2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and

3 Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and

4 ³Riphat, and Togarmah. And the sons of Javan; Eliahah, and Tarahish,

5 Kittim, and ⁴Dodanim. Of these were the ⁵isles of the nations divided in their lands, every one after his tongue; after their families, in their nations.

6 And the sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, and Put, and Canaan. And

the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabtah, and Raamah, and Sabteca:

and the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan. And Cush begat Nimrod: he

began to be a mighty one in the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD: wherefore it is said, Like Nimrod a mighty hunter before the LORD.

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and

11 Calneh, in the land of Shinar. Out of that land ⁶he went forth into Assyria,

and builded Nineveh, and Rehoboth-Ir,

12 and Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (the same is the great city).

13 And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Ananiam, and Lehabim, and Naphtahim,

14 and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (whence went forth ⁷the Philistines), and Caphtorim.

15 And Canaan begat Zidon his first-born, and Heth; and the Jebusite, and

17 the Amorite, and the Girgashite; and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the

18 Sinite; and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the

19 Canaanite spread abroad. And the border of the Canaanite was from Zidon, as thou goest toward Gerar, unto

20 Gaza; as thou goest toward Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zebolim,

21 unto Lasha. These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, in their nations.

22 And unto Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, ⁸the elder brother of Japheth, to him also were children

22 born. The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and

28 Aram. And the sons of Aram; Uz, 24 and Hul, and Gether, and Mash. And Arpachshad ⁹begat Shelah; and Shelah

35 begat Eber. And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was ¹⁰Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother's name

26 was Joktan. And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarima-

27 veth, and Jerah; and Hadoram, and 28 Uzal, and Diklah; and ¹¹Obal, and

29 Abimael, and Sheba; and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab: all these were

80 the sons of Joktan. And their dwelling was from Mesha, as thou goest toward Sephar, the ¹²mountain of the

81 east. These are the sons of Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and of these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

11 And the whole earth was of one

2 ¹³language and of one ¹⁴speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed

15 east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

3 And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them

thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and ¹⁶slime had they for mortar.

4 And they said, Go to, let us build us a city, and a tower, whose top may

reach unto heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad

5 upon the face of the whole earth. And the LORD came down to see the city

and the tower, which the children of 6 men builded. And the LORD said, Be-

hold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is what they

begin to do: and now nothing will be withholden from them, which they

7 purpose to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language,

that they may not understand one 8 another's speech. So the LORD scat-

tered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left

9 off to build the city. Therefore was the name of it called Babel; because

the LORD did there ¹⁷confound the language of all the earth: and from

thence did the LORD scatter them a-broad upon the face of all the earth.

10 These are the generations of Shem. Shem was an hundred years old, and

begat Arpachshad two years after the 11 flood: and Shem lived after he begat

Arpachshad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 And Arpachshad lived five and thirty 13 years, and begat Shelah: and Arpach-

shad lived after he begat Shelah four hundred and three years, and begat

sons and daughters.

14 And Shelah lived thirty years, and

¹ Or, their

² Or, he shall

³ In 1 Chr. 1, 6, Di-phath.

⁴ In 1 Chr. 1, 7, Abimael.

⁵ Or, countries

⁶ Or, went forth

⁷ Heb. Philistines.

⁸ Or, the brother of Japheth the elder

⁹ The Sept. reads, begat Canaan, and Canaan begat Shelah.

¹⁰ That is, Delatim.

¹¹ In 1 Chr. 1, 22, Peleg.

¹² Or, all country

¹³ Heb. lip.

¹⁴ Heb. word is.

¹⁵ Or, in the west

¹⁶ That is, life-men.

¹⁷ Heb. baid, i.e. confound.

15 begat Eber: and Shelah lived after he begat Eber four hundred and three years, and begat sons and daughters.
 16 And Eber lived four and thirty years, and begat Peleg: and Eber lived after he begat Peleg four hundred and thirty years, and begat sons and daughters.
 18 And Peleg lived thirty years, and 19 begat Reu: and Peleg lived after he begat Reu two hundred and nine years, and begat sons and daughters.
 20 And Reu lived two and thirty years, 21 and begat Serug: and Reu lived after he begat Serug two hundred and seven years, and begat sons and daughters.
 22 And Serug lived thirty years, and 23 begat Nahor: and Serug lived after he begat Nahor two hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.
 24 And Nahor lived nine and twenty 25 years, and begat Terah: and Nahor lived after he begat Terah an hundred and nineteen years, and begat sons and daughters.
 26 And Terah lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nahor, and Haran.
 27 Now these are the generations of Terah. Terah begat Abram, Nahor, and 28 Haran; and Haran begat Lot. And Haran died in the presence of his father Terah in the land of his nativity, 29 in Ur of the Chaldees. And Abram and Nahor took them wives: the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nahor's wife, Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Mil- 30 cah, and the father of Iscah. And Sarai was barren; she had no child.
 31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his daughter in law, his son Abram's wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there.
 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred and five years: and Terah died in Haran.

12 Now the LORD said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will shew thee: 2 and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing: 3 and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse: and in thee shall all the families of 4 the earth be blessed. So Abram went, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old 5 when he departed out of Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran;

and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land 6 of Canaan they came. And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the ¹oak of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the 7 land. And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared 8 unto him. And he removed from thence unto the mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and Ai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto the LORD, and called upon the name 9 of the LORD. And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the ²South.

10 And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was 11 sore in the land. And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: 12 and it shall come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they shall say, This is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee 13 alive. Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister: that it may be well with me for thy sake, and that my soul may live 14 because of thee. And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the wo- 15 man that she was very fair. And the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh: and the woman was 16 taken into Pharaoh's house. And he entreated Abram well for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he- 17 asses, and menservants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels.
 17 And the LORD plagued Pharaoh and his house with great plagues because 18 of Sarai Abram's wife. And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What is this that thou hast done unto me? why didst thou not tell me that she was 19 thy wife? Why saidst thou, She is my sister? so that I took her to be my wife: now therefore behold thy 20 wife, take her, and go thy way. And Pharaoh gave men charge concerning him: and they brought him on the way, and his wife, and all that he had.

13 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South. 2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in 3 silver, and in gold. And he went on his journeys from the South even to Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth- 4 el and Ai; unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name 5 of the LORD. And Lot also, which

1 Or.
beth

2 Heb.
Negob,
the
southern
tract of
Judiah.

went with Abram, had flocks, and 6 herds, and tents. And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell 7 together. And there was a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizite dwell- 8 ed then in the land. And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herd- 9 men; for we are brethren. Is not the whole land before thee? separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if *thou wilt take* the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if *thou take* the right 10 hand, then I will go to the left. And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the 1 Plain of Jordan, that it was well watered every where, before the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomor- 11 rah, like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, as thou goest unto Zoar. So Lot chose him all the Plain 12 of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the 12 one from the other. Abram dwelled in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelled in the cities of the Plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against the Lord exceed- 14 ingly. And the Lord said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward and southward and eastward and west- 15 ward: for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy 16 seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be 17 numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for unto thee will I give 18 it. And Abram moved his tent, and came and dwelt by the 2 oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord.

14 And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Chedorlaomer king of E- 2 lam, and Tidal king of 3 Goiim, that they made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zebaiim, and the 3 king of Bela (the same is Zoar). All these 4 joined together in the vale of Siddim (the same is the Salt Sea). 4 Twelve years they served Chedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they 5 rebelled. And in the fourteenth year came Chedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephaim in Aahtheroth-karnaim, and the Zuzim

in Ham, and the Emim in 6 Shaveh-kiriathaim, and the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is 7 by the wilderness. And they returned, and came to En-mishpat (the same is Kadesh), and smote all the 6 country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, 8 that dwelt in Hazazon-tamar. And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of Zebaiim, and the king of Bela (the same is Zoar); and they set the battle in array against them in the vale of Sid- 9 dim; against Chedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goiim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings against 10 the five. Now the vale of Siddim was full of 7 slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell there, and they that remained fled to 11 the mountain. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. 12 And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his 13 goods, and departed. And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew: now he dwelt by the 2 oaks of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner; and these were confederate with Abram. 14 And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he led forth his trained men, born in his house, three hundred and eighteen, and pur- 15 sued as far as Dan. And he divided himself against them by night, he and his servants, and smote them, and pursued them unto Hobah, which is 16 on the 8 left hand of Damascus. And he brought back all the goods, and also brought again his brother Lot, and his goods, and the women also, 17 and the people. And the king of Sodom went out to meet him, after his return from the slaughter of Chedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, at the vale of Shaveh (the same 18 is the King's Vale). And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was priest of 9 God Most High. And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of 9 God Most High, 10 possessor of heaven and earth: 20 and blessed be 9 God Most High, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him a tenth of all. 21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and take 22 the goods to thyself. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lift up mine hand unto the Lord, 9 God Most High, 10 possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I will not take a thread nor a shoelatchet nor aught that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made 24 Abram rich: 11 save only that which the

6 Or, the plains of Kiriathaim

6 Heb. field.

7 That is, bitumens pits.

8 Or, north

9 Heb. El Elyon.

10 Or, maker

11 Or, let there be nothing for me; only that &c.

1 Or, Circles

2 Or, fountains

3 Or, nations

4 Or, joined themselves together to pursue against

young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me; Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre, let them take their portion.

15 After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, ¹and thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, O Lord ²God, what wilt thou give me, seeing I ³am childless, and he that shall be possessor of my house is ⁴Dammesek Eliezer? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. And, behold, the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, This man shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to tell them: and he said unto him, So shall ⁵thy seed be. And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him ⁶for righteousness. And he said unto him, I am the Lord that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give ⁷thee this land to inherit it. And he said, O Lord God, whereby shall I ⁸know that I shall inherit it? And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a ⁹young pigeon. And he took him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each half over against the other: but the birds divided he not. ¹⁰And the birds of prey came down upon the carcases, and Abram drove them away. And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land that is not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four ¹¹hundred years; and also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out ¹²with great substance. But thou shalt go to thy fathers in peace; thou shalt ¹³be buried in a good old age. And in the fourth generation they shall come hither again: for the iniquity ¹⁴of the Amorite is not yet full. And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a flaming torch ¹⁵that passed between these pieces. In that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the ¹⁶river Euphrates: the Kenite, and the ¹⁷Kenizzite, and the Kadmonite, and the

Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the ¹⁸Rephaim, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Girgashite, and the Jebusite.

16 Now Sarai Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was ¹⁹Hagar. And Sarai said unto Abram, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing; go in, I pray thee, unto my handmaid; it may be that I shall ²⁰obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. ²¹And Sarai Abram's wife took Hagar the Egyptian, her handmaid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to Abram her ²²husband to be his wife. And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived: and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in ²³her eyes. And Sarai said unto Abram, My wrong be upon thee: I gave my handmaid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes: the Lord judge ²⁴between me and thee. But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand; do to her that which is good in thine eyes. And Sarai dealt hardly with her, and she fled from ²⁵her face. And the angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in ²⁶the way to Shur. And he said, Hagar, Sarai's handmaid, whence comest thou? and whither goest thou? And she said, I flee from the face of my ²⁷mistress Sarai. And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her ²⁸hands. And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will greatly multiply ²⁹thy seed, that it shall not be numbered ³⁰for multitude. And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son; and thou shalt call his name ³¹Ishmael, because the Lord hath heard thy affliction. And he shall be ³²as a wild-ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell ³³in the presence of all his brethren. And she called the name of the Lord that spake unto her, ³⁴'Thou art ³⁵a God that seeth: for she said, Have I even here looked after him that seeth me? ³⁶Wherefore the well was called ³⁷Ishmael's; behold, it is between Kadesh ³⁸and Bered. And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called the name of his ³⁹son, which Hagar bare, Ishmael. And Abram was fourscore and six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram. ⁴⁰And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am ⁴¹God

¹ Or, thy reward shall be exceeding great

² Heb. Jehovah, as in other places where God is put in capitals.

³ Or, go hence

⁴ The Chaldees and Syriac have, Eliezer the Damascusite.

⁸ Heb. be builded by her.

⁶ That is, God hearerth.

⁷ Or, over against Or, to the east of

⁸ Or, Thou God seest me

⁹ Heb. El ro'i, that is, God of seeing.

¹⁰ That is, The well of the living one who seeth me.

¹¹ Heb. Et Shaddai.

Almighty; walk before me, and be
 2 thou perfect. And I will make my
 covenant between me and thee, and
 3 will multiply thee exceedingly. And
 Abram fell on his face: and God talked
 4 with him, saying, As for me, behold,
 my covenant is with thee, and thou
 shalt be the father of a multitude of
 5 nations. Neither shall thy name any
 more be called Abram, but thy name
 shall be Abraham; for the father of a
 multitude of nations have I made thee.
 6 And I will make thee exceeding fruit-
 ful, and I will make nations of thee,
 7 and kings shall come out of thee. And
 I will establish my covenant between
 me and thee and thy seed after thee
 throughout their generations for an
 everlasting covenant, to be a God
 unto thee and to thy seed after thee.
 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy
 seed after thee, the land of thy sojourn-
 ings, all the land of Canaan, for an
 everlasting possession; and I will be
 9 their God. And God said unto Abra-
 ham, And as for thee, thou shalt keep
 my covenant, thou, and thy seed after
 thee throughout their generations.
 10 This is my covenant, which ye shall
 keep, between me and you and thy
 seed after thee; every male among
 11 you shall be circumcised. And ye
 shall be circumcised in the flesh of
 your foreskin; and it shall be a token
 of a covenant betwixt me and you.
 12 And he that is eight days old shall
 be circumcised among you, every male
 throughout your generations, he that
 is born in the house, or bought with
 money of any stranger, which is not of
 13 thy seed. He that is born in thy house,
 and he that is bought with thy money,
 must needs be circumcised: and my
 covenant shall be in your flesh for an
 14 everlasting covenant. And the uncir-
 cumcised male who is not circumcised
 in the flesh of his foreskin, that soul
 shall be cut off from his people; he
 hath broken my covenant.
 15 And God said unto Abraham, As for
 Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her
 name Sarai, but ¹Sarah shall her name
 16 be. And I will bless her, and more-
 over I will give thee a son of her: yea,
 I will bless her, and she shall be a *mo-*
ther of nations; kings of peoples shall
 17 be of her. Then Abraham fell upon
 his face, and laughed, and said in his
 heart, Shall a child be born unto him
 that is an hundred years old? and shall
 Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear?
 18 And Abraham said unto God, Oh that
 19 Ishmael might live before thee! And
 God said, Nay, but Sarah thy wife shall
 bear thee a son; and thou shalt call
 his name ²Isaac: and I will establish
 my covenant with him for an everlast-
 ing covenant for his seed after him.
 20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee:

behold, I have blessed him, and will
 make him fruitful, and will multiply
 him exceedingly; twelve princes shall
 he beget, and I will make him a great
 21 nation. But my covenant will I estab-
 lish with Isaac, which Sarah shall
 bear unto thee at this set time in the
 22 next year. And he left off talking with
 him, and God went up from Abraham.
 23 And Abraham took Ishmael his son,
 and all that were born in his house,
 and all that were bought with his
 money, every male among the men
 of Abraham's house, and circumcised
 the flesh of their foreskin in the self-
 same day, as God had said unto him.
 24 And Abraham was ninety years old and
 nine, when he was circumcised in the
 25 flesh of his foreskin. And Ishmael his
 son was thirteen years old, when he
 was circumcised in the flesh of his
 26 foreskin. In the selfsame day was
 Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his
 27 son. And all the men of his house,
 those born in the house, and those
 bought with money of the stranger,
 were circumcised with him.
 18 And the Lord appeared unto him by
 the ³oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the
 2 tent door in the heat of the day; and
 he lift up his eyes and looked, and, lo,
 three men stood over against him: and
 when he saw them, he ran to meet
 them from the tent door, and bowed
 3 himself to the earth, and said, ⁴My lord,
 if now I have found favour in thy
 sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from
 4 thy servant: let now a little water be
 fetched, and wash your feet, and rest
 5 yourselves under the tree: and I will
 fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort
 ye your heart; after that ye shall
 pass on: ⁵forasmuch as ye are come to
 your servant. And they said, So do,
 6 as thou hast said. And Abraham hast-
 ened into the tent unto Sarah, and said,
 Make ready quickly three measures of
 fine meal, knead it, and make cakes.
 7 And Abraham ran unto the herd,
 and fetched a calf tender and good,
 and gave it unto the servant; and he
 8 hastened to dress it. And he took butter,
 and milk, and the calf which he had
 dressed, and set it before them; and he
 stood by them under the tree, and they
 9 did eat. And they said unto him, Where
 is Sarah thy wife? And he said, Behold,
 10 in the tent. And he said, I will cer-
 tainly return unto thee when the
 season ⁶cometh round; and, lo, Sarah
 thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah
 heard in the tent door, which was be-
 11 hind him. Now Abraham and Sarah
 were old, and well stricken in age; it
 had ceased to be with Sarah after the
 12 manner of women. And Sarah laughed
 within herself, saying, After I am
 waxed old shall I have pleasure, my
 13 lord being old also? And the Lord

³Or, cere-
brimbs

⁴Or, O
Lord

⁵Or, for
there-
fore

⁶Heb.
lieth,
or, re-
vincth.

¹That is,
Princess.

²From
the Heb.
word
meaning
to laugh.

said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I of a 14surety bear a child, which am old? Is any thing too ¹hard for the LORD? At the set time I will return unto thee, when the season ²cometh round, 15and Sarah shall have a son. Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, Nay; but thou didst laugh. 16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them 17on the way. And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which 18I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth 19shall be blessed in him? For I have ³known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgement; to the end that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which 20he hath spoken of him. And the LORD said, ⁴Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and ⁵because their 21sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I 22will know. And the men turned from thence, and went toward Sodom: but Abraham stood yet before the LORD. 23And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou consume the righteous with 24the wicked? Peradventure there be fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou consume and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are there- 25in? That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be far from thee: shall not the Judge of all 26the earth do right? And the LORD said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place 27for their sake. And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord, which 28am but dust and ashes: peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I find there forty and five. 29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not 30do it for the forty's sake. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak: peradventure there shall thirty be found there. And he said, I will not 31do it, if I find thirty there. And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the Lord: peradventure there shall be twenty found there. And he said, I will not destroy

32it for the twenty's sake. And he said, Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak yet but this once: peradventure ten shall be found there. And he said, I will not destroy it for the 33ten's sake. And the LORD went his way, as soon as he had left communing with Abraham: and Abraham returned unto his place.

19 And the two angels came to Sodom at even; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face to the earth; 2and he said, Behold now, my lords, turn aside, I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in 3the street all night. And he urged them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did 4eat. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both young and old, all the people 5from every quarter; and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that 6we may know them. And Lot went out unto them to the door, and shut 7the door after him. And he said, I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly. 8Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes: only unto these men do nothing; ⁹forasmuch as they are come under the shadow of my roof. And they said, Stand back. And they said, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and drew near to break the door. 10But the men put forth their hand, and brought Lot into the house to 11them, and shut to the door. And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great: so that they wearied 12themselves to find the door. And the men said unto Lot, Hast thou here any besides? son in law, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whomsoever thou hast in the city; bring them out 13of the place: for we will destroy this place, because the cry of them is waxen great before the LORD; and the LORD 14hath sent us to destroy it. And Lot went out, and spake unto his sons in law, which ⁶married his daughters, and said, Up, get you out of this place; for the LORD will destroy the city. But

¹ Or, wonder-
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² Heb.
twelv.
or, re-
solveth.

³ See
Amos
iii. 2.

⁴ Or,
Fervidly

⁹ Or, for
there-
fore

⁶ Or,
were to
marry

he seemed unto his sons in law as one
 15 that mocked. And when the morning
 arose, then the angels hastened Lot,
 saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy
 two daughters which are here; lest
 thou be consumed in the iniquity of
 16 the city. But he lingered; and the men
 laid hold upon his hand, and upon the
 hand of his wife, and upon the hand
 of his two daughters; the Lord being
 merciful unto him: and they brought
 him forth, and set him without the
 17 city. And it came to pass, when they
 had brought them forth abroad, that he
 said, Escape for thy life; look not be-
 hind thee, neither stay thou in all the
 18 Plain; escape to the mountain, lest
 thou be consumed. And Lot said unto
 19 them, Oh, not so, ²my lord: behold
 now, thy servant hath found grace in
 thy sight, and thou hast magnified thy
 mercy, which thou hast shewed unto
 me in saving my life; and I cannot
 escape to the mountain, lest ⁴evil
 20 overtake me, and I die: behold now,
 this city is near to flee unto, and it is a
 little one: Oh, let me escape thither, (is
 it not a little one?) and my soul shall
 21 live. And he said unto him, See, I
 have accepted thee concerning this
 thing also, that I will not overthrow
 the city of which thou hast spoken.
 22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot
 do any thing till thou be come thither.
 Therefore the name of the city was
 23 called ⁵Zoar. The sun was risen upon
 the earth when Lot came unto Zoar.
 24 Then the Lord rained upon Sodom
 and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire
 25 from the Lord out of heaven; and he
 overthrew those cities, and all the
 Plain, and all the inhabitants of the
 cities, and that which grew upon the
 26 ground. But his wife looked back from
 behind him, and she became a pillar of
 27 salt. And Abraham gat up early in the
 morning to the place where he had
 28 stood before the Lord: and he looked
 toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and
 toward all the land of the Plain, and
 beheld, and, lo, the smoke of the land
 went up as the smoke of a furnace.
 29 And it came to pass, when God de-
 stroyed the cities of the Plain, that God
 remembered Abraham, and sent Lot
 out of the midst of the overthrow, when
 he overthrew the cities in the which
 Lot dwelt.
 30 And Lot went up out of Zoar, and
 dwelt in the mountain, and his two
 daughters with him; for he feared to
 dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a
 31 cave, he and his two daughters. And
 the firstborn said unto the younger,
 Our father is old, and there is not a man
 in the earth to come in unto us after
 32 the manner of all the earth: come,
 let us make our father drink wine, and
 we will lie with him, that we may

33 preserve seed of our father. And they
 made their father drink wine that
 night: and the firstborn went in, and
 lay with her father; and he knew not
 when she lay down, nor when she
 34 arose. And it came to pass on the
 morrow, that the firstborn said unto
 the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight
 with my father: let us make him drink
 wine this night also; and go thou in,
 and lie with him, that we may pre-
 35 serve seed of our father. And they
 made their father drink wine that night
 also: and the younger arose, and lay
 with him; and he knew not when she
 36 lay down, nor when she arose. Thus
 were both the daughters of Lot with
 37 child by their father. And the first-
 born bare a son, and called his name
 Moab: the same is the father of the
 38 Moabites unto this day. And the
 younger, she also bare a son, and
 called his name Ben-ammi: the same
 is the father of the children of Ammon
 unto this day.
 20 And Abraham journeyed from thence
 toward the land of the South, and
 dwelt between Kadesh and Shur; and
 21 he sojourned in Gerar. And Abraham
 said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister:
 and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and
 22 took Sarah. But God came to Abime-
 lech in a dream of the night, and said
 to him, Behold, thou art but a dead
 man, because of the woman which thou
 hast taken; for she is a man's wife.
 23 Now Abimelech had not come near
 her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay
 24 even a righteous nation? Said he not
 himself unto me, She is my sister?
 and she, even she herself said, He is my
 brother: in the integrity of my heart
 and the innocency of my hands have
 25 I done this. And God said unto him
 in the dream, Yea, I know that in the
 integrity of thy heart thou hast done
 this, and I also withheld thee from
 sinning against me: therefore suffered
 26 I thee not to touch her. Now there-
 fore restore the man's wife; for he is
 a prophet, and he shall pray for thee,
 and thou shalt live: and if thou restore
 her not, know thou that thou shalt
 surely die, thou, and all that are thine.
 27 And Abimelech rose early in the
 morning, and called all his servants,
 and told all these things in their ears:
 28 and the men were sore afraid. Then
 Abimelech called Abraham, and said
 unto him, What hast thou done unto
 us? and wherein have I sinned against
 thee, that thou hast brought on me and
 on my kingdom a great sin? thou hast
 done deeds unto me that ought not to
 29 be done. And Abimelech said unto
 Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou
 30 hast done this thing? And Abraham
 said, Because I thought, Surely the
 fear of God is not in this place; and

¹ Or,
*possess-
 ment*

² See ch.
 xiii. 14.

³ Or, *O*
Lord

⁴ Or,
the evil

⁵ That is,
Little,
 ver. 30.
 See ch.
 xiv. 8.

they will slay me for my wife's sake.
 12 And moreover she is indeed my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother; and she became my wife: and it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt shew unto me; at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. And Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and menservants and womenservants, and gave them unto Abraham, and restored him Sarah his wife. And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, it is for thee a covering of the eyes to all that are with thee; and in respect of all thou art righted. And Abraham prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants; and they bare children. For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah Abraham's wife.
 21 And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken. And Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him.
 5 And Abraham was an hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh; every one that heareth will laugh with me. And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should give children suck? for I have borne him a son in his old age.
 8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had borne unto Abraham, mocking. Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight on account of his son. And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah saith unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. And also of the son of the bondwoman will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave it

unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. And the water in the bottle was spent, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs.
 16 And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not look upon the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation.
 19 And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad, and he grew; and he dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer.
 21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.
 22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phicol the captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest: now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned.
 25 Abraham said, I will swear. And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of the well of water, which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away.
 26 And Abimelech said, I know not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither yet heard I of it, but to-day. And Abraham took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech; and they two made a covenant. And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What mean these seven ewe lambs which thou hast set by themselves? And he said, These seven ewe lambs shalt thou take of my hand, that it may be a witness unto me, that I have digged this well.
 31 Wherefore he called that place Beer-sheba; because there they sware both of them. So they made a covenant at Beer-sheba: and Abimelech rose up, and Phicol the captain of his host, and they returned into the land of the Philistines. And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name of the Lord, the Everlasting God. And Abraham sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days.

1 Or, he
 2 Or, before all men

3 Or, prepared laughter for me

4 Or, playing

5 Or, skin

6 Or, became, as he grew up, an archer

7 Or, my offspring, nor with my posterity

22 And it came to pass after these things, that God did prove Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham; and he said, 2 Here am I. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest, even Isaac, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which 4 God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw 5 the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder; and we will worship, and come 6 again to you. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife; and they 7 went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold, the fire and the wood: but where is the 8 lamb for a burnt offering? And Abraham said, God will ¹provide himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son: so they went both of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 And the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me. 13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and ²behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering 14 in the stead of his son. And Abraham called the name of that place ³Jehovah-jireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the Lord ⁴it shall be provided. And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham a second time out 15 of heaven, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his

18 enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth ⁵be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice. So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

20 And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she also hath borne children unto thy brother Nahor; Uz his firstborn, and Buz his brother, and Kamuel the father of 22 Aram; and Chesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. 23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight did Milcah bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she also bare Tebah, and Gaham, and Tahash, and Maacah.

23 And the life of Sarah was an hundred and seven and twenty years: these were the years of the life of Sarah. 2 And Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (the same is Hebron), in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. And Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spake unto the children of Heth, saying, I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a buryingplace with you, that I may 5 bury my dead out of my sight. And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him, Hear us, my lord: thou art ⁶a mighty prince among us: in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead. 7 And Abraham rose up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even 8 to the children of Heth. And he communed with them, saying, If it be your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and intreat for me to Ephron the son of 9 Zohar, that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in the midst of you for a possession of a 10 buryingplace. Now Ephron was sitting in the midst of the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at 11 the gate of his city, saying, Nay, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the sons of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead. 12 And Abraham bowed himself down 13 before the people of the land. And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt, I pray thee, hear me: I will give the price of the field; take it

⁵Or, Bless them-selves

¹ Heb. as for himself.

² Or, according to many ancient authorities, behold a (Heb. one) ram caught.
³ That is, The Lord will see, or, provide.
⁴ Or, he shall be seen.

⁶ Heb. a prince of God.

of me, and I will bury my dead there.

14 And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, My lord, hearken unto me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that betwixt me and thee? bury therefore thy dead. And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver, which he had named in the audience of the children of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant. So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the border thereof round about, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre (the same is Hebron), in the land of Canaan. 20 And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a buryingplace by the children of Heth.

24 And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said unto his servant, the elder of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: and I will make thee swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: but thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.

5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? 6 And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again. The LORD, the God of heaven, that took me from my father's house, and from the land of my nativity, and that spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife for my son from thence. And if the woman be not willing to follow thee, then thou shalt be clear from this my oath; only thou shalt not bring my son thither again. And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master, and sware to him

10 concerning this matter. And the servant took ten camels, of the camels of his master, and departed; ¹having all goodly things of his master's in his hand: and he arose, and went to

²Mesopotamia, unto the city of Nahor.

11 And he made the camels to kneel down without the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time that 12 women go out to draw water. And he said, O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, send me, I pray thee, good speed this day, and shew kindness 18 unto my master Abraham. Behold, I stand by the fountain of water; and the daughters of the men of the city 14 come out to draw water: and let it come to pass, that the damsel to whom I shall say, Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed for thy servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast shewed kindness unto my master. And it came to pass, before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.

16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither had any man known her: and she went down to the fountain, and filled her pitcher, 17 and came up. And the servant ran to meet her, and said, Give me to drink, I pray thee, a little water of 18 thy pitcher. And she said, Drink, my lord: and she hastened, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave 19 him drink. And when she had done giving him drink, she said, I will draw for thy camels also, until they 20 have done drinking. And she hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, and ran again unto the well to draw, and drew for all his camels.

21 And the man looked stedfastly on her; holding his peace, to know whether the LORD had made his journey prosperous 22 or not. And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking, that the man took a golden ring of ³half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of 23 gold; and said, Whose daughter art thou? tell me, I pray thee. Is there room in thy father's house for us to 24 lodge in? And she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, which she bare unto Nahor.

25 She said moreover unto him, We have both straw and provender enough, and 26 room to lodge in. And the man bowed his head, and worshipped the LORD. 27 And he said, Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who hath not forsaken his mercy and his truth toward my master: as for me, the LORD hath led me in the way to the 28 house of my master's brethren. And the damsel ran, and told her mother's 29 house according to these words. And

² Heb. Aram-rum, that is, from of the two rivers

³ Heb. a beka. See Ex. xxxviii. 33.

¹ Or, for all the goods of his master were in his hand

Rebekah had a brother, and his name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto
 30 the man, unto the fountain. And it came to pass, when he saw the ring, and the bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man unto me; that he came unto the man; and, behold, he stood by the camels at the fountain.
 31 And he said, Come in, thou blessed of the LORD; wherefore standest thou without? for I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.
 32 And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the camels; and he gave straw and provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet and the men's feet that were with him.
 33 And there was set meat before him to eat: but he said, I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And
 34 he said, Speak on. And he said, I
 35 am Abraham's servant. And the LORD hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given him flocks and herds, and silver and gold, and menservants and maidservants, and camels and
 36 asses. And Sarah my master's wife bare a son to my master when she was old: and unto him hath he given
 37 all that he hath. And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose
 38 land I dwell: but thou shalt go unto my father's house, and to my kindred,
 39 and take a wife for my son. And I said unto my master, Peradventure
 40 the woman will not follow me. And he said unto me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my father's house:
 41 then shalt thou be clear from my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and if they give her not to thee,
 42 thou shalt be clear from my oath. And I came this day unto the fountain, and said, O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now thou do prosper my
 43 way which I go: behold, I stand by the fountain of water; and let it come to pass, that the maiden which cometh forth to draw, to whom I shall say, Give me, I pray thee, a little water
 44 of thy pitcher to drink; and she shall say to me, Both drink thou, and I will also draw for thy camels: let the same be the woman whom the LORD hath appointed for my master's
 45 son. And before I had done speaking in mine heart, behold, Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and she went down unto the fountain, and drew: and I said unto her,
 46 Let me drink, I pray thee. And she

made haste, and let down her pitcher from her shoulder, and said, Drink, and I will give thy camels drink also: so I drank, and she made the camels
 47 drink also. And I asked her, and said, Whose daughter art thou? And she said, The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bare unto him: and I put the ring upon her nose, and the bracelets upon her hands.
 48 And I bowed my head, and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter for
 49 his son. And now if ye will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me; that I may turn to the right hand, or to
 50 the left. Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing proceeded from the LORD: we cannot
 51 speak unto thee bad or good. Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be thy master's son's
 52 wife, as the LORD hath spoken. And it came to pass, that, when Abraham's servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the earth unto the
 53 LORD. And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, and gave them to Rebekah: he gave also to her brother and to her mother precious things.
 54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send
 55 me away unto my master. And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go.
 56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing the LORD hath prospered my way; send me away that I may
 57 go to my master. And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at
 58 her mouth. And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou go with this man? And she said, I will go.
 59 And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's
 60 servant, and his men. And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let thy seed possess the
 61 gate of those which hate them. And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, and they rode upon the camels, and followed the man: and the servant took
 62 Rebekah, and went his way. And Isaac came ¹from the way of Beer-lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the land of the South.
 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, there
 64 were camels coming. And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw
 65 Isaac, she lighted off the camel. And

¹ The Sept. has through the wilderness.

she said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master: and she took her veil, and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her: and Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

25 And Abraham took another wife, and her name was Keturah. And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And Jokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Ephraim, and Hanoth, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. 6 But unto the sons of the concubines, which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts; and he sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country. And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, an hundred threescore and fifteen years. 8 And Abraham gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was gathered to his people. And Isaac and Ishmael his sons buried him in the cave of Machpelah, in the field of Ephron the son of Zohar the Hittite, which is before Mamre; 10 the field which Abraham purchased of the children of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife. And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Isaac his son; and Isaac dwelt by Beer-lahai-roi. 12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bare unto Abraham: and these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, and Mishma, and Dumah, and Massa; 15 Hadad, and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah: these are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their villages, and by their encampments; twelve princes according to their nations. And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, an hundred and thirty and seven years: and he gave up the ghost and died; and was gathered unto his people. And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: he abode in the presence of all his brethren. 19 And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham begat 20 Isaac: and Isaac was forty years old

when he took Rebekah, the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian of Paddan-aram, the sister of Laban the Syrian, to be 21 his wife. And Isaac intreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was intreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, wherefore do I live? And 23 she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said unto her,

Two nations are in thy womb,
And two peoples shall be separated
even from thy bowels:

And the one people shall be stronger
than the other people;

And the elder shall serve the younger.

24 And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in 25 her womb. And the first came forth

red, all over like an hairy garment;

26 and they called his name Esau. And after that came forth his brother, and his hand had hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac

was threescore years old when she bare 27 them. And the boys grew: and Esau was a cunning hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a plain man,

28 dwelling in tents. Now Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison:

29 and Rebekah loved Jacob. And Jacob sod pottage: and Esau came in from 30 the field, and he was faint: and Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee,

with that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called 31 Edom. And Jacob said, Sell me this

32 day thy birthright. And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall the birthright do to 33 me? And Jacob said, Swear to me

this day; and he swore unto him: and he sold his birthright unto Jacob.

34 And Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: so Esau despised his birthright.

26 And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac

went unto Abimelech king of the 2 Philistines unto Gerar. And the Lord appeared unto him, and said,

Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:

3 sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the

oath which I swore unto Abraham thy 4 father; and I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these lands; and in thy seed

shall all the nations of the earth be 5 blessed; because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my

3 Heb. Aram-ean.

4 Or, wherefore am I thus?

5 Or, rudely

6 That is, One that takes by the heel or supplants.

7 Or, quiet Or, harmless Heb. perfect.

8 Heb. the red pottage, this red pottage.

9 That is, Red, 10 Or, first of all

1 Or, settled Heb. fell. 2 Or, over against

11 Or, bless themselves

6 commandments, my statutes, and my
7 laws. And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: and
the men of the place asked him of
his wife; and he said, She is my sister:
for he feared to say, My wife; lest,
said he, the men of the place should
kill me for Rebekah: because she was
8 fair to look upon. And it came to
pass, when he had been there a long
time, that Abimelech king of the Phil-
istines looked out at a window, and
saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting
9 with Rebekah his wife. And Abime-
lech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of
a surety she is thy wife: and how saidst
thou, She is my sister? And Isaac
said unto him, Because I said, Lest
10 I die for her. And Abimelech said,
What is this thou hast done unto us?
one of the people might lightly have
lien with thy wife, and thou shouldst
11 have brought guiltiness upon us. And
Abimelech charged all the people,
saying, He that toucheth this man or
his wife shall surely be put to death.
12 And Isaac sowed in that land, and found
in the same year an hundredfold: and
13 the Lord blessed him. And the man
waxed great, and grew more and
more until he became very great:
14 and he had possessions of flocks, and
possessions of herds, and a great house-
hold: and the Philistines envied him.
15 Now all the wells which his father's
servants had digged in the days of Ab-
raham his father, the Philistines had stop-
ped them, and filled them with earth.
16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go
from us; for thou art much mightier
17 than we. And Isaac departed thence,
and encamped in the valley of Gerar,
18 and dwelt there. And Isaac digged
again the wells of water, which they
had digged in the days of Abraham his
father; for the Philistines had stopped
them after the death of Abraham: and
he called their names after the names
by which his father had called them.
19 And Isaac's servants digged in the val-
ley, and found there a well of ¹spring-
20 ing water. And the herdmen of Gerar
strove with Isaac's herdmen, saying,
The water is ours: and he called the
name of the well ²Esek; because
21 they contended with him. And they
digged another well, and they strove
for that also: and he called the name
22 of it ³Sitnah. And he removed from
thence, and digged another well; and
for that they strove not: and he
called the name of it ⁴Rehoboth; and
he said, For now the Lord hath made
room for us, and we shall be fruitful
23 in the land. And he went up from
24 thence to Beer-sheba. And the Lord
appeared unto him the same night,
and said, I am the God of Abraham
thy father: fear not, for I am with thee,
and will bless thee, and multiply thy

seed for my servant Abraham's sake.
25 And he builded an altar there, and
called upon the name of the Lord,
and pitched his tent there: and there
26 Isaac's servants digged a well. Then
Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and
Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the
27 captain of his host. And Isaac said
unto them, Wherefore are ye come unto
me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me
28 away from you? And they said, We
saw plainly that the Lord was with
thee: and we said, Let there now be
an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us
and thee, and let us make a coven-
29 ant with thee; that thou wilt do us
no hurt, as we have not touched thee,
and as we have done unto thee nothing
but good, and have sent thee away
in peace: thou art now the blessed
30 of the Lord. And he made them a
feast, and they did eat and drink.
31 And they rose up betimes in the
morning, and sware one to another:
and Isaac sent them away, and they de-
32 parted from him in peace. And it came
to pass the same day, that Isaac's
servants came, and told him concern-
ing the well which they had digged,
and said unto him, We have found
33 water. And he called it ⁵Shibah:
therefore the name of the city is Beer-
sheba unto this day.
34 And when Esau was forty years old
he took to wife Judith the daughter
of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath
the daughter of Elon the Hittite:
35 and they were ⁶a grief of mind unto
Isaac and to Rebekah.
27 And it came to pass, that when Isaac
was old, and his eyes were dim, so that
he could not see, he called Esau his
elder son, and said unto him, My son:
2 and he said unto him, Here am I. And
he said, Behold now, I am old, I know
3 not the day of my death. Now there-
fore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy
quiver and thy bow, and go out to the
4 field, and take me venison; and make
me savoury meat, such as I love,
and bring it to me, that I may eat;
that my soul may bless thee before
5 I die. And Rebekah heard when
Isaac spake to Esau his son. And
Esau went to the field to hunt for
6 venison, and to bring it. And Rebekah
spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Be-
hold, I heard thy father speak unto
7 Esau thy brother, saying, Bring me
venison, and make me savoury meat,
that I may eat, and bless thee before
8 the Lord before my death. Now there-
fore, my son, obey my voice according
9 to that which I command thee. Go
now to the flock, and fetch me from
thence two good kids of the goats; and
I will make them savoury meat for thy
10 father, such as he loveth: and thou
shalt bring it to thy father, that he

¹ Heb.
fountain.

² That is,
contention.

³ That is,
boundary.

⁴ That is,
broad
place,
or, room.

⁵ See
ch. xxi.
31.

⁶ Heb.
bitter-
ness of
spirit.

may eat, so that he may bless thee
 11 before his death. And Jacob said to
 Rebekah his mother, Behold, Esau
 my brother is a hairy man, and I am a
 12 smooth man. My father peradventure
 will feel me, and I shall seem to him
 as a ¹deceiver; and I shall bring a
 curse upon me, and not a blessing.
 13 And his mother said unto him,
 Upon me be thy curse, my son: only
 obey my voice, and go fetch me them.
 14 And he went, and fetched, and brought
 them to his mother: and his mother
 made savoury meat, such as his
 15 father loved. And Rebekah took the
 goodly raiment of Esau her elder son,
 which were with her in the house, and
 put them upon Jacob her younger
 16 son: and she put the skins of the
 kids of the goats upon his hands, and
 17 upon the smooth of his neck: and she
 gave the savoury meat and the bread,
 which she had prepared, into the hand
 18 of her son Jacob. And he came
 unto his father, and said, My father:
 and he said, Here am I; who art thou,
 19 my son? And Jacob said unto his
 father, I am Esau thy firstborn: I
 have done according as thou badest
 me: arise, I pray thee, sit and eat
 20 of my venison, that thy soul may bless
 me. And Isaac said unto his son, How
 is it that thou hast found it so quick-
 ly, my son? And he said, Because
 the Lord thy God sent me good speed.
 21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come
 near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee,
 my son, whether thou be my very son
 22 Esau or not. And Jacob went near unto
 Isaac his father; and he felt him,
 and said, The voice is Jacob's voice,
 but the hands are the hands of Esau.
 23 And he discerned him not, because his
 hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's
 24 hands: so he blessed him. And he said,
 Art thou my very son Esau? And he
 25 said, I am. And he said, Bring it near
 to me, and I will eat of my son's veni-
 son, that my soul may bless thee. And
 he brought it near to him, and he did
 eat: and he brought him wine, and he
 26 drank. And his father Isaac said unto
 him, Come near now, and kiss me, my
 27 son. And he came near, and kissed
 him: and he smelled the smell of his
 raiment, and blessed him, and said,
 See, the smell of my son
 is as the smell of a field which the
 Lord hath blessed:
 28 And God give thee of the dew of
 heaven,
 And of the fatness of the earth,
 And plenty of corn and wine:
 29 Let peoples serve thee,
 And nations bow down to thee:
 Be lord over thy brethren,
 And let thy mother's sons bow down
 to thee:
 Cursed be every one that curseth thee,

1 Or,
 mockery

And blessed be every one that bless-
 eth thee.

30 And it came to pass, as soon as
 Isaac had made an end of blessing
 Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce
 gone out from the presence of Isaac
 his father, that Esau his brother came
 31 in from his hunting. And he also
 made savoury meat, and brought it
 unto his father; and he said unto
 his father, Let my father arise, and
 eat of his son's venison, that thy soul
 32 may bless me. And Isaac his father
 said unto him, Who art thou? And
 he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn,
 33 Esau. And Isaac trembled very exceed-
 ingly, and said, Who then is he that
 hath taken venison, and brought it me,
 and I have eaten of all before thou
 camest, and have blessed him? yea,
 34 and he shall be blessed. When Esau
 heard the words of his father, he cried
 with an exceeding great and bitter cry,
 and said unto his father, Bless me, even
 35 me also, O my father. And he said,
 Thy brother came with guile, and hath
 36 taken away thy blessing. And he said,
 Is not he rightly named ²Jacob? for he
 hath supplanted me these two times:
 he took away my birthright; and, be-
 hold, now he hath taken away my
 blessing. And he said, Hast thou not
 37 reserved a blessing for me? And Isaac
 answered and said unto Esau, Behold,
 I have made him thy lord, and all his
 brethren have I given to him for serv-
 ants; and with corn and wine have
 I sustained him: and what then shall
 38 I do for thee, my son? And Esau said
 unto his father, Hast thou but one
 blessing, my father? bless me, even
 me also, O my father. And Esau lifted
 39 up his voice, and wept. And Isaac his
 father answered and said unto him,
 Behold, ³of the fatness of the earth
 shall be thy dwelling,
 And ⁴of the dew of heaven from above;
 40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and
 thou shalt serve thy brother;
 And it shall come to pass when thou
 shalt break loose,
 That thou shalt shake his yoke from
 off thy neck.
 41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the
 blessing wherewith his father blessed
 him: and Esau said in his heart, The
 days of mourning for my father are at
 hand; then will I slay my brother Ja-
 42 cob. And the words of Esau her elder
 son were told to Rebekah; and she
 sent and called Jacob her younger son,
 and said unto him, Behold, thy bro-
 ther Esau, as touching thee, doth com-
 43 fort himself, purposing to kill thee. Now
 therefore, my son, obey my voice; and
 arise, flee thou to Laban my brother
 44 to Haran; and tarry with him a few
 days, until thy brother's fury turn
 45 away; until thy brother's anger turn

² See ch.
 xxv. 26.

³ Or,
 away
 from

away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the daughters of the land, what

28 good shall my life do me? And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the

2 daughters of Canaan. Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of

3 Laban thy mother's brother. And ¹God Almighty bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou

4 mayest be a company of peoples; and give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land of thy sojournings, which God gave

5 unto Abraham. And Isaac sent away Jacob: and he went to Paddan-aram unto Laban, son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and

6 Esau's mother. Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he

7 blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; and that Jacob

8 obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Paddan-aram: and Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan

9 pleased not Isaac his father; and Esau went unto Ishmael, and took unto the wives which he had Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his

10 wife. And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. And he lighted upon ²a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun

11 was set; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down in that place to sleep.

12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending

13 on it. And, behold, the LORD stood ³above it, and said, I am the LORD, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and

14 to thy seed; and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt ⁴spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth

15 be blessed. And, behold, I am with

thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that

16 which I have spoken to thee of. And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God,

17 and this is the gate of heaven. And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the

18 top of it. And he called the name of that place ⁵Beth-el: but the name

19 of the city was Luz at the first. And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me

20 bread to eat, and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, ⁷then shall the

21 LORD be my God, and this stone, which I have set up for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

22 Then Jacob ⁸went on his journey, and came to the land of the children of the east. And he looked, and behold a well in the field, and, lo, three flocks of sheep lying there by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and the stone upon the well's mouth was

23 great. And thither were all the flocks gathered: and they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in its place.

24 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence be ye? And they said, Of Haran are we. And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor?

25 And they said, We know him. And he said unto them, Is it well with him? And they said, It is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the

26 sheep. And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them.

27 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well's mouth; then we water the sheep.

28 While he yet spake with them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she kept them. And it came to pass, when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother, that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flock of Laban his mother's

29 brother. And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice, and wept.

30 And Jacob told Rachel that he was

31 with her, and she said, I am with thee, as thou hast said.

32 And Jacob said, Give me, I pray thee, thy virginity, for I have found favour in thy sight, and thou hast dwelt with me.

¹ Heb. El Shaddai.

² Heb. Aram-son.

³ Heb. the place.

⁴ Or, beside him.

⁵ Heb. break forth.

⁶ That is, The house of God.

⁷ Or, and the LORD will be my God, then this stone &c.

⁸ Heb. lifted up his feet.

her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told 13 her father. And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Laban all these 14 things. And Laban said to him, Surely thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a 15 month. And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldst thou therefore serve me for nought? 16 tell me, what shall thy wages be? And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of 17 the younger was Rachel. And Leah's eyes were tender; but Rachel was 18 beautiful and well favoured. And Jacob loved Rachel; and he said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel 19 thy younger daughter. And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to 20 another man: abide with me. And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few 21 days, for the love he had to her. And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that 22 I may go in unto her. And Laban gathered together all the men of the 23 place, and made a feast. And it came to pass in the evening, that he took Leah his daughter, and brought her to him; and he went in unto her. 24 And Laban gave Zilpah his handmaid unto his daughter Leah for an handmaid. And it came to pass in the morning that, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did not I serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore 26 then hast thou beguiled me? And Laban said, It is not so done in our place, to give the younger before the 27 firstborn. Fulfil the week of this one, and we will give thee the other also for the service which thou shalt serve 28 with me yet seven other years. And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter 29 to wife. And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to 30 be her handmaid. And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years. 31 And the Lord saw that Leah was hated, and he opened her womb: but 32 Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Because the Lord ¹hath looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me. 33 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the Lord ²hath heard that I am hated, he hath there-

¹ Heb. rach beoyti.

² Heb. shama.

fore given me this son also: and she 34 called his name ³Simeon. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Now this time will my husband be ⁴joined unto me, because I have borne him three sons: therefore was his 35 name called Levi. And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, This time will I ⁵praise the Lord: therefore she called his name ⁶Judah; and she left bearing.

30 And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and she said unto Jacob, Give me children, or else I die. And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel: and he said, Am I in God's stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the 3 womb? And she said, Behold my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; that she may bear upon my knees, and I also may ⁷obtain children by her. And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and 5 Jacob went in unto her. And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. 6 And Rachel said, God hath ⁸judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called 7 she his name Dan. And Bilhah Rachel's handmaid conceived again, and 8 bare Jacob a second son. And Rachel said, With ⁹mighty wrestlings have I ¹⁰wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed: and she called his name 9 Naphtali. When Leah saw that she had left bearing, she took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob to 10 wife. And Zilpah Leah's handmaid 11 bare Jacob a son. And Leah said, ¹¹Fortunate! and she called his name 12 ¹²Gad. And Zilpah Leah's handmaid 13 bare Jacob a second son. And Leah said, ¹³Happy am I! for the daughters will ¹⁴call me happy: and she called 14 his name Asher. And Reuben went in the days of wheat harvest, and found ¹⁵mandrakes in the field, and brought them unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray 15 thee, of thy son's mandrakes. And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken away my husband? and wouldest thou take away my son's mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee to-night 16 for thy son's mandrakes. And Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me; for I have surely hired thee with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with 17 her that night. And God hearkened unto Leah, and she conceived, and 18 bare Jacob a fifth son. And Leah said, God hath given me my ¹⁶hire, because I gave my handmaid to my husband: and she called his name Issachar. 19 And Leah conceived again, and bare 20 a sixth son to Jacob. And Leah said,

³ Heb. Simeon.

⁴ From the root *lavanah*.

⁵ From the Heb. *hodaah*.

⁶ Heb. Judah.

⁷ Heb. *be builded by her*.

⁸ Heb. *daan*, he judged.

⁹ Heb. *wrestlings of God*.

¹⁰ Heb. *niphtali*, he wrestled.

¹¹ Heb. *Wick*, fortunate!

¹² Another reading is, *Fortune is come*.

¹³ That is, *Fortune*.

¹⁴ Heb. *With my happiness!*

¹⁵ Heb. *asher*, to call happy.

¹⁶ Or, *love-apples*.

¹⁸ Heb. *sachar*.

¹ Heb.
 asked, he
 dwelt.

God hath endowed me with a good dowry; now will my husband dwell with me, because I have borne him six sons: and she called his name Zebulun. And afterwards she bare a daughter, and called her name Dinah. And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. And she conceived, and bare a son: and said, God hath taken away my reproach: and she called his name Joseph, saying, The Lord ²add to me another son.

² Heb.
 Joseph.

And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service wherewith I have served thee. And Laban said unto him, If now I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have divined that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake. And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it. And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle hath fared with me. For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it hath increased unto a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee whithersoever I turned: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also? And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me ought: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed thy flock and keep it. I will pass through all thy flock to-day, removing from thence every speckled and spotted one, and every black one among the sheep, and the spotted and speckled among the goats: and of such shall be my hire.

³ Heb.
 breaks
 forth.

⁴ Heb.
 of my foot.

So shall my righteousness answer for me hereafter, when thou shalt come concerning my hire that is before thee: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, that if found with me shall be counted stolen. And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word. And he removed that day the he-goats that were ringstraked and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons; and he set three days' journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks. And Jacob took him rods of fresh poplar, and of the almond and of the plane tree; and peeled white strakes in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. And he set the rods which he had peeled over against the flocks in the gutters in the watering

troughs where the flocks came to drink; and they conceived when they came to drink. And the flocks conceived before the rods, and the flocks brought forth ringstraked, speckled, and spotted. And Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the ringstraked and all the black in the flock of Laban; and he put his own droves apart, and put them not unto Laban's flock. And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger of the flock did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods; but when the flock were feeble, he put them not in: so the feeble were Laban's, and the stronger Jacob's. And the man increased exceedingly, and had large flocks, and maidservants and menservants, and camels and asses.

And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory. And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as beforetime. And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock, and said unto them, I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as beforetime; but the God of my father hath been with me. And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the flock bare speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstraked shall be thy wages; then bare all the flock ringstraked. Thus God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me. And it came to pass at the time that the flock conceived, that I lifted up mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the he-goats which leaped upon the flock were ringstraked, speckled, and grised. And the angel of God said unto me in the dream, Jacob: and I said, Here am I. And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see, all the he-goats which leap upon the flock are ringstraked, speckled, and grised: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee. I am the God of Beth-el, where thou anointedst a pillar, where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy nativity. And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance

⁵ Or,
 wealth.

⁶ Or,
 doves
 tree.

1 Or, the price paid for us

2 See vv. 30, 34. Judg. xvi. 5. 1 Sam. xix. 13. and Hos. iii. 4.

3 Heb. stole the heart of Laban the Aramean.

4 That is, the Es- phrites.

5 Heb. didst steal me.

15 for us in our father's house? Are we not counted of him strangers? for he hath sold us, and hath also quite 16 devoured ¹our money. For all the riches which God hath taken away from our father, that is ours and our children's: now then, whatsoever God 17 hath said unto thee, do. Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives 18 upon the camels; and he carried away all his cattle, and all his substance which he had gathered, the cattle of his getting, which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, for to go to Isaac his father unto the land of Canaan. 19 Now Laban was gone to shear his sheep: and Rachel stole the ²teraphim that were her father's. And Jacob ³stole away unawares to Laban the Syrian, in that he told him not that 21 he fled. So he fled with all that he had; and he rose up, and passed over ⁴the River, and set his face toward the mountain of Gilead. 22 And it was told Laban on the third 23 day that Jacob was fled. And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey; and he overtook him in the mountain of 24 Gilead. And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream of the night, and said unto him, Take heed to thyself that thou speak not to Jacob either 25 good or bad. And Laban came up with Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain: and Laban with his brethren pitched in the mount- 26 ain of Gilead. And Laban said to Jacob, What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and carried away my daughters as captives 27 of the sword? Wherefore didst thou flee secretly, and ⁵steal away from me; and didst not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth and with songs, with tabret and with harp; 28 and hast not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? now hast thou 29 done foolishly. It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spake unto me yesternight, saying, Take heed to thyself that thou speak not to Jacob either good or 30 bad. And now, *thought* thou wouldst needs be gone, because thou sore longed after thy father's house, yet where- 31 fore hast thou stolen my gods? And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid: for I said, Lest thou shouldst take thy daughters from 32 me by force. With whomsoever thou findest thy gods, he shall not live: before our brethren discern thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee. For Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen 33 them. And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tent of the two maidservants; but he found them not. And he went out of

Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's 34 tent. Now Rachel had taken the teraphim, and put them in the camel's furniture, and sat upon them. And Laban felt about all the tent, but 35 found them not. And she said to her father, Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise up before thee; for the manner of women is upon me. And he searched, but found not the 36 teraphim. And Jacob was wroth, and chode with Laban: and Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou 37 hast hotly pursued after me? Whereas thou hast felt about all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? Set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge 38 betwixt us two. This twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she-goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flocks 39 have I not eaten. That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou require it, whether 40 stolen by day or stolen by night. Thus I was; in the day the drought consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep fled from mine eyes. 41 These twenty years have I been in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy flock: and thou hast 42 changed my wages ten times. Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely now hadst thou sent me away empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labour of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight. 43 And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, The daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children which they 44 have borne? And now come, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and 45 thee. And Jacob took a stone, and set 46 it up for a pillar. And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made an heap: and 47 they did eat there by the heap. And Laban called it ⁶Jegar-sahadutha: but 48 Jacob called it ⁷Galed. And Laban said, This heap is witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the 49 name of it called Galed: and ⁸Mispah, for he said, The Lord watch between me and thee, when we are ⁹absent one 50 from another. If thou shalt afflict my daughters, and if thou shalt take wives beside my daughters, no man is with us; see, God is witness betwixt 51 me and thee. And Laban said to

⁶ That is, The heap of witness, in Aramaic.

⁷ That is, The heap of witness, in Hebrew.

⁸ That is, The watch-tower.

⁹ Heb. hidden.

Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold the pillar, which I have set betwixt me and thee. This heap be witness, and the pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the ¹ God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob sware by the Fear of his father Isaac. And Jacob offered a sacrifice in the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mountain. And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place. And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. And Jacob said when he saw them, This is God's host: and he called the name of that place ² Mahanaim.

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the field of Edom. And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye say unto my lord Esau; Thus saith thy servant Jacob, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now: and I have oxen, and asses and flocks, and menservants and maidservants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in thy sight. And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and moreover he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed: and he divided the people that was with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, 8 into two companies; and he said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the company which is 9 left shall escape. And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O Lord, which saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy kindred, and I will do thee good: ¹ I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies, and of all the truth, which thou hast shewed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two companies. Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, the mother with the children. And thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude. And he lodged there that night; and took of that which he had with him a present for Esau his brother; 14 two hundred she-goats and twenty he-

goats, two hundred ewes and twenty 15 rams, thirty milch camels and their colts, forty kine and ten bulls, twenty 16 she-asses and ten foals. And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself; and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and 17 drove. And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose art thou? and whither goest thou? and whose are these before thee? 18 then thou shalt say, They be thy servant Jacob's; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, he also is 19 behind us. And he commanded also the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, 20 when ye find him; and ye shall say, Moreover, behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept me. 21 So the present passed over before him: and he himself lodged that night in the company. 22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two handmaids, and his eleven children, and passed 23 over the ford of Jabbok. And he took them, and sent them over the stream, 24 and sent over that he had. And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of 25 the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was strained, as he 26 wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou 27 bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but ⁴ Israel: for ⁵ thou hast ⁶ striven with God and with men, 29 and hast prevailed. And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? 30 And he blessed him there. And Jacob called the name of the place ⁷ Peniel: for, said he, I have seen God face to 31 face, and my life is preserved. And the sun rose upon him as he passed over Peniel, and he halted upon his 32 thigh. Therefore the children of Israel eat not the sinew of the hip which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew of the hip. 33 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, Esau came, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and

¹ Or, goods

[Ch. xxxiii. 1 in Heb.]

¹ That is, Hosts, or, Companies.

² Heb. I am less than all etc.

⁴ That is, He who striveth with God, or, God striveth.

⁵ The Sept. and Vulgate have, thou hast had power with God, and thou shalt prevail against men.

⁶ Or, had power with

⁷ That is, The Face of God.

unto Rachel, and unto the two hand-
2 maids. And he put the handmaids
and their children foremost, and Leah
and her children after, and Rachel and
3 Joseph hindmost. And he himself
passed over before them, and bowed
himself to the ground seven times,
until he came near to his brother.
4 And Esau ran to meet him, and em-
braced him, and fell on his neck, and
5 kissed him: and they wept. And he
lifted up his eyes, and saw the women
and the children; and said, Who are
these with thee? And he said, The
children which God hath graciously
6 given thy servant. Then the hand-
maids came near, they and their child-
7 ren, and they bowed themselves. And
Leah also and her children came near,
and bowed themselves: and after came
Joseph near and Rachel, and they
8 bowed themselves. And he said, What
meanest thou by all this company which
I met? And he said, To find grace in
9 the sight of my lord. And Esau said,
I have enough; my brother, let that
10 thou hast be thine. And Jacob said,
Nay, I pray thee, if now I have found
grace in thy sight, then receive my pre-
sent at my hand: ¹ forasmuch as I have
seen thy face, as one seeth the face of
God, and thou wast pleased with me.
11 Take, I pray thee, my ² gift that is
brought to thee; because God hath dealt
graciously with me, and because I have
³ enough. And he urged him, and he
12 took it. And he said, Let us take our
journey, and let us go, and I will go be-
13 fore thee. And he said unto him, My
lord knoweth that the children are ten-
der, and that the flocks and herds with
me give suck: and if they overdrive
14 them one day, all the flocks will die. Let
my lord, I pray thee, pass over before
his servant: and I will lead on softly,
according to the pace of the cattle that
is before me and according to the pace
of the children, until I come unto my
15 lord unto Seir. And Esau said, Let
me now leave with thee some of the
folk that are with me. And he said,
What needeth it? let me find grace in
16 the sight of my lord. So Esau returned
17 that day on his way unto Seir. And
Jacob journeyed to Succoth, and built
him an house, and made booths for his
cattle: therefore the name of the place
is called ⁴ Succoth.

18 And Jacob came ⁵ in peace to the
city of Shechem, which is in the land
of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-
aram; and encamped before the city.
19 And he bought the parcel of ground,
where he had spread his tent, at the
hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem's
father, for an hundred
20 ⁶ pieces of money. And he erected
there an altar, and called it ⁷ El-elohe-
Israel.

34 And Dinah the daughter of Leah,
which she bare unto Jacob, went out
2 to see the daughters of the land. And
Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite,
the prince of the land, saw her; and
he took her, and lay with her, and
3 humbled her. And his soul clave unto
Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he
loved the damsel, and spake ⁸ kindly
4 unto the damsel. And Shechem spake
unto his father Hamor, saying, Get
5 me this damsel to wife. Now Jacob
heard that he had defiled Dinah his
daughter; and his sons were with his
cattle in the field: and Jacob held his
6 peace until they came. And Hamor
the father of Shechem went out unto
7 Jacob to commune with him. And
the sons of Jacob came in from the
field when they heard it: and the men
were grieved, and they were very
wroth, because he had wrought folly
in Israel in lying with Jacob's daugh-
ter; which thing ought not to be done.
8 And Hamor communed with them,
saying, The soul of my son Shechem
longeth for your daughter: I pray
9 you give her unto him to wife. And
make ye marriages with us; give your
daughters unto us, and take our daugh-
10 ters unto you. And ye shall dwell with
us: and the land shall be before you;
dwell and trade ye therein, and get
11 your possessions therein. And Shechem
said unto her father and unto her
brethren, Let me find grace in your
eyes, and what ye shall say unto me
12 I will give. Ask me never so much
dowry and gift, and I will give accord-
ing as ye shall say unto me: but give me
13 the damsel to wife. And the sons of Ja-
cob answered Shechem and Hamor his
father with guile, and spake, because
14 he had defiled Dinah their sister, and
said unto them, We cannot do this
thing, to give our sister to one that is
uncircumcised; for that were a reproach
15 unto us: only on this condition will
we consent unto you: if ye will be as
we be, that every male of you be cir-
16 cumcised; then will we give our daugh-
ters unto you, and we will take your
daughters to us, and we will dwell with
you, and we will become one people.
17 But if ye will not hearken unto us,
to be circumcised; then will we take
our daughter, and we will be gone.
18 And their words pleased Hamor, and
19 Shechem Hamor's son. And the young
man deferred not to do the thing, be-
cause he had delight in Jacob's daugh-
ter: and he was honoured above all
20 the house of his father. And Hamor
and Shechem his son came unto the
gate of their city, and communed with
21 the men of their city, saying, These
men are peaceable with us; there-
fore let them dwell in the land, and
trade therein; for, behold, the land is

⁸ Heb. to
the heart
of the
damsel.

¹ Or, for
there-
fore
have I
seen

² Heb.
blessing.

³ Heb.
all.

⁴ That is,
Booths.
⁵ Or, to
Shalem,
a city

⁶ Heb.
Kistak.
⁷ That is,
God, the
God of
Israel.

large enough for them; let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us
 22 give them our daughters. Only on this condition will the men consent unto us to dwell with us, to become one people, if every male among us be circumcised,
 23 as they are circumcised. Shall not their cattle and their substance and all their beasts be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell
 24 with us. And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that
 25 went out of the gate of his city. And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Simeon and Levi, Dinah's brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city ¹unawares,
 26 and slew all the males. And they slew Hamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went forth.
 27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because
 28 they had defiled their sister. They took their flocks and their herds and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field;
 29 and all their wealth, and all their little ones and their wives, took they captive and spoiled, even all that was in the house. And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me, to make me to stink among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and, I being few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and smite me; and I shall be destroyed, I and
 31 my house. And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with an harlot?
 35 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Beth-el, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, who appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the
 2 face of Esau thy brother. Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments:
 3 and let us arise, and go up to Beth-el; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the
 4 way which I went. And they gave unto Jacob all the strange gods which were in their hand, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the ²oak which was by
 5 Shechem. And they journeyed: and
 6 a great terror was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did
 6 not pursue after the sons of Jacob. So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan (the same is Beth-el), he and all the people that were with him.

7 And he built there an altar, and called the place ⁴El-beth-el: because there God was revealed unto him, when he
 8 fled from the face of his brother. And Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried below Beth-el under the oak: and the name of it was called
 5 Allon-bacuth.

9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he
 11 called his name Israel. And God said unto him, I am ⁶God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;
 12 and the land which I gave unto Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the
 13 land. And God went up from him in the place where he spake with him.
 14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he spake with him, a pillar of stone: and he poured out a drink offering thereon, and poured oil there-
 15 on. And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Beth-
 16 el. And they journeyed from Beth-el; and there was still some way to come to Ephrath: and Rachel travelled, and
 17 she had hard labour. And it came to pass, when she was in hard labour, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; for now thou shalt have another son.
 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing (for she died), that she called his name ⁷Ben-oni: but his father
 19 called him ⁸Benjamin. And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath (the same is Beth-lehem). And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave: the same is the Pillar of Rachel's grave
 21 unto this day. And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower
 22 of Eder. And it came to pass, while Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard of it.

Now the sons of Jacob were twelve:
 23 the sons of Leah; Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and
 24 Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun: the sons of Rachel; Joseph and Benjamin:
 25 and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's
 26 handmaid; Dan and Naphtali: and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid; Gad and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Pad-
 27 dan-aram. And Jacob came unto Isaac his father to Mamre, to Kirjath-arba (the same is Hebron), where Abraham
 28 and Isaac sojourned. And the days of Isaac were an hundred and fourscore
 29 years. And Isaac gave up the ghost, and died, and was gathered unto his

⁴ That is, The God of Beth-el.

⁵ That is, The oak of weeping.

⁶ Heb. El Shaddai.

⁷ That is, The son of my sorrow.

⁸ That is, The son of the right hand.

¹ Or, suddenly.

² Or, tree-beth.

³ Heb. a terror of God.

people, old and full of days; and Esau and Jacob his sons buried him.

- 36 Now these are the generations of 2 Esau (the same is Edom). Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan; Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the 1 daughter of 3 Zibeon the Hivite; and Basemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth. 4 And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; 5 and Basemath bare Reuel; and Oholibamah bare Jeshu, and Jalam, and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, which were born unto him 6 in the land of Canaan. And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his possessions, which he had gathered in the land of Canaan; and went into a land away from his 7 brother Jacob. For their substance was too great for them to dwell together; and the land of their sojournings could not bear them because of 8 their cattle. And Esau dwelt in mount 9 Seir: Esau is Edom. And these are the generations of Esau the father of 2 the 10 Edomites in mount Seir: these are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. 11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, 2 Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. 12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these are the sons of 13 Adah Esau's wife. And these are the sons of Reuel; Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the 14 sons of Basemath Esau's wife. And these were the sons of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeshu, and Jalam, and Korah. 15 These are the 4 dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau; duke Teman, duke Omar, 16 duke Zepho, duke Kenaz, duke Korah, duke Gatam, duke Amalek: these are the dukes that came of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons 17 of Adah. And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son; duke Nahath, duke Zerah, duke Shammah, duke Mizzah: these are the dukes that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the 18 sons of Basemath Esau's wife. And these are the sons of Oholibamah Esau's wife; duke Jeshu, duke Jalam, duke Korah: these are the dukes that came of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, 19 Esau's wife. These are the sons of Esau, and these are their dukes: the same is Edom. 20 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land; Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah,

- 21 and Dishon and Ezer and Dishan: these are the dukes that came of the Horites, the children of Seir in the 22 land of Edom. And the children of Lotan were Hori and 4 Hemam; and 23 Lotan's sister was Timna. And these are the children of Shobal; 6 Alvan and Manabath and Ebal, 7 Shepho 24 and Onam. And these are the children of Zibeon; Aiah and Anah: this is Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the asses 25 of Zibeon his father. And these are the children of Anah; Dishon and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. 26 And these are the children of 8 Dishon; 9 Hemdan and Eshban and Ithran 27 and Cheran. These are the children of Ezer; Bilhan and Zaavan and 28 10 Akan. These are the children of 29 Dishan; Uz and Aran. These are the dukes that came of the Horites; duke Lotan, duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke 30 Anah, duke Dishon, duke Ezer, duke Dishan: these are the dukes that came of the Horites, according to their dukes in the land of Seir. 31 And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children 32 of Israel. And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom; and the name of 33 his city was Dinhabah. And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah 34 of Bozrah reigned in his stead. And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. 35 And Husham died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and 36 the name of his city was Avith. And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah 37 reigned in his stead. And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River 38 reigned in his stead. And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor 39 reigned in his stead. And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and 11 Hadar 40 reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was 12 Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab. 41 And these are the names of the dukes that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names; duke Timnah, duke 15 Alvah, 41 duke Jetheth; duke Oholibamah, duke 42 Elah, duke Pinon; duke Kenaz, duke 43 Teman, duke Mibzar; duke Magdiel, duke Iram: these be the dukes of Edom, according to their habitations in the land of their possession. This is Esau the father of 2 the Edomites. 37 And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the 2 land of Canaan. These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and he was

1 Some ancient authorities have, *son*. See ver. 24.

2 Heb. *Edom*.

3 In 1 Chr. i. 36, *Zephi*.

4 Or, *chiefs*.

5 In 1 Chr. i. 36, *Homam*.
6 In 1 Chr. i. 40, *Alvan*.
7 In 1 Chr. i. 40, *Sheph*.

8 Heb. *Dishan*.
9 In 1 Chr. i. 41, *Haman*.
10 In 1 Chr. i. 42, *Jaan*.

11 In 1 Chr. i. 50, and some ancient authorities, *Hadad*.
12 In 1 Chr. i. 51, *Pai*.

13 In 1 Chr. i. 51, *Alvah*.

a lad with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought the evil report of 3 them unto their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him ¹a coat of many 4 colours. And his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren; and they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto 5 him. And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brethren: and 6 they hated him yet the more. And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this 7 dream which I have dreamed: for, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves came round about, and made 8 obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, 9 and for his words. And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed yet a dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars 10 made obeisance to me. And he told it to his father, and to his brethren; and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the 11 earth? And his brethren envied him; but his father kept the saying in 12 mind. And his brethren went to feed their father's flock in Shechem. 13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brethren feed the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, 14 Here am I. And he said to him, Go now, see whether it be well with thy brethren, and well with the flock; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale of Hebron, and he 15 came to Shechem. And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering in the field: and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? 16 And he said, I seek my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they are 17 feeding the flock. And the man said, They are departed hence: for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and 18 found them in Dothan. And they saw him afar off, and before he came near unto them, they conspired against 19 him to slay him. And they said one to another, Behold, this ²dreamer 20 cometh. Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, An evil beast hath devoured him: and we

shall see what will become of his 21 dreams. And Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hand; and 22 said, Let us not take his life. And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood; cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him: that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to 23 his father. And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colours that was on 24 him; and they took him, and cast him into the pit: and the pit was 25 empty, there was no water in it. And they sat down to eat bread: and they lifted up their eyes and looked, and, behold, a travelling company of Ishmaelites came from Gilead, with their camels bearing ³spicery and ⁴balm and ⁵myrrh, going to carry it down 26 to Egypt. And Judah said unto his brethren, What profit is it if we slay our brother and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brethren hearkened 28 unto him. And there passed by Midianites, merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they 29 brought Joseph into Egypt. And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and 30 he rent his clothes. And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child 31 is not; and I, whither shall I go? And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a he-goat, and dipped the coat in the 32 blood; and they sent the coat of many colours, and they brought it to their father; and said, This have we found: know now whether it be thy son's 33 coat or not. And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is 34 without doubt torn in pieces. And Jacob rent his garments, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned 35 for his son many days. And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said, For I will go down to ⁶the grave to my son mourning. And his father wept for him. 36 And the ⁷Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the ⁸captain of the guard. 38 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, and turned in to a certain Adullamite, 2 whose name was Hirah. And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Canaanite whose name was Shua; and he took 3 her, and went in unto her. And she conceived, and bare a son; and he

¹ Or, a long garment with sleeves

² Heb. wanderer
3 dreamer.

³ Or, gum
tragedy
com/h
Or, storax
⁴ Or, mastic
⁵ Or, ladanum

⁶ Heb. Sheol, the name of the abode of the dead, answering to the Greek Hades, Acts ii. 27.

⁷ Heb. Medianites.

⁸ Heb. chief of the executioners.

4 called his name Er. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called 5 his name Onan. And she yet again bare a son, and called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib, when she bare 6 him. And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord; and 8 the Lord slew him. And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother's wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her, and raise 9 up seed to thy brother. And Onan knew that the seed should not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest he 10 should give seed to his brother. And the thing which he did was evil in the sight of the Lord: and he slew him 11 also. Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter in law, Remain a widow in thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown up: for he said, Lest he also die, like his brethren. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's 12 house. And in process of time Shua's daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheepshearers to Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold, thy father in law goeth up to 14 Timnah to shear his sheep. And she put off from her the garments of her widowhood, and covered herself with her veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gate of Enaim, which is by the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she was not given unto him to wife. 15 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be an harlot; for she had covered 16 her face. And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee: for he knew not that she was his daughter in law. And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto 17 me? And he said, I will send thee a kid of the goats from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a 18 pledge, till thou send it? And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet and thy cord, and thy staff that is in thine hand. And he gave them to her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. 19 And she arose, and went away, and put off her veil from her, and put on 20 the garments of her widowhood. And Judah sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman's 21 hand: but he found her not. Then he asked the men of her place, saying, Where is the harlot, that was at Enaim by the way side? And they

said, There hath been no harlot here. 22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I have not found her; and also the men of the place said, There hath 23 been no harlot here. And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be put to shame: behold, I sent this kid, 24 and thou hast not found her. And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter in law hath played the harlot; and moreover, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her 25 be burnt. When she was brought forth, she sent to her father in law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose are these, the signet, and the cords, and the staff. 26 And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She is more righteous than I; forasmuch as I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no 27 more. And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins 28 were in her womb. And it came to pass, when she travailed, that one put out a hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. 29 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out: and she said, Wherefore hast thou made a breach for thyself? therefore his name was called Perez. 30 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zerah. 31 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hand of the Ishmaelites, which had brought 2 him down thither. And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his 3 master the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to 4 prosper in his hand. And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he ministered unto him: and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put in 5 to his hand. And it came to pass from the time that he made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; and the blessing of the Lord was upon all that he had, in the house and in the field. 6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand; and he knew not aught that was with him, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was comely, and 7 well favoured. And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she 8 said, Lie with me. But he refused, and

1 See Deut. xxv. 5.

2 Heb. kade-shak, that is, a woman dedicated to impure heathen worship. See Deut. xiii. 17. Hos. iv. 14.

3 Or, How hast thou made a breach / a breach he upon thee / 4 That is, A breach.

5 Or, with him he knew not

1 Or, knoweth not which me which is or.
 1 Or, he is not

said unto his master's wife, Behold, my master knoweth not what is with me in the house, and he hath put all
 9 that he hath into my hand; ²there is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great
 10 wickedness, and sin against God? And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her.
 11 And it came to pass about this time, that he went into the house to do his work; and there was none of the men
 12 of the house there within. And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out.
 13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her
 14 hand, and was fled forth, that she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in an Hebrew unto us to mock us; he came in unto me to lie with
 15 me, and I cried with a loud voice: and it came to pass, when he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled, and
 16 got him out. And she laid up his garment by her, until his master came
 17 home. And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, which thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to
 18 mock me: and it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left
 19 his garment by me, and fled out. And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath
 20 was kindled. And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the
 21 prison. But the Lord was with Joseph, and shewed kindness unto him, and gave him favour in the sight of the
 22 keeper of the prison. And the keeper of the prison committed to Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there,
 23 he was the doer of it. The keeper of the prison looked not to any thing that was under his hand, because the Lord was with him; and that which he did, the Lord made it to prosper.
 40 And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their
 2 lord the king of Egypt. And Pharaoh was wroth against his two officers, against the chief of the butlers, and
 3 against the chief of the bakers. And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound.

4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he ministered unto them: and they continued a
 5 season in ward. And they dreamed a dream both of them, each man his dream, in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, which were bound in
 6 the prison. And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and saw them,
 7 and, behold, they were sad. And he asked Pharaoh's officers that were with him in ward in his master's house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sadly to-day?
 8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell it me, I pray you.
 9 And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold, a vine was before me;
 10 and in the vine were three branches: and it was as though it budded, and its blossoms shot forth; and the clusters thereof brought forth ripe
 11 grapes: and Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand.
 12 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: the three branches
 13 are three days; within yet three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thine office: and thou shalt give Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when
 14 thou wast his butler. But have me in thy remembrance when it shall be well with thee, and shew kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring
 15 me out of this house: for indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into
 16 the dungeon. When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, three baskets of
 17 white bread were on my head: and in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of bakemeats for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket
 18 upon my head. And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: the three baskets are three
 19 days; within yet three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee.
 20 And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and the head of the chief baker
 21 among his servants. And he restored the chief butler unto his butlership

again; and he gave the cup into 22 Pharaoh's hand: but he hanged the chief baker: as Joseph had interpreted 23 to them. Yet did not the chief butler remember Joseph, but forgot him.

41 And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the ¹river.

2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, well favoured and fatfleshed; and they fed in the reed-

3 grass. And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill favoured and leanfleshed; and stood by the other kine upon the brink of

4 the river. And the ill favoured and leanfleshed kine did eat up the seven well favoured and fat kine. So Pharaoh

5 awoke. And he slept and dreamed a second time: and, behold, seven ears of corn came up upon one stalk, ²rank

6 and good. And, behold, seven ears, thin and blasted with the east wind, 7 sprung up after them. And the thin ears swallowed up the seven ²rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold,

8 it was a dream. And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the ³magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them

9 unto Pharaoh. Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I ⁴do

10 remember my faults this day: Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, me and the

11 chief baker: and we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each man according to the interpreta-

12 tion of his dream. And there was with us there a young man, an Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each man according

13 to his dream he did interpret. And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; ⁵me he restored unto mine

14 office, and him he hanged. Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pha-

15 roah. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that when thou hearest a dream thou canst interpret it.

16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me: God shall give Pharaoh

17 an answer of peace. And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the brink of the

18 river: and, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fatfleshed and well favoured; and they fed in the reed-

19 grass: and, behold, seven other kine

came up after them, poor and very ill favoured and leanfleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt

20 for badness: and the lean and ill favoured kine did eat up the first seven

21 fat kine: and when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them; but they were still ill favoured, as at the beginning. So

22 I awoke. And I saw in my dream, and, behold, seven ears came up upon

23 one stalk, full and good: and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after

24 them: and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears: and I told it unto the magicians; but there was none that

25 could declare it to me. And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one: what God is about to do he hath declared unto Pharaoh.

26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven

27 years: the dream is one. And the seven lean and ill favoured kine that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind; they shall be seven years

28 of famine. That is the thing which I spake unto Pharaoh: what God is about to do he hath shewed unto

29 Pharaoh. Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all

30 the land of Egypt: and there shall arise after them seven years of famine; and all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; and the famine

31 shall consume the land; and the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine which followeth;

32 for it shall be very grievous. And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice, it is because the thing is established by God, and God will

33 shortly bring it to pass. Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land

34 of Egypt. Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint overseers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous

35 years. And let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and lay up corn under the hand of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let

36 them keep it. And the food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which shall be in the land of Egypt; that the land

37 perish not through the famine. And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his

38 servants. And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of God

39 is? And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and

40 wise as thou: thou shalt be over my

¹ Heb. Poor, that is, the Nile.

² Heb. fat.

³ Or, sacred scribes

⁴ Or, will make mention of

⁵ Or, I was restored... and he was hanged

1 Or,
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1 Or, which,
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Hebrew
word
meaning
to kneel.

1 That is,
Moses
is forget.

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Hebrew
word signi-
fying
to be
fruitful.

house, and according unto thy word shall all my people ¹be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than
41 thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land
42 of Egypt. And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of ²fine linen, and put a gold
43 chain about his neck; and he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, ³Bow the knee; and he set him over all the
44 land of Egypt. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or his
45 foot in all the land of Egypt. And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Poti-phera priest of On. And Joseph went out
46 over the land of Egypt. And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the
47 land of Egypt. And in the seven plentiful years the earth brought forth by
48 handfuls. And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid
49 he up in the same. And Joseph laid up corn as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left numbering; for it
50 was without number. And unto Joseph were born two sons before the year of famine came, which Asenath the daughter of Poti-phera priest of
51 On bare unto him. And Joseph called the name of the firstborn ⁴Manasseh: For, said he, God hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house.
52 And the name of the second called he ⁵Ephraim: For God hath made me fruitful in the land of my affliction.
53 And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Egypt, came to an end.
54 And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said: and there was famine in all lands; but in all the land of Egypt there was
55 bread. And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread: and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do.
56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine was sore
57 in the land of Egypt. And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy corn; because the famine was sore in all the earth.
42 Now Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, and Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another?

2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt: get you down thither, and buy for us from thence;
3 that we may live, and not die. And Joseph's ten brethren went down to
4 buy corn from Egypt. But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest perad-
5 venture mischief befall him. And the sons of Israel came to buy among those that came: for the famine was
6 in the land of Canaan. And Joseph was the governor over the land; he it was that sold to all the people of the land: and Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves to him with
7 their faces to the earth. And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly with them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him.
9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come.
10 And they said unto him, Nay, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come.
11 We are all one man's sons; we are true men, thy servants are no spies.
12 And he said unto them, Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are
13 come. And they said, We thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our
14 father, and one is not. And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake
15 unto you, saying, Ye are spies: hereby ye shall be proved: by the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither.
16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be bound, that your words may be proved, whether there be truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies.
17 And he put them all together into
18 ward three days. And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and
19 live; for I fear God: if ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in your prison house; but go ye, carry
20 corn for the famine of your houses: and bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye
21 shall not die. And they did so. And they said one to another, We are verily guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear; therefore is this distress come
22 upon us. And Reuben answered them, saying, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore also, be-
23 hold, his blood is required. And they

knew not that Joseph understood them; for there was an interpreter between 24 them. And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and he returned to them, and spake to them, and took Simeon from among them, and bound 25 him before their eyes. Then Joseph commanded to fill their vessels with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus was it 26 done unto them. And they laded their asses with their corn, and departed 27 thence. And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the lodging place, he espied his money; and, behold, it was in the mouth of 28 his sack. And he said unto his brethren, My money is restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they turned trembling one to another, saying, What is this 29 that God hath done unto us? And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that 30 had befallen them; saying, The man, the lord of the land, spake roughly with us, and took us for spies of the 31 country. And we said unto him, We 32 are true men; we are no spies: we be twelve brethren, sons of our father; one is not, and the youngest is this 33 day with our father in the land of Canaan. And the man, the lord of the land, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; leave one of your brethren with me, and take 34 corn for the famine of your houses, and go your way: and bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver your brother, and ye shall traffick in 35 the land. And it came to pass as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they 36 were afraid. And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are ¹against 37 me. And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee a 38 gain. And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he only is left: if mischief befall him by the way in the which ye go, then shall ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to ²the grave.

43 And the famine was sore in the land. 2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little 8 food. And Judah spake unto him, say-

ing, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, 4 except your brother be with you. If thou wilt send our brother with us, we 5 will go down and buy thee food: but if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down: for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a 7 brother? And they said, The man asked straitly concerning ourselves, and concerning our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we in any wise know that he would say, Bring 8 your brother down? And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and 9 thou, and also our little ones. I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then ³let me bear the blame for ever: 10 for except we had lingered, surely we had now returned a second time.

11 And their father Israel said unto them, If it be so now, do this; take of the choice fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little ⁴balm, and a little honey, spicery and myrrh, ⁵nuts, and 12 almonds: and take double money in your hand; and the money that was returned in the month of your sacks carry again in your hand; peradven- 18 ture it was an oversight: take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the 14 man: and ⁶God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release unto you your other brother and Benjamin. And if I be bereaved of my children, I am bereaved.

15 And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin; and rose up, and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph.

16 And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the steward of his house, Bring the men into the house, and slay, and make ready; for the men 17 shall dine with me at noon. And the man did as Joseph bade; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house.

18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house; and they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time are we brought in; that he may ⁷seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, 19 and our asses. And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they spake unto him at the door of 20 the house, and said, Oh my lord, we came indeed down at the first time to

³ Heb. I shall have sinned against thee for ever.

⁴ See ch. xxxvii. 28.

⁵ That is, pistachio nuts.

⁶ Heb. El Shaddai.

⁷ Heb. roll himself upon us.

¹ Or, upon

² Heb. Shad. See ch. xxxvii. 35.

21 buy food: and it came to pass, when we came to the lodging place, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand.

22 And other money have we brought down in our hand to buy food: we know not who put our money in our

23 sacks. And he said, Peace be to you, fear not: your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto them.

24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet; and he

25 gave them asses provender. And they made ready the present against Joseph came at noon: for they heard that they

26 should eat bread there. And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed down themselves

27 to him to the earth. And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake?

28 Is he yet alive? And they said, Thy servant our father is well, he is yet alive. And they bowed the head, and

29 made obeisance. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw Benjamin his brother, his mother's son, and said, Is this your youngest brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be

30 gracious unto thee, my son. And Joseph made haste; for his bowels did yearn upon his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into

31 his chamber, and wept there. And he washed his face, and came out; and he refrained himself, and said, Set on

32 bread. And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, which did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination

33 unto the Egyptians. And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled

34 one with another. And ¹he took and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and ²were merry with him.

44 And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in

2 his sack's mouth. And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money. And he did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, ⁴they and their asses. And when they

were gone out of the city, and were not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil

5 for good? Is not this it in which my lord drinketh, and whereby he indeed divineth? ye have done evil in so doing.

6 And he overtook them, and he spake

7 unto them these words. And they said unto him, Wherefore speaketh my lord such words as these? God forbid that thy servants should do such a thing.

8 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy

9 lord's house silver or gold? With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, let him die, and we also will

10 be my lord's bondmen. And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words: he with whom it is found shall be my bondman; and ye shall be blame-

11 less. Then they hastened, and took down every man his sack to the ground, and

12 opened every man his sack. And he searched, and began at the eldest, and left at the youngest: and the cup

13 was found in Benjamin's sack. Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph's house; and he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground.

15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? know ye not that such a man as I can indeed

16 divine? And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord's bondmen, both we, and he also in whose hand the cup is found.

17 And he said, God forbid that I should do so: the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my bondman; but as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

18 Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant: for thou art even as Pharaoh.

19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one; and his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his mother, and

21 his father loveth him. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eyes upon him. And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest

¹ Or, messes were taken

² Heb. drank largely.

brother come down with you, ye shall
 24 see my face no more. And it came
 to pass when we came up unto thy serv-
 ant my father, we told him the words
 25 of my lord. And our father said, Go
 26 again, buy us a little food. And we
 said, We cannot go down: if our young-
 est brother be with us, then will we go
 down: for we may not see the man's
 face, except our youngest brother be
 27 with us. And thy servant my father
 said unto us, Ye know that my wife
 28 bare me two sons: and the one went
 out from me, and I said, Surely he
 is torn in pieces; and I have not
 29 seen him since: and if ye take this
 one also from me, and mischief befall
 him, ye shall bring down my gray
 hairs with ¹sorrow to ²the grave.
 30 Now therefore when I come to thy
 servant my father, and the lad be
 not with us; seeing that ³his life is
 31 bound up in the lad's life; it shall
 come to pass, when he seeth that the
 lad is not with us, that he will die:
 and thy servants shall bring down the
 gray hairs of thy servant our father
 32 with sorrow to ²the grave. For thy
 servant became surety for the lad unto
 my father, saying, If I bring him not
 unto thee, then shall I bear the blame
 33 to my father for ever. Now therefore,
 let thy servant, I pray thee, abide
 instead of the lad a bondman to my
 lord; and let the lad go up with his
 34 brethren. For how shall I go up to
 my father, and the lad be not with
 me? lest I see the evil that shall come
 on my father.
 45 Then Joseph could not refrain him-
 self before all them that stood by him;
 and he cried, Cause every man to go
 out from me. And there stood no man
 with him, while Joseph made him-
 2 self known unto his brethren. And
 he ⁴wept aloud: and the Egyptians
 heard, and the house of Pharaoh
 3 heard. And Joseph said unto his
 brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father
 yet live? And his brethren could not
 answer him; for they were troubled at
 4 his presence. And Joseph said unto
 his brethren, Come near to me, I pray
 you. And they came near. And he
 said, I am Joseph your brother, whom
 5 ye sold into Egypt. And now be not
 grieved, nor angry with yourselves,
 that ye sold me hither: for God did
 send me before you to preserve life.
 6 For these two years hath the famine
 been in the land: and there are yet five
 years, in the which there shall be nei-
 7 ther plowing nor harvest. And God
 sent me before you to preserve you a
 remnant in the earth, and to save you
 8 alive ⁵by a great deliverance. So now
 it was not you that sent me hither, but
 God: and he hath made me a father
 to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house,

and ruler over all the land of Egypt.
 9 Haste ye, and go up to my father,
 and say unto him, Thus saith thy son
 Joseph, God hath made me lord of
 all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry
 10 not: and thou shalt dwell in the land
 of Goshen, and thou shalt be near
 unto me, thou, and thy children, and
 thy children's children, and thy flocks,
 and thy herds, and all that thou hast:
 11 and there will I nourish thee; for
 there are yet five years of famine;
 lest thou come to poverty, thou, and
 thy household, and all that thou hast.
 12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the
 eyes of my brother Benjamin, that
 it is my mouth that speaketh unto
 13 you. And ye shall tell my father of
 all my glory in Egypt, and of all that
 ye have seen; and ye shall haste and
 14 bring down my father hither. And
 he fell upon his brother Benjamin's
 neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept
 15 upon his neck. And he kissed all his
 brethren, and wept upon them: and
 after that his brethren talked with
 him.
 16 And the fame thereof was heard
 in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's
 brethren are come: and it pleased
 17 Pharaoh well, and his servants. And
 Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto
 thy brethren, This do ye; lade your
 beasts, and go, get you unto the land
 18 of Canaan; and take your father and
 your households, and come unto me:
 and I will give you the good of the
 land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the
 19 fat of the land. Now thou art com-
 manded, this do ye; take you wagons
 out of the land of Egypt for your
 little ones, and for your wives, and
 20 bring your father, and come. Also
 regard not your stuff; for the good of
 21 all the land of Egypt is yours. And
 the sons of Israel did so: and Joseph
 gave them wagons, according to the
 commandment of Pharaoh, and gave
 22 them provision for the way. To all
 of them he gave each man changes
 of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave
 three hundred pieces of silver, and
 23 five changes of raiment. And to his
 father he sent after this manner; ten
 asses laden with the good things of
 Egypt, and ten she-asses laden with
 corn and bread and victual for his
 24 father by the way. So he sent his breth-
 ren away, and they departed: and he
 said unto them, See that ye fall not
 25 out by the way. And they went up
 out of Egypt, and came into the land
 of Canaan unto Jacob their father.
 26 And they told him, saying, Joseph
 is yet alive, and he is ruler over all
 the land of Egypt. And his heart
 fainted, for he believed them not.
 27 And they told him all the words of
 Joseph, which he had said unto them:

¹ Heb.
evil.

² Heb.
sweat.
See ch.
xxvii.
36.

³ Or, his
soul is
knit with
the lad's
soul.
See
1 Sam.
xviii. 1.

⁴ Heb.
gave
forth his
voice in
weeping.

⁵ Or, to
be a
great
company
that
escapes

and when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: 28 And Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

46 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of 2 his father Isaac. And God spake unto Israel in the visions of the night, and 3 said, Jacob, Jacob. And he said, Here am I. And he said, I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee 4 a great nation: I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes.

5 And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which 6 Pharaoh had sent to carry him. And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob, 7 and all his seed with him: his sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

8 And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, 9 Jacob's firstborn. And the sons of Reuben; Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. And the sons of Simeon; ¹Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and ²Jachin, and ³Zohar, and Shaul

11 the son of a Canaanitish woman. And the sons of Levi; ⁴Gershon, Kohath, 12 and Merari. And the sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerah: but Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of

13 Perez were Hezron and Hamul. And the sons of Issachar; Tola, and ⁵Puv- 14 ah, and Iob, and Shimon. And the sons of Zebulun; Seread, and Elon, 15 and Jahleel. These are the sons of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob in Paddan-aram, with his daughter Dinah: all the souls of his sons and his

16 daughters were thirty and three. And the sons of Gad; ⁶Ziphion, and Haggi, Shuni, and ⁷Ezbon, Eri, and ⁸Arodi, 17 and Arel. And the sons of Asher; Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister: and the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel. These are the sons of Zilpah, which Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob, 19 even sixteen souls. The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife; Joseph and Benjamin.

20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Ephraim, which Asenath the daughter of Potiphra priest of On bare unto him.

21 And the sons of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, ⁹Ehi, and Rosh, ¹⁰Muppim, and

22 ¹¹Huppim, and Ard. These are the sons of Rachel, which were born to Jacob: all the souls were fourteen.

23 And the sons of Dan; ¹²Hushim. And the sons of Naphtali; ¹³Jahzeel, and 25 Guni, and Jezer, and ¹⁴Shilem. These are the sons of Bilhah, which Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob: all the

26 souls were seven. All the ¹⁵souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, which came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were three-

27 score and six; and the sons of Joseph, which were born to him in Egypt, were two souls: all the souls of the house of Jacob, which came into Egypt, were threescore and ten.

28 And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to shew the way before him unto Goshen; and they came into the 29 land of Goshen. And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen; and he presented himself unto him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good

30 while. And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy 31 face, that thou art yet alive. And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and will say unto him, My brethren, and my father's house, which were in the land of Canaan, are come

32 unto me; and the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have.

33 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What 34 is your occupation? that ye shall say,

Thy servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we, and our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

47 Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen.

2 And from among his brethren he took five men, and presented them unto

3 Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation?

And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we, and 4 our fathers. And they said unto Pharaoh, To sojourn in the land are we come; for there is no pasture for thy servants' flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants

5 dwell in the land of Goshen. And

⁹ In Num. xxvi. 38, *Ahiram*.

¹⁰ In Num. xxvi. 39, *Shephupham*.

¹¹ In Num. xxvi. 40, *Shuphim*.

¹² In Num. xxvi. 41, *Hushim*.

¹³ In Num. xxvi. 42, *Jahzeel*.

¹⁴ In Num. xxvi. 43, *Shilem*.

¹⁵ In Num. xxvi. 44, *Shilem*.

¹⁶ In Num. xxvi. 45, *Shilem*.

¹⁷ In Num. xxvi. 46, *Shilem*.

¹⁸ In Num. xxvi. 47, *Shilem*.

¹⁹ In Num. xxvi. 48, *Shilem*.

²⁰ In Num. xxvi. 49, *Shilem*.

²¹ In Num. xxvi. 50, *Shilem*.

²² In Num. xxvi. 51, *Shilem*.

²³ In Num. xxvi. 52, *Shilem*.

²⁴ In Num. xxvi. 53, *Shilem*.

²⁵ In Num. xxvi. 54, *Shilem*.

²⁶ In Num. xxvi. 55, *Shilem*.

²⁷ In Num. xxvi. 56, *Shilem*.

²⁸ In Num. xxvi. 57, *Shilem*.

²⁹ In Num. xxvi. 58, *Shilem*.

³⁰ In Num. xxvi. 59, *Shilem*.

³¹ In Num. xxvi. 60, *Shilem*.

³² In Num. xxvi. 61, *Shilem*.

³³ In Num. xxvi. 62, *Shilem*.

³⁴ In Num. xxvi. 63, *Shilem*.

³⁵ In Num. xxvi. 64, *Shilem*.

³⁶ In Num. xxvi. 65, *Shilem*.

³⁷ In Num. xxvi. 66, *Shilem*.

³⁸ In Num. xxvi. 67, *Shilem*.

³⁹ In Num. xxvi. 68, *Shilem*.

⁴⁰ In Num. xxvi. 69, *Shilem*.

⁴¹ In Num. xxvi. 70, *Shilem*.

⁴² In Num. xxvi. 71, *Shilem*.

⁴³ In Num. xxvi. 72, *Shilem*.

Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are come unto thee: the land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land make thy father and thy brethren to dwell; in the land of Goshen let them dwell: and if thou knowest any able men among them, then make them rulers over my cattle. And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How many are the days of the years of thy life? And Jacob said unto Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years: few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from the presence of Pharaoh. And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rameses, as Pharaoh had commanded. And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, and all his father's household, with bread, according to their families.

And there was no bread in all the land; for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan fainted by reason of the famine. And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. And when the money was all spent in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto Joseph, and said, Give us bread: for why should we die in thy presence? for our money faileth.

And Joseph said, Give your cattle; and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. And they brought their cattle unto Joseph: and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks, and for the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread in exchange for all their cattle for that year. And when that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide from my lord, how that our money is all spent; and the herds of cattle are my lord's; there is nought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: wherefore should we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, and that the land be not

desolate. So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine was sore upon them: and the land became Pharaoh's. And as for the people, he removed them to the cities from one end of the border of Egypt even to the other end thereof. Only the land of the priests bought he not: for the priests had a portion from Pharaoh, and did eat their portion which Pharaoh gave them; wherefore they sold not their land. Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. And it shall come to pass at the ingatherings, that ye shall give a fifth unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your households, and for food for your little ones. And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. And Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests alone became not Pharaoh's. And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen; and they gave them possessions therein, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly.

And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were an hundred forty and seven years. And the time drew near that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt: but when I sleep with my fathers, thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. And he said, Swear unto me: and he swore unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

And it came to pass after these things, that one said to Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. And Jacob said unto Joseph, God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, and said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a company of peoples; and will give this land to

1 Or, men of activity

2 Or, sojournings

3 Or, according to the number of their little ones

4 Heb. cattle of the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds.

5 Heb. fed them as a shepherd.

6 According to Samar. Sept. and Vulg. he made bondmen of them, from &c. 7 Or, according to their cities

8 Heb. 27 Shad-dai.

thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. And now thy two sons, which were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh, even as Reuben and Simeon, shall be mine. And thy issue, which thou begetteth after them, shall be thine; they shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance.

7 And as for me, when I came from Pad-dan, Rachel died ²by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when there was still some way to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way to Ephrath (the same is Beth-lehem).

8 And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and ⁹said, Who are these? And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me here. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath let me see thy seed also. And Joseph brought them out from between his knees; and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. And Joseph took them both, Ephraim in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and Manasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right hand, and brought them near unto him. And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon Manasseh's head, ⁸guiding his hands wittingly;

15 for Manasseh was the firstborn. And he blessed Joseph, and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which hath fed me all my life long unto this day, the angel which hath redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

17 And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, it displeased him: and he held up his father's hand, to remove it from Ephraim's head unto Manasseh's head. And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father: for this is the first-born; put thy right hand upon his head.

19 And his father refused, and said, I know it, my son, I know it: he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great: howbeit his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become ⁴a multitude of nations.

20 And he blessed them that day, saying, ⁵In thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as

Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before 21 Manasseh. And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God shall be with you, and bring you again unto 22 the land of your fathers. Moreover I have given to thee one ⁶portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said: Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the latter days.

2 Assemble yourselves, and hear, ye sons of Jacob;

And hearken unto Israel your father.

3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the ⁷beginning of my strength;

The excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power.

4 ⁸Unstable as water, ⁹thou shalt not have the excellency; Because thou wentest up to thy father's bed:

Then defiledst thou it: he went up to my couch.

5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; Weapons of violence are their ¹⁰swords.

6 O my soul, come not thou into their ¹¹council;

Unto their assembly, my glory, be not thou united;

For in their anger they slew ¹²a man, And in their selfwill they houghed ¹³an ox.

7 Cursed be their anger, for it was fierce; And their wrath, for it was cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel.

8 Judah, thee shall thy brethren praise:

Thy hand shall be on the neck of thine enemies;

Thy father's sons shall bow down before thee.

9 Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, thou art gone up:

He stooped down, he couched as a lion,

And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up?

10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah,

Nor ¹⁴the ruler's staff from between his feet,

¹⁵Until Shiloh come; And unto him shall the obedience of the peoples be.

11 Binding his foal unto the vine, And his ass's colt unto the choice vine;

He hath washed his garments in wine, And his vesture in the blood of grapes:

12 His eyes shall be red with wine, And his teeth white with milk.

1 Or, had he gotten

1 Or, to my sorrow

3 Or, crossing his hands

4 Heb. fulness.

5 Or, By

6 Or, mountain slope, Heb. shoham, shoulder.

7 Or, first fruits

8 Or, Building over
9 Or, have used thou

10 Or, compass
11 Or, secret

12 Or, men

13 Or, oxen

14 Or, a lion-paw

15 Or, This he came to Shiloh, having the obedience of the peoples (Or, as read by the Sept. Latin which is his shall come &c. Another ancient rendering is, This he came whose it is &c.)

¹ Heb. *beach*.

² Or, *by*

³ Or, *rest*

⁴ Or, *horned snake*

⁵ Heb. *god, a marauding band*.

⁶ Heb. *god, to press*.
⁷ According to some ancient versions, *Asher, his bread*.

⁸ Heb. *the son of a fruitful tree*.

⁹ Heb. *daughters*.

¹⁰ Or, *active*

¹¹ Or, *From thence from the sheep herd*.
Or, *as otherwise read*.
By the name of the shepherd

¹² According to some ancient authorities, *the blessings of the ancient mountains, the decree (or, desirable things) of the everlasting hills*.
¹³ Or, *that is prince among*

- 13 Zebulun shall dwell at the ¹haven of the sea:
And he shall be for an ¹haven of ships;
And his border shall be ²upon Zidon.
- 14 Issachar is a strong ass,
Couching down between the sheep-folds:
- 15 And he saw ³a resting place that it was good,
And the land that it was pleasant;
And he bowed his shoulder to bear,
And became a servant under task-work.
- 16 Dan shall judge his people,
As one of the tribes of Israel.
- 17 Dan shall be a serpent in the way,
An ⁴adder in the path,
That biteth the horse's heels,
So that his rider falleth backward.
- 18 I have waited for thy salvation, O Lord.
- 19 Gad, ⁵a troop ⁶shall press upon him:
But he shall press upon their heel.
- 20 ⁷Out of Asher his bread shall be fat,
And he shall yield royal dainties.
- 21 Naphtali is a hind let loose:
He giveth goodly words.
- 22 Joseph is ⁸a fruitful bough,
A fruitful bough by a fountain;
His ⁹branches run over the wall.
- 23 The archers have sorely grieved him,
And shot at him, and persecuted him:
- 24 But his bow abode in strength,
And the arms of his hands were made ¹⁰strong,
By the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob,
(¹¹From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel.)
- 25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee,
And by the Almighty, who shall bless thee,
With blessings of heaven above,
Blessings of the deep that coucheth beneath,
Blessings of the breasts, and of the womb.
- 26 The blessings of thy father
Have prevailed above ¹²the blessings of my progenitors
Unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills:
They shall be on the head of Joseph,
And on the crown of the head of him ¹³that was separate from his brethren.
- 27 Benjamin is a wolf that ravineth:
In the morning he shall devour the prey,
And at even he shall divide the spoil.
- 28 All these are the twelve tribes of

Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them and blessed them; every one according to his blessing

29 he blessed them. And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite,

30 in the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field from Ephron the Hittite for a possession of a bury-

31 ingplace: there they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife; there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife; and

32 there I buried Leah: the field and the cave that is therein, which was purchased from the children of Heth.

33 And when Jacob made an end of charging his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, and was gathered unto his people.

50 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed

3 Israel. And forty days were fulfilled for him; for so are fulfilled the days of embalming: and the Egyptians wept for him threescore and ten days.

4 And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph spake unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh,

5 saying, My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die: in my grave which I ¹⁴have digged for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me. Now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and bury my father, and I will

6 come again. And Pharaoh said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. And Joseph went up to bury his father: and with him went up all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the

8 elders of the land of Egypt, and all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father's house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen.

9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a

10 very great company. And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and there they lamented with a very great and sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for

11 his father seven days. And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning in the floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous ¹⁵mourning to the Egyptians: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which

12 is beyond Jordan. And his sons did unto him according as he commanded

¹⁴ Or, *bought*

¹⁵ Heb. *wept*.

18 them: for his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field, for a possession of a buryingplace, of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre.

14 And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after 15 he had buried his father. And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will fully requite us all the evil which we did 16 unto him. And they sent a message unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did 17 command before he died, saying, So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the transgression of thy brethren, and their sin, for that they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake 18 unto him. And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy 19 servants. And Joseph said unto them,

Fear not: for am I in the place of 20 God? And as for you, ye meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this 21 day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake ¹kindly unto them.

¹ Heb. to their heart.

22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived 23 an hundred and ten years. And Joseph saw Ephraim's children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were born 24 upon Joseph's knees. And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and 25 to Jacob. And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall 26 carry up my bones from hence. So Joseph died, being an hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

THE SECOND BOOK OF MOSES,

COMMONLY CALLED

EXODUS.

1 Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, which came into Egypt; every man and his household came 2 with Jacob. Reuben, Simeon, Levi, 3 and Judah; Issachar, Zebulun, and 4 Benjamin; Dan and Naphtali, Gad 5 and Asher. And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: and Joseph was in 6 Egypt already. And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that genera- 7 tion. And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose a new king over 9 Egypt, which knew not Joseph. And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are 10 ¹more and mightier than we: come, let us deal wisely with them; lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war,

they also join themselves unto our enemies, and fight against us, and get 11 them up out of the land. Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh store cities, 12 Pithom and Raamses. But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and the more they spread abroad. And they ²were grieved be- 13 cause of the children of Israel. And the Egyptians made the children of 14 Israel to serve with rigour: and they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field, all their service, wherein they made them serve with rigour.

² Or, abhorred

15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shiprah, and the name 16 of the other Puah: and he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the birthstool; if it be a son, then ye shall

¹ Or, too many and too mighty for us

kill him; but if it be a daughter, then
 17 she shall live. But the midwives feared
 God, and did not as the king of Egypt
 commanded them, but saved the men
 18 children alive. And the king of Egypt
 called for the midwives, and said unto
 them, Why have ye done this thing,
 and have saved the men children alive?
 19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh,
 Because the Hebrew women are not
 as the Egyptian women; for they are
 lively, and are delivered ere the mid-
 20 wife come unto them. And God dealt
 well with the midwives: and the people
 multiplied, and waxed very mighty.
 21 And it came to pass, because the
 midwives feared God, that he made
 22 them houses. And Pharaoh charged
 all his people, saying, Every son
 that is born ye shall cast into ¹the
 river, and every daughter ye shall
 save alive.

2 And there went a man of the house
 of Levi, and took to wife a daughter
 2 of Levi. And the woman conceived,
 and bare a son: and when she saw him
 that he was a goodly child, she hid
 3 him three months. And when she
 could not longer hide him, she took
 for him an ark of ²bulrushes, and
 daubed it with ³slime and with pitch;
 and she put the child therein, and laid
 it in the flags by the river's brink.
 4 And his sister stood afar off, to know
 5 what would be done to him. And the
 daughter of Pharaoh came down to
 bathe at the river; and her maidens
 walked along by the river side; and
 she saw the ark among the flags, and
 6 sent her handmaid to fetch it. And
 she opened it, and saw the child: and,
 behold, the babe wept. And she had
 compassion on him, and said, This is
 7 one of the Hebrews' children. Then
 said his sister to Pharaoh's daughter,
 Shall I go and call thee a nurse of the
 Hebrew women, that she may nurse
 8 the child for thee? And Pharaoh's
 daughter said to her, Go. And the
 maid went and called the child's
 9 mother. And Pharaoh's daughter said
 unto her, Take this child away, and
 nurse it for me, and I will give thee
 thy wages. And the woman took the
 10 child, and nursed it. And the child
 grew, and she brought him unto
 Pharaoh's daughter, and he became
 her son. And she called his name
⁴Moses, and said, Because I ⁵drew him
 out of the water.

11 And it came to pass in those days,
 when Moses was grown up, that he
 went out unto his brethren, and looked
 on their burdens: and he saw an E-
 gyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his
 12 brethren. And he looked this way and
 that way, and when he saw that there
 was no man, he smote the Egyptian,
 13 and hid him in the sand. And he went

out the second day, and, behold, two
 men of the Hebrews strove together:
 and he said to him that did the wrong,
 Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow?
 14 And he said, Who made thee a prince
 and a judge over us? thinkest thou to
 kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian?
 And Moses feared, and said, Surely the
 15 thing is known. Now when Pharaoh
 heard this thing, he sought to slay
 Moses. But Moses fled from the face
 of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of
 Midian: and he sat down by a well.
 16 Now the priest of Midian had seven
 daughters: and they came and drew
 water, and filled the troughs to water
 17 their father's flock. And the shepherds
 came and drove them away: but Moses
 stood up and helped them, and watered
 18 their flock. And when they came to
 Reuel their father, he said, How is it
 19 that ye are come so soon to-day? And
 they said, An Egyptian delivered us
 out of the hand of the shepherds,
 and moreover he drew water for us,
 20 and watered the flock. And he said
 unto his daughters, And where is he?
 why is it that ye have left the man?
 21 call him, that he may eat bread. And
 Moses was content to dwell with the
 man: and he gave Moses Zipporah
 22 his daughter. And she bare a son,
 and he called his name Gershom: for
 he said, I have been ⁶a sojourner in a
 strange land.

23 And it came to pass in the course of
 those many days, that the king of
 Egypt died: and the children of Israel
 sighed by reason of the bondage, and
 they cried, and their cry came up unto
 24 God by reason of the bondage. And
 God heard their groaning, and God re-
 membered his covenant with Abraham,
 25 with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God
 saw the children of Israel, and God took
 knowledge of them.

3 Now Moses was keeping the flock of
 Jethro his father in law, the priest
 of Midian: and he led the flock to
 the back of the wilderness, and came
 to the mountain of God, unto Horeb.
 2 And the angel of the Lord appeared
 unto him in a flame of fire out of the
 midst of a bush: and he looked, and,
 behold, the bush burned with fire,
 3 and the bush was not consumed. And
 Moses said, I will turn aside now, and
 see this great sight, why the bush is
 4 not burnt. And when the Lord saw
 that he turned aside to see, God called
 unto him out of the midst of the
 bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he
 5 said, Here am I. And he said, Draw
 not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from
 off thy feet, for the place whereon thou
 6 standest is holy ground. Moreover he
 said, I am the God of thy father, the
 God of Abraham, the God of Isaac,

¹ See
 Gen. xli.
 1.

² That is,
 papyrus.
³ That is,
 bitumen.

⁴ Heb.
 Mosheh.
⁵ Heb.
 moshrah,
 to draw
 out.

⁶ Heb.
 iter.

and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look 7 upon God. And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; 8 and I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. And now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: moreover I have seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians 10 oppress them. Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. 11 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children 12 of Israel out of Egypt? And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be the token unto thee, that I have sent thee: when thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain. 13 And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say 14 unto them? And God said unto Moses, ¹I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, ²I AM hath sent me unto you. 15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, ³The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto 16 all generations. Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath appeared unto me, saying, I have surely visited you, and seen that which is done to you in Egypt: 17 and I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, unto a land 18 flowing with milk and honey. And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, hath met with us: and now let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we

may sacrifice to the Lord our God. 19 And I know that the king of Egypt will not give you leave to go, no, not by a 20 mighty hand. And I will put forth my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: and after that he will let you 21 go. And I will give this people favour in the sight of the Egyptians: and it shall come to pass, that, when ye 22 go, ye shall not go empty: but every woman shall ask of her neighbour, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; 4 and ye shall spoil the Egyptians. And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice: for they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? And he said, A 3 rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a 4 serpent; and Moses fled 4 from before it. And the Lord said unto Moses, Put forth thine hand, and take it by the tail: (and he put forth his hand, and laid hold of it, and it 5 became a rod in his hand:) that they may believe that the Lord, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, 6 hath appeared unto thee. And the Lord said furthermore unto him, Put now thine hand into thy bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand 7 was leprous, as white as snow. And he said, Put thine hand into thy bosom again. (And he put his hand into his bosom again; and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was turned 8 again as his other flesh.) And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe 9 the voice of the latter sign. And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe even these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the water which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land. 10 And Moses said unto the Lord, Oh Lord, I am not 5 eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: for I am slow of 11 speech, and of a slow tongue. And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh a man dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? 12 is not I the Lord? Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt speak. 13 And he said, Oh Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou

⁴ Heb. nahash.

¹ Or, I AM, BE-
CAUSE
I AM
Or,
² I AM WHO I AM
Or,
³ I WILL BE
THAT I
WILL BE
⁴ Or,
I WILL
BE
Heb.
Eloqah.
⁵ Heb.
Jehowah,
from the
name
root as
Eloqah.

⁵ Heb.
a man of
words.

14 wilt send. And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is there not Aaron thy brother the Levite? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. And thou shalt speak unto him, and put the words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people: and it shall come to pass, that he shall be to thee a mouth, and thou shalt be to him as God. And thou shalt take in thine hand this rod, wherewith thou shalt do the signs.

18 And Moses went and returned to ¹Jethro his father in law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren which are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace. And the Lord said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt: for all the men are dead which ²sought thy life. And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt: and Moses took the rod of God ³in his hand. And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest back into Egypt, see that thou do before Pharaoh all the wonders which I have put in thine hand: but I will ⁴harden his heart, and he will not let the people go. And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, ⁵my firstborn: and I have said unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me; and thou hast refused to let him go: behold, I will slay thy son, thy firstborn. And it came to pass on the way at the lodging place, that the Lord met him, and sought to kill him. Then Zipporah took a flint, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and ⁶cast it at his feet; and she said, Surely a bridegroom of blood art thou to me. So he let him alone. Then she said, ⁷A bridegroom of blood art thou, because of the circumcision.

27 And the Lord said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mountain of God, and kissed him.

28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of the Lord wherewith he had sent him, and all the signs wherewith he had charged him. And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the ⁸elders of the children of Israel: and Aaron spake all the words which the Lord had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the ⁹people. And the people believed: and when they heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, and that

¹ Heb. Jethro.

² Heb. make strong.

³ Heb. made it touch.

⁴ Or, A bridegroom of blood in regard of the circumcision

he had seen their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

5 And afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast ²unto me in the wilderness. And Pharaoh said, Who is the Lord, that I should hearken unto his voice to let Israel go? I know not the Lord, and moreover I will not let Israel go.

8 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice unto the Lord our God; lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword.

4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, loose the people from their works? 5 get you unto your burdens. And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land are now many, and ye make ⁶them rest from their burdens. And the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, and their ⁷officers, saying, Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw ⁸for themselves. And the tale of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish aught thereof: for they be idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let ⁹us go and sacrifice to our God. Let heavier work be laid upon the men, that they may labour therein; and let ¹⁰them not regard lying words. And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and they spake to the people, saying, Thus saith Pharaoh, I ¹¹will not give you straw. Go yourselves, get you straw where ye can find it: for nought of your work shall be diminished. So the people were scattered abroad throughout all the land of ¹³Egypt to gather stubble for straw. And the taskmasters were urgent, saying, Fulfill your works, ¹⁴your daily tasks, as when there was straw. And the officers of the children of Israel, which Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, ¹⁵and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task both yesterday and to-day, in ¹⁵making brick as heretofore? Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with thy ¹⁶servants? There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own ¹⁷people. But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord. Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver ¹⁹the tale of bricks. And the officers

⁸ Heb. saying.

of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, when it was said, Ye shall not diminish sought from 20 your bricks, *your* daily tasks. And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from 21 Pharaoh: and they said unto them, The Lord look upon you, and judge; because ye have made our savour to be abhorred in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a 22 sword in their hand to slay us. And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou evil entreated this people? why is it that 23 thou hast sent me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath evil entreated this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all. 6 And the Lord said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for by a strong hand shall he let them go, and by a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land. 2 And God spake unto Moses, and said 3 unto him, I am JEHOVAH: and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as ²God Almighty, but ³by my name JEHOVAH I was not 4 known to them. And I have also established my covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their sojournings, wherein they 5 sojourned. And moreover I have heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. 6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am Jehovah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with 7 great judgements: and I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am Jehovah your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the 8 Egyptians. And I will bring you in unto the land, concerning which I lifted up my hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for an heritage: I am Jehovah. 9 And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel: but they hearkened not unto Moses for ⁵anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage. 10 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of 12 Israel go out of his land. And Moses spake before the Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised 18 lips? And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring

the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 These are the heads of their fathers' houses: the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel; Hanoch, and Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi: these are the families of Reuben. And the sons of Simeon; Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman: these are 16 the families of Simeon. And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations; Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari: and the years of the life of Levi were an hundred thirty 17 and seven years. The sons of Gershon; Libni and Shimei, according to 18 their families. And the sons of Kohath; Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel: and the years of the life of Kohath were an hundred thirty and 19 three years. And the sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their 20 generations. And Amram took him Jochbed his father's sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were an hundred and thirty and seven years. 21 And the sons of Izhar; Korah, and 22 Nepheg, and Zichri. And the sons of Uzziel; Mishaël, and Elzaphan, and 28 Sithri. And Aaron took him Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of Nahabon, to wife; and she bare him Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 24 And the sons of Korah; Assir, and Elkanah, and Abiasaph; these are the 25 families of the Korahites. And Eleazar Aaron's son took him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites according 26 to their families. These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom the Lord said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their 27 hosts. These are they which spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron. 28 And it came to pass on the day when the Lord spake unto Moses in the land 29 of Egypt, that the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, I am the Lord: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all 30 that I speak unto thee. And Moses said before the Lord, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall 7 Pharaoh hearken unto me? And the Lord said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh: and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. Thou shalt speak all that I command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 8 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and multiply my signs and my wonders in

¹ Or, were put on make chief, when they said

² Heb. El Shaddai.
³ Or, as to
⁴ Or, made known

⁵ Or, impotence
Heb. shortness of spirit.

4 the land of Egypt. But Pharaoh will not hearken unto you, and I will lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great
5 judgements. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD, when I stretch forth mine hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel
6 from among them. And Moses and Aaron did so; as the LORD commanded.
7 And Moses was fourscore years old, and Aaron fourscore and three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses and
9 unto Aaron, saying, When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Shew a wonder for you: then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it become
10 a ¹serpent. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and they did so, as the LORD had commanded: and Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became
11 a serpent. Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers: and they also, the ²magicians of Egypt, did in like manner with their ³enchants-
12 ments. For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.
13 And Pharaoh's heart ⁴was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken.
14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh's heart is ⁵stubborn, he refuseth
15 to let the people go. Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt stand by the river's brink to meet him; and the rod which was
16 turned to a ⁶serpent shalt thou take in thine hand. And thou shalt say unto him, The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou hast not heark-
17 ened. Thus saith the LORD, In this thou shalt know that I am the LORD: behold, I will smite with the rod that is in mine hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they
18 shall be turned to blood. And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink water from the
19 river. And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the waters of Egypt, over their rivers, over their ⁷streams, and over their pools, and over all their ponds of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of

20 wood and in vessels of stone. And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh, and in the sight of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were
21 turned to blood. And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Egyptians could not drink water from the river; and the blood was throughout all the land of
22 Egypt. And the magicians of Egypt did in like manner with their enchantments: and Pharaoh's heart ⁸was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them;
23 as the LORD had spoken. And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he ⁹lay even this to heart.
24 And all the Egyptians digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water of
25 the river. And seven days were fulfilled, after that the LORD had smitten the river.

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people
2 go, that they may serve me. And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs:
3 and the river shall swarm with frogs, which shall go up and come into thine house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy knead-
4 ingtroughs: and the frogs shall come up both upon thee, and upon thy people,
5 and upon all thy servants. And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thine hand with thy rod over the rivers, over the ¹streams, and over the pools, and cause frogs to
6 come up upon the land of Egypt. And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt.
7 And the magicians did in like manner with their enchantments, and brought
8 up frogs upon the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Intreat the LORD, that he take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice unto the
9 LORD. And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Have thou this glory over me: against what time shall I intreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, that the frogs be destroyed from thee and thy houses, and remain
10 in the river only? And he said, Against to-morrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word: that thou mayest know that there is none like
11 unto the LORD our God. And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and

¹ Heb. tannin, any large reptile: and so in vv. 10, 12.

² See Gen. xli. 8.

³ Or, secret arts.

⁴ Heb. was strong.

⁵ Heb. heart.

⁶ See ch. iv. 3.

⁷ Or, canals.

⁸ Heb. set his heart even to this.

[Ch. vii. 20 in Heb.]

[Ch. viii. 2 in Heb.]

from thy people; they shall remain in 12 the river only. And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto the LORD concerning the frogs ¹which he had brought upon

13 Pharaoh. And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of 14 the courts, and out of the fields. And they gathered them together in heaps: 15 and the land stank. But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he ²hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy rod, and smite the dust of the earth, that it may become ³lice throughout all the land 17 of Egypt. And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smote the dust of the earth, and there were lice upon man, and upon beast; all the dust of the earth became lice throughout all the land of Egypt.

18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: and there were lice 19 upon man, and upon beast. Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh's heart ⁴was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken.

20 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go,

21 that they may serve me. Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground 22 whereon they are. And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the LORD in

23 the midst of the earth. And I will ⁵put a division between my people and thy people: by to-morrow shall 24 this sign be. And the LORD did so; and there came grievous swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses: and in all the land of Egypt the land was ⁶corrupted by reason of the swarms of

25 flies. And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice 26 to your God in the land. And Moses said, It is not meet so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to the LORD our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and 27 will they not stone us? We will go three days' journey into the wilder-

ness, and sacrifice to the LORD our 28 God, as he shall command us. And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: intreat for me.

29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will intreat the LORD that the swarms of flies may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, to-morrow: only let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice 30 to the LORD. And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. 31 And the LORD did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; 32 there remained not one. And Pharaoh ⁷hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

3 Then the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve 2 me. For if thou refuse to let them go, 3 and wilt hold them still, behold, the hand of the LORD is upon thy cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the herds, and upon the flocks: ⁴there shall be a very grievous murrain. And the LORD shall sever between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt: and there shall nothing die of all that belongeth to the children of Israel. And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, To-morrow the LORD shall do this 6 thing in the land. And the LORD did that thing on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died: but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. 7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not so much as one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was ⁷stubborn, and he did not let the people go.

8 And the LORD said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ⁸ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the heaven in the 9 sight of Pharaoh. And it shall become small dust over all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. 10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast.

11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boils were upon the magicians, 12 and upon all the Egyptians. And the LORD ⁹hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto

¹ Or, as he had appointed unto Pharaoh

² Heb. made heavy.

³ Or, small flies
Or, flies

⁴ Heb. was strong.

⁵ Or, set a sign of deliverance
Heb. set redemption.

⁶ Or, destroyed

⁷ Heb. heavy.

⁸ Or, soot

⁹ Heb. made strong.

them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

- 18 And the LORD said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they
14 may serve me. For I will this time send all my plagues upon thine heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth.
15 For now I had put forth my hand, and smitten thee and thy people with pestilence, and thou hadst been cut off
16 from the earth: but in very deed for this cause have I made thee to stand, for to shew thee my power, and that my name may be declared through-
17 out all the earth. As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that
18 thou wilt not let them go? Behold, to-morrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the day
19 it was founded even until now. Now therefore send, hasten in thy cattle and all that thou hast in the field; for every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die.
20 He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into
21 the houses: and he that regarded not the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.
22 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch forth thine hand toward heaven, that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt.
23 And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven: and the LORD sent thunder and hail, and fire ran down unto the earth; and the LORD rained
24 hail upon the land of Egypt. So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it
25 became a nation. And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of
26 the field. Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was
27 there no hail. And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: the LORD is righteous, and I and my
28 people are wicked. Intreat the LORD; for there hath been enough of these
2 mighty thunderings and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall stay no
29 longer. And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the

¹ Or, *drinking continually instead*

² Heb. *voices (or thunders) of God.*

city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD; the thunders shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know that the
30 earth is the LORD's. But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will
31 not yet fear the LORD God. And the flax and the barley were smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and
32 the flax ³was bolled. But the wheat and the spelt were not smitten: for
33 they were not grown up. And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured
34 upon the earth. And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and ⁴hardened his heart,
35 he and his servants. And the heart of Pharaoh ⁵was hardened, and he did not let the children of Israel go; as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

³ Or, *was in bloom*

⁴ Heb. *made heavy.*
⁵ Heb. *was strong.*

- 10 And the LORD said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have ⁴hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew thee my
2 signs in the midst of them: and that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, ⁶what things I have wrought upon Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know that I am the
3 LORD. And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, the God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.
4 Else, if thou refuse to let my people go, behold, to-morrow will I bring
5 locusts into thy border: and they shall cover the face of the earth, that one shall not be able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue of that which is escaped, which remaineth unto you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which growth for you out
6 of the field: and thy houses shall be filled, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians; as neither thy fathers nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since the day that they were upon the earth unto this day. And he turned, and went out from Pharaoh.
7 And Pharaoh's servants said unto him, How long shall this man be a snare unto us? let the men go, that they may serve the LORD their God: knowest thou not yet that Egypt is
8 destroyed? And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh: and he said unto them, Go, serve the LORD your God: but who are they
9 that shall go? And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daugh-

⁶ Or, *how I have smitten the Egyptians*

ters, with our flocks and with our herds will we go; for we must hold a feast unto the LORD. And he said unto them, So be the LORD with you, as I will let you go, and your little ones: look to it; for evil is ¹before you.

11 Not so: go now ye that are men, and serve the LORD; for that is what ye desire. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all

13 that the hail hath left. And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all the night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought

14 the locusts. And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the borders of Egypt; very grievous were they; before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such.

15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing, either tree or herb of the field, through

16 all the land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and

17 against you. Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and intreat the LORD your God, that he may take away from me this death only.

18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and intreated the LORD. And the LORD turned an exceeding strong west wind, which took up the locusts, and drove them into the Red Sea; there remained not one locust in all the border

20 of Egypt. But the LORD ²hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, ³even darkness which may be

22 felt. And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt

23 three days; they saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

24 And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, Go ye, serve the LORD; only let your flocks and your herds be stayed: let your little ones also go with you.

25 And Moses said, Thou must also give unto our hand sacrifices and burnt offerings, that we may sacrifice unto the

26 LORD our God. Our cattle also shall go with us; there shall not an hoof be left behind; for thereof must we take to serve the LORD our God; and we know not with what we must serve

27 the LORD, until we come thither. But the LORD ⁴hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. And Pharaoh said unto him, Get thee from me, take heed to thyself, see my face

no more; for in the day thou seest my face thou shalt die. And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well; I will see thy face again no more.

11 And the LORD said unto Moses, Yet one plague more will I bring upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; afterwards he will let you go hence: ⁵when he shall let you go, he shall surely thrust

2 you out hence altogether. Speak now in the ears of the people, and let them ask every man of his neighbour, and every woman of her neighbour, jewels

8 of silver, and jewels of gold. And the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people.

4 And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD, About midnight will I go out into the midst of Egypt: and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sitteth upon his throne, even unto the firstborn of the maidservant that is behind the mill; and all the firstborn

6 of cattle. And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there hath been none like it, nor shall be like it any more. But

against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog ⁶move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and

8 Israel. And all these thy servants shall come down unto me, and bow down themselves unto me, saying, Get thee out, and all the people that follow thee: and after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in hot anger.

9 And the LORD said unto Moses, Pharaoh will not hearken unto you: that my wonders may be multiplied in the

10 land of Egypt. And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh: and the LORD ⁷hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first

3 month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they

¹ Or, what go ye purpose? Heb. before your face.

² Heb. made strong.

³ Or, so that men shall grope in darkness.

⁴ Or, when he shall let you go altogether, he shall thrust you out hence.

⁵ Heb. what.

¹ Or, kid

shall take to them every man a ¹ lamb, according to their fathers' houses, a ⁴ lamb for an household: and if the household be too little for a lamb, then shall he and his neighbour next unto his house take one according to the number of the souls; according to every man's eating ye shall make ⁵ your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it from ⁶ the sheep, or from the goats: and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of ⁷ Israel shall kill it ² at even. And they shall take of the blood, and put it on the two side posts and on the lintel, upon the houses wherein they shall ⁸ eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; with bitter herbs ⁹ they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; its head with its legs ¹⁰ and with the inwards thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; but that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn ¹¹ with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand: and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the ¹² Lord's passover. For I will go through the land of Egypt in that night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgements: I am the Lord. ¹³ And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and there shall no plague be upon you ³ to destroy you, when I ¹⁴ smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial, and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord: throughout your generations ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever. Seven days shall ye ¹⁵ eat unleavened bread; even the first day ye shall put away leaven out of your houses: for whosoever eateth leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be ¹⁶ cut off from Israel. And in the first day there shall be to you an holy convocation, and in the seventh day an holy convocation; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may ¹⁷ be done of you. And ye shall observe the *feast* of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your hosts out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day throughout your generations by an ordinance ¹⁸ for ever. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye

³ Heb. between the two evenings.³ Or, for it destroyer

shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month ¹⁹ at even. Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a sojourner, or one that is born ²⁰ in the land. Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

²¹ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, ⁴ Draw out, and take you ⁵ lambs according to your families, and kill the passover. ²² And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bason; and none of you shall go out of the door of his house until ²³ the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto ²⁴ your houses to smite you. And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. ²⁵ And it shall come to pass, when ye be come to the land which the Lord will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. ²⁶ And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What ²⁷ mean ye by this service? that ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover, ⁶ who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people ²⁸ bowed the head and worshipped. And the children of Israel went and did so; as the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

²⁹ And it came to pass at midnight, that the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that was in the dungeon; and all the firstborn of cattle. And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for there was not a house where there was not ³¹ one dead. And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up, get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve the Lord, as ye have ³² said. Take both your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; ³³ and bless me also. And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, to send them out of the land in haste; for they ³⁴ said, We be all dead men. And the people took their dough before it was

⁴ Or, Go forth
⁵ Or, kids⁶ Or, for that he passed

leavened, their kneadingtroughs being bound up in their clothes upon their
35 shoulders. And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they asked of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold,
36 and raiment: and the LORD gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

37 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were
38 men, beside children. And a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much
39 cattle. And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought forth out of Egypt, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared for them-
40 selves any victual. Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, which they sojourned in Egypt, was four
41 hundred and thirty years. And it came to pass at the end of four hundred and thirty years, even the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of the LORD went out from the land
42 of Egypt. It is ¹a night to be much observed unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: ²this is that night of the LORD, to be much observed of all the children of Israel throughout their generations.

43 And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: there shall no alien eat
44 thereof: but every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat
45 thereof. A sojourner and an hired servant shall not eat thereof. In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break
47 a bone thereof. All the congregation of Israel shall ³keep it. And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: but no uncircumcised person
49 shall eat thereof. One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you.
50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as the LORD commanded Moses and
51 Aaron, so did they. And it came to pass the selfsame day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Sanctify unto me all the first-born, whatsoever openeth the womb

among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

8 And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of ⁴bondage; for by strength of hand the LORD brought you out from this place: there
4 shall no leavened bread be eaten. This day ye go forth in the month Abib.
5 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this
6 month. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD.
7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen
8 with thee, in all thy borders. And thou shalt tell thy son in that day, saying, It is because of that which the LORD did for me when I came forth
9 out of Egypt. And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thine hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the law of the LORD may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand hath the LORD brought thee out of Egypt.
10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.

11 And it shall be when the LORD shall bring thee into the land of the Canaanite, as he sware unto thee and to thy
12 fathers, and shall give it thee, that thou shalt ⁵set apart unto the LORD all that openeth the womb, and every firstling which thou hast that cometh of a beast;
13 the males shall be the LORD's. And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a ⁶lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break its neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy sons shalt thou redeem. And it shall be when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand the LORD brought us out from Egypt, from the house of ⁴bondage:
15 and it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that the LORD slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that openeth the womb, being males; but all the
16 firstborn of my sons I redeem. And it shall be for a sign upon thine hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt.

17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not by the way of the land of

¹ Or, a night of watching unto the LORD

² Or, this same night is a night of watching unto the LORD for all etc.

³ Heb. do it.

⁴ Heb. bond-men.

⁵ Heb. cause to pass over.

⁶ Or, kid

⁷ Or, hardened himself against letting us go

the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Least peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: but God led the people about, by the way of the wilderness by the Red Sea: and the children of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt. And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. And they took their journey from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; that they might go by day and by night: ¹the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night, departed not from before the people.

14 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn back and encamp before Pi-hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal-zephon: over against it shall ye encamp by the sea.

15 And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. And I will ²harden Pharaoh's heart, and he shall follow after them; and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; and the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord. And they did so. And it was told the king of Egypt that the people were fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed towards the people, and they said, What is this we have done, that we have let Israel go from serving us? And he made ready his ³chariot, and took his people with him: and he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over all of them. And the Lord ⁴harden- ed the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: for the children of Israel went out with an high hand. And the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea, beside Pi-hahiroth, before Baal-zephon.

10 And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to bring us forth out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we spake unto thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we

may serve the Egyptians? For it were better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will work for you to-day: ⁵for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to-day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. The Lord shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. And lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go into the midst of the sea on dry ground. And I, behold, I will ⁶harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall go in after them: and I will get me honour upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gotten me honour upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. And the angel of God, which went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud removed from before them, and stood behind them: and it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud and the darkness, yet gave it light by night: and the one came not near the other all the night. And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go back by a strong east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. And it came to pass in the morning watch, that the Lord looked forth upon the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians.

25 And he ⁷took off their chariot wheels, that they drave them heavily: so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for them against the Egyptians.

26 And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea returned to its ⁸strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and the

¹ Or, he took not away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the fire.

² Heb. makes strong.

³ Or, chariots.

⁴ Heb. made strong.

⁵ Or, for whereas ye have seen the Egyptians to-day

⁶ Some ancient versions read, bound. ⁷ Or, and made them to drive

⁸ Or, wonted flow

¹ Heb. <i>shook off.</i>	<p>LORD ¹overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, even all the host of Pharaoh that went in after them into the sea; there remained not so much ²⁹as one of them. But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right ³⁰hand, and on their left. Thus the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea ³¹shore. And Israel saw the great ²work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD: and they believed in the LORD, and in his servant Moses.</p>	<p>Fearful in praises, doing wonders? Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, The earth swallowed them.</p>	
² Heb. <i>hand.</i>	<p>15 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the LORD, and spake, saying, I will sing unto the LORD, for he ³hath triumphed gloriously: The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.</p>	<p>12 Thou in thy mercy hast led the people which thou hast redeemed: Thou hast guided them in thy strength to thy holy habitation.</p>	
³ Or, <i>is highly exalted.</i>	<p>2 'The LORD' is my strength and song. And he is become my salvation: This is my God, and I will praise him; My father's God, and I will exalt him.</p>	<p>13 The peoples have heard, they tremble: Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia.</p>	
⁴ Heb. <i>sch.</i>	<p>3 The LORD is a man of war: The LORD is his name.</p>	<p>14 Then were the dukes of Edom amazed; The ⁵mighty men of Moab, trembling taketh hold upon them: All the inhabitants of Canaan are melted away.</p>	⁵ Heb. <i>parma.</i>
	<p>4 Pharaoh's chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea: And his chosen captains are sunk in the Red Sea.</p>	<p>15 Terror and dread falleth upon them; By the greatness of thine arm they are as still as a stone; Till thy people pass over, O LORD, Till the people pass over which thou hast ⁶purchased.</p>	
	<p>5 The deeps cover them: They went down into the depths like a stone.</p>	<p>16 Thou shalt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, The place, O LORD, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, The sanctuary, O LORD, which thy hands have established.</p>	⁶ Heb. <i>govern.</i>
	<p>6 Thy right hand, O LORD, is glorious in power, Thy right hand, O LORD, dasheth in pieces the enemy.</p>	<p>17 The LORD shall reign for ever and ever.</p>	
	<p>7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou overthrewest them that rise up against thee: Thou sendest forth thy wrath, it consumeth them as stubble.</p>	<p>18 For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel walked on ²⁰dry land in the midst of the sea. And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her ²¹with timbrels and with dances. And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to the LORD, for he ³hath triumphed gloriously; The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.</p>	
	<p>8 And with the blast of thy nostrils the waters were piled up, The floods stood upright as an heap; The deeps were congealed in the heart of the sea.</p>	<p>19 And Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went three days in the wilderness, and found ²³no water. And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called ²⁴Marah. And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we ²⁵drink? And he cried unto the LORD; and the LORD showed him a tree, and he cast it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them; and he said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his eyes, and wilt give ear to his com-</p>	
	<p>9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil: My lust shall be satisfied upon them; I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.</p>		⁷ That is, <i>Bitterness.</i>
	<p>10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: They sank as lead in the mighty waters.</p>		
	<p>11 Who is like unto thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness,</p>		

mandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

27 And they came to Elim, where were twelve springs of water, and three-score and ten palm trees: and they

16 encamped there by the waters. And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto the wilderness of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness: and the children of Israel said unto them, Would that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.

4 Then said the LORD unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day's portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no. And it shall come to pass on the sixth day, that they shall prepare that which they bring in, and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily. And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that the LORD hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: and in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the LORD; for that he heareth your murmurings against the LORD: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? And Moses said, *This shall be*, when the LORD shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that the LORD heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we? your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

9 And Moses said unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD: for he hath heard your murmurings.

10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. And the LORD spake unto Moses,

12 saying, I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, ¹At even ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God. And it came to pass at even, that the quails came up, and covered the camp: and in the

morning the dew lay round about the camp. And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness a small ²round thing, small as the hoar frost on the ground.

15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, ³What is it? for they wist not what it was. And Moses said unto them, It is the bread which the LORD hath given you to eat. This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Gather ye of it every man according to his eating; an omer a head, according to the number of your persons, shall ye take it, every man for them which are in his tent.

17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered some more, some less. And when they did mete it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. And Moses said unto them, Let no man leave of it till the morning. Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and stank: and Moses was wroth with them. And they gathered it morning by morning, every man according to his eating: and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one: and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. And he said unto them, This is that which the LORD hath spoken, To-morrow is a solemn rest, a holy sabbath unto the LORD: bake that which ye will bake, and seethe that which ye will seethe; and all that remaineth over lay up for you to be kept until the morning. And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not stink, neither was there any worm therein. And Moses said, Eat that to-day; for to-day is a sabbath unto the LORD: to-day ye shall not find it in the field. Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day is the sabbath, in it there shall be none.

27 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that there went out some of the people for to gather, and they found none. And the LORD said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? See, for that the LORD hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye every man in his place, let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. So the people rested on the seventh day. And the house of Israel called the name thereof ⁴Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. And Moses said,

¹ Or, *Make*

² Or, *It is manna*
Heb. *Mann* Heb. *Mann*

¹ Heb. *Between the two evenings*

⁴ Heb. *Mann*

This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, Let an omerful of it be kept for your generations; that they may see the bread wherewith I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt.

33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omerful of manna therein, and lay it up before the LORD, 34 to be kept for your generations. As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be 35 kept. And the children of Israel did eat the manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat the manna, until they came unto the 36 borders of the land of Canaan. Now an omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

17 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, by their ¹journays, according to the commandment of the LORD, and pitched in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to 2 drink. Wherefore the people strove with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why strive ye with me? 3 wherefore do ye tempt the LORD? And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore hast thou brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with 4 thirst? And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they be almost ready to 5 stone me. And the LORD said unto Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smoteest the river, take in thine hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight 7 of the elders of Israel. And he called the name of the place ²Massah, and ³Meribah, because of the striving of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us, or not?

8 Then came Amalek, and fought with 9 Israel in Rephidim. And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with Amalek: to-morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with 10 the rod of God in mine hand. So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Amalek: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of 11 the hill. And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his 12 hand, Amalek prevailed. But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur

stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until 13 the going down of the sun. And Joshua ⁴discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. 14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: ⁵that I will utterly blot out the remembrance 15 of Amalek from under heaven. And Moses built an altar, and called the 16 name of it ⁶Jehovah-nissi: and he said, ⁷The LORD hath sworn: the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

18 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses' father in law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, how that the LORD had 2 brought Israel out of Egypt. And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took Zipporah, Moses' wife, after he had sent 3 her away, and her two sons; of which the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been ⁸a sojourner in 4 a strange land: and the name of the other was ⁹Eliezer; for he said, The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh: 5 and Jethro, Moses' father in law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness where he was en- 6 camped, at the mount of God: and he said unto Moses, I thy father in law Jethro am come unto thee, and thy wife, and her two sons with her. 7 And Moses went out to meet his father in law, and did obeisance, and kissed him; and they asked each other of their welfare; and they came into the 8 tent. And Moses told his father in law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how the 9 LORD delivered them. And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the 10 Egyptians. And Jethro said, Blessed be the LORD, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh; who hath delivered the people from under 11 the hand of the Egyptians. Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods: yea, in the thing wherein 12 they dealt proudly against them. And Jethro, Moses' father in law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God: and Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father 13 in law before God. And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood about Moses from the morning unto 14 the evening. And when Moses' father

¹ Or, stages

² That is, Tempting, or, Proving.
³ That is, Chiding, or, Strife.

⁴ Heb. provoked.

⁵ Or, for

⁶ That is, The LORD is my banner.

⁷ Or, Because there is a hand against the throne of the LORD. Heb. A hand is lifted up upon the throne of Jah.

⁸ Heb. Ger. See ch. ii. 22.

⁹ Heb. El, God, and ezer, help.

in law saw all that he did to the people, he said, What is this thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou thyself alone, and all the people stand about thee from morning unto 15 even? And Moses said unto his father in law, Because the people come unto 16 me to inquire of God: when they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between a man and his neighbour, and I make them know the statutes 17 of God, and his laws. And Moses' father in law said unto him, The thing 18 that thou doest is not good. Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and this people that is with thee: for the thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. 19 Harken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God be with thee: be thou for the people to God-ward, and bring thou the causes unto 20 God: and thou shalt teach them the statutes and the laws, and shalt shew them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating unjust gain; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers 22 of fifties, and rulers of tens: and let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge themselves: so shall it be easier for 23 thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee. If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then thou shalt be able to endure, and all this people also shall go to their place in 24 peace. So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in law, and did all 25 that he had said. And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers 26 of fifties, and rulers of tens. And they judged the people at all seasons: the hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged 27 themselves. And Moses let his father in law depart; and he went his way into his own land. 19 In the third month after the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came 2 they into the wilderness of Sinai. And when they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the wilderness of Sinai, they pitched in the wilderness; and there Israel camped before 3 the mount. And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and 4 tell the children of Israel; Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians,

and how I bare you on eagles' wings, 5 and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me¹ from among all peoples: for all the 6 earth is mine: and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of 7 Israel. And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which the Lord 8 commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses reported the words of the people 9 unto the Lord. And the Lord said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and may also believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the Lord. 10 And the Lord said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them to-day and to-morrow, and let them wash 11 their garments, and be ready against the third day: for the third day the Lord will come down in the sight of 12 all the people upon mount Sinai. And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall 13 be surely put to death: no hand shall touch² him, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, it shall not live: when the³ trumpet soundeth long, they shall 14 come up to the mount. And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and 15 they washed their garments. And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not near a 16 woman. And it came to pass on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of a trumpet exceeding loud; and all the people that were in the 17 camp trembled. And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the nether 18 part of the mount. And mount Sinai was altogether on smoke, because the Lord descended upon it in fire: and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole 19⁴ mount quaked greatly. And when the voice of the trumpet waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God 20 answered him by a voice. And the Lord came down upon mount Sinai, to the top of the mount: and the Lord called Moses to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. And the Lord said unto Moses, Go down, charge the

1 Or, above

2 Or, it

3 Or, rum, horn

4 Some ancient authorities have, people.

people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them ²²perish. And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon ²³them. And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou didst charge us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and ²⁴sanctify it. And the LORD said unto him, Go, get thee down; and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest he break forth upon ²⁵them. So Moses went down unto the people, and told them.

²⁰ And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ¹bondage.

3 Thou shalt have none other gods ²before me.

4 Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor the likeness of any form that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the ⁵water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me; and shewing mercy unto ⁸thousands, of them that love me and keep my commandments.

7 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God ⁴in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name ⁶in vain.

8 Remember the sabbath day, to keep ⁹it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, ¹⁰and do all thy work: but the seventh day is a sabbath unto the LORD thy God: ¹¹in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

¹² Honour thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

¹³ Thou shalt do no murder.

¹⁴ Thou shalt not commit adultery.

¹⁵ Thou shalt not steal.

¹⁶ Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

¹⁷ Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

¹⁸ And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the voice of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they ⁵trembled, and stood afar off.

¹⁹ And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not ²⁰God speak with us, lest we die. And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before you, that ²¹ye sin not. And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

²² And the LORD said unto Moses, Thus thou shalt say unto the children of Israel, Ye yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven.

²³ Ye shall not make other gods with me; gods of silver, or gods of gold,

²⁴ ye shall not make unto you. An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt offerings, and thy peace offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in every place where I ⁶record my name I will come

²⁵ unto thee and I will bless thee. And if thou make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stones: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, ²⁶thou hast polluted it. Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not discovered thereon.

²¹ Now these are the judgements which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou buy an Hebrew ⁷servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh

8 he shall go out free for nothing. If he come in by himself, he shall go out

4 by himself: if he be married, then

4 his wife shall go out with him. If his

5 master give him a wife, and she bear him sons or daughters; the wife and

5 and he shall go out by himself. But

if the servant shall plainly say, I love

6 my master, my wife, and my children;

6 I will not go out free: then his master

shall bring him unto ⁸God, and shall

bring him to the door, or unto the

door post; and his master shall bore

his ear through with an awl; and he

shall serve him for ever.

7 And if a man sell his daughter to

be a ⁹maidservant, she shall not go

8 out as the menservants do. If she please not her master, ¹⁰who hath

espoused her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto

a strange people he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceit-

fully with her. And if he espouse her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters.

¹⁰ If he take him another wife; her

¹¹ food, her raiment, and her duty of

marriage, shall he not diminish. And

if he do not these three unto her, then

⁵ Or, serve moved

⁶ Or, cause my name to be remembered

⁷ Or, bond-man

⁸ Or, the judge

⁹ Or, bond-woman
¹⁰ Another reading is, so that he hath not espoused her.

¹¹ Heb. flesh.

¹ Heb. bond-servant.
² Or, beside me

³ Or, a thousand generations
See Deut. vii. 9
⁴ Or, for penalty or fatherhood

shall she go out for nothing, without money.

12 He that smiteth a man, so that he die, shall surely be put to death. And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall

14 flee. And if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbour, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 And he that ¹cureth his father, or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 And if men contend, and one smiteth the other with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keep his bed: if he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for ²the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

20 And if a man smite ³his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall surely be punished.

21 Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.

22 And if men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart, and yet no mischief follow: he shall be surely fined, according as the woman's husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges deter-

23 mine. But if any mischief follow, then

24 thou shalt give life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, and destroy it; he shall let him go free for his eye's sake.

27 And if he smite out his manservant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth's sake.

28 And if an ox gore a man or a woman, that they die, the ox shall be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall

29 be quit. But if the ox were wont to gore in time past, and it hath been testified to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, but that he hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put

30 to death. If there be laid on him a ransom, then he shall give for the redemption of his life whatsoever is laid

31 upon him. Whether he have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgement shall it be 32 done unto him. If the ox gore a manservant or a maidservant; he shall

give unto their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

33 And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit and not cover it, and an ox or an ass fall therein, 34 the owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money unto the owner of them, and the dead beast shall be his.

35 And if one man's ox hurt another's, that he die; then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the price of it; and 36 the dead also they shall divide. Or if it be known that the ox was wont to gore in time past, and his owner hath not kept him in; he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead beast shall be his own.

22 If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall pay five oxen for an ox, and four 2 sheep for a sheep. If the thief be found breaking in, and be smitten that he die, there shall be no ⁴bloodguilti-

3 ness for him. If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be bloodguiltiness for him: he should make restitution; if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for 4 his theft. If the theft be found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall pay double.

5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall let his beast loose, and it feed in another man's field; of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the shocks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 If a man shall deliver unto his neighbour money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man's house; if the thief be found, he shall pay 8 double. If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall come near unto ⁵God, to see whether he have not put his hand unto his 9 neighbour's goods. For every matter of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, whereof one saith, This is it, the cause of both parties shall come before ⁵God; he whom ⁶God shall condemn shall pay double unto his neighbour.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbour an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, 11 or driven away, no man seeing it: the oath of the LORD shall be between them both, whether he hath not put his hand unto his neighbour's goods; and the owner thereof shall accept it, and he shall not make restitution.

12 But if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner there-

¹ Or, revileth

² Heb. his sitting or ceasing.
³ Or, his bond-manservant, or his bond-woman

[Ch. xxi. 37 in Heb.]

[Ch. xxii. 1 in Heb.]
⁴ Heb. blood.

⁵ Or, the Judge

13 of. If it be torn in pieces, let him bring it for witness; he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 And if a man ¹borrow ought of his neighbour, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof not being with it, he shall surely make restitution. If the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be an hired thing, ²it came for its hire.

16 And if a man entice a virgin that is not betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely pay a dowry for her to be his wife. If her father utterly refuse to give her unto him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

18 Thou shalt not suffer a sorceress to live.

19 Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

20 He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the LORD only, shall be

21 ³utterly destroyed. And a stranger shalt thou not wrong, neither shalt thou oppress him: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. Ye shall

22 not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. If thou afflict them in any wise, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; and my wrath shall wax hot, and I will kill you with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 If thou lend money to any of my people with thee that is poor, thou shalt not be to him as a creditor; neither shall ye lay upon him usury. If thou at all take thy neighbour's garment to pledge, thou shalt restore it unto him by that the sun goeth down:

27 for that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

28 Thou shalt not revile ⁴God, nor curse a ruler of thy people. Thou shalt not delay to offer of ⁵the abundance of thy fruits, and of thy liquors. The firstborn of thy sons shalt thou

30 give unto me. Likewise shalt thou do with thine oxen, and with thy sheep: seven days it shall be with its dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it 31 me. And ye shall be holy men unto me: therefore ye shall not eat any flesh that is torn of beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

23 Thou shalt not take up a false report: put not thine hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou ⁶speak in a cause to turn aside after a multitude

3 to wrest judgement: neither shalt thou favour a poor man in his cause.

4 If thou meet thine enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely 5 bring it back to him again. If thou

see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, ⁷and wouldst forbear to help him, thou shalt surely help with him.

6 Thou shalt not wrest the judgement of thy poor in his cause. Keep thee far from a false matter; and the innocent and righteous slay thou not: 8 for I will not justify the wicked. And thou shalt take no gift: for a gift blindeth them that have sight, and perverteth the ⁸words of the righteous.

9 And a stranger shalt thou not oppress: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.

10 And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the increase

11 thereof: but the seventh year thou shalt ⁹let it rest and lie fallow; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beast of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt

deal with thy vineyard, and with thy 12 oliveyard. Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt ¹⁰rest: that thine ox and thine

ass may have rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be 18 refreshed. And in all things that I have said unto you take ye heed: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 Three times thou shalt keep a feast 15 unto me in the year. The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep: seven

days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, at the time appointed in the month Abib (for in it thou camest out from Egypt); and none shall appear before me empty:

16 and the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labours, which thou sowest in the field: and the feast of ingathering, at the end of the year, when thou gatherest in thy labours out of the field.

17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord God.

18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my feast remain all

19 night until the morning. The first of the firstfruits of thy ground thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk.

20 Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee by the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have

21 prepared. Take ye heed of him, and hearken unto his voice; ¹¹provoke him not: for he will not pardon your transgression; for my name is in

22 him. But if thou shalt indeed hearken unto his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary 23 unto thine adversaries. For mine

⁷ Or, and wouldst forbear to release it for him, thou shalt surely release it with him

⁸ Or, cause

⁹ Or, release it and let it lie fallow See Deut. xv. 2

¹⁰ Or, keep sabbath

¹¹ Or, be not rebellious against him

¹ Heb. ask.

² Or, it is returned to (Heb. cometh into) its hire

³ Heb. destroyed. See Lev. xxvii. 25.

⁴ Or, the judges

⁵ Heb. thy fullness and thy tears.

⁶ Or, bear witness

angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: 24 and I will cut them off. Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and 25 break in pieces their pillars. And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the 26 midst of thee. There shall none cast her young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. 27 I will send my terror before thee, and will discomfit all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto 28 thee. And I will send the hornet before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from 29 before thee. I will not drive them out from before thee in one year; lest the land become desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against thee. 30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be 31 increased, and inherit the land. And I will set thy border from the Red Sea even unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness unto ²the River: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. 32 Thou shalt make no covenant with 33 them, nor with their gods. They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee. 24 And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye 2 afar off: and Moses alone shall come near unto the LORD; but they shall not come near; neither shall the people go up with him. And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgements: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath spoken will we do. 4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of 6 oxen unto the LORD. And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on 7 the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath spoken will we do,

8 and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you ²concerning all these 9 words. Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the 10 elders of Israel: and they saw the God of Israel; and there was under his feet as it were ⁴a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the 11 very heaven for clearness. And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: and they beheld God, and did eat and drink. 12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee the tables of stone, and the law and the commandment, which I have written, that thou 13 mayest teach them. And Moses rose up, and Joshua his minister: and Moses 14 went up into the mount of God. And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: whosoever hath a cause, let him 15 come near unto them. And Moses went up into the mount, and the cloud 16 covered the mount. And the glory of the LORD abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out 17 of the midst of the cloud. And the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children 18 of Israel. And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights. 25 And the LORD spake unto Moses, 2 saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they take for me an ⁶offering: of every man whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take my ⁶offering. And this is the ⁶offering which ye shall take of them; gold, and 4 silver, and brass; and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and ⁶fine linen, and 5 goats' hair; and rams' skins dyed red, 6 and ⁷sealskins, and acacia wood; oil for the light, spices for the anointing 7 oil, and for the sweet incense; ⁸onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the 8 ephod, and for the breastplate. And let them make me a sanctuary; that I 9 may dwell among them. According to all that I shew thee, the pattern of the ⁹tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture thereof, even so shall ye make it. 10 And they shall make an ark of acacia wood: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit 11 and a half the height thereof. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou over-

¹ Or, obelisks
See Lev. xxvi. 1,
3 Kings iii. 2.

² That is, the Euphrates.

³ Or, upon all these conditions

⁴ Or, work of bright sapphire

⁵ Or, having offering

⁶ Or, cotton

⁷ Or, spoor, skins

⁸ Or, beryl

⁹ Heb. dwelling.

¹ Or, rim
Or, mould-
ing

² Heb.
rub.

³ Or,
covering

⁴ Or,
turned

⁵ Heb.
out of the
mercy-
seat.

⁶ See
ver. II.

⁷ Or, pro-
sawed

lay it, and shalt make upon it a
12¹ crown of gold round about. And thou
shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and
put them in the four feet thereof;
and two rings shall be on the one
13² side of it, and two rings on the other
side of it. And thou shalt make staves
of acacia wood, and overlay them with
14 gold. And thou shalt put the staves
into the rings on the sides of the
15 ark, to bear the ark withal. The
staves shall be in the rings of the ark:
16 they shall not be taken from it. And
thou shalt put into the ark the testi-
17 mony which I shall give thee. And
thou shalt make a ³mercy-seat of pure
gold: two cubits and a half shall be
the length thereof, and a cubit and a
18 half the breadth thereof. And thou
shalt make two cherubim of gold;
of ⁴beaten work shalt thou make
them, at the two ends of the mercy-
19 seat. And make one cherub at the
one end, and one cherub at the other
end: ⁵of one piece with the mercy-
seat shall ye make the cherubim
20 on the two ends thereof. And the
cherubim shall spread out their wings
on high, covering the mercy-seat with
their wings, with their faces one to
another; toward the mercy-seat shall
21 the faces of the cherubim be. And
thou shalt put the mercy-seat above
upon the ark; and in the ark thou
shalt put the testimony that I shall
22 give thee. And there I will meet with
thee, and I will commune with thee
from above the mercy-seat, from be-
tween the two cherubim which are
upon the ark of the testimony, of
all things which I will give thee in
commandment unto the children of
Israel.
23 And thou shalt make a table of acacia
wood: two cubits shall be the length
thereof, and a cubit the breadth there-
of, and a cubit and a half the height
24 thereof. And thou shalt overlay it
with pure gold, and make thereto a
25⁶ crown of gold round about. And thou
shalt make unto it a border of an
handbreadth round about, and thou
shalt make a golden crown to the bor-
26 der thereof round about. And thou
shalt make for it four rings of gold,
and put the rings in the four corners
that are on the four feet thereof.
27 Close by the border shall the rings
be, for places for the staves to bear
28 the table. And thou shalt make the
staves of acacia wood, and overlay
them with gold, that the table may
29 be borne with them. And thou shalt
make the dishes thereof, and the
spoons thereof, and the flagons there-
of, and the bowls thereof, to pour out
withal: of pure gold shalt thou make
30 them. And thou shalt set upon the
table ⁷shewbread before me alway.

31 And thou shalt make a candlestick
of pure gold: of ⁴beaten work shall
the candlestick be made, even its ⁸base,
and its shaft; its cups, its knops, and
its flowers, shall be ⁹of one piece with
32 it: and there shall be six branches
going out of the sides thereof; three
branches of the candlestick out of the
one side thereof, and three branches
of the candlestick out of the other side
33 thereof: three cups made like almond-
blossoms in one branch, a knop and
a flower; and three cups made like
almond-blossoms in the other branch,
a knop and a flower: so for the six
branches going out of the candlestick:
34 and in the candlestick four cups made
like almond-blossoms, the knops there-
35 of, and the flowers thereof: and a knop
under two branches ⁹of one piece with
it, and a knop under two branches
⁹of one piece with it, and a knop
under two branches ⁹of one piece with
it, for the six branches going out of
36 the candlestick. Their knops and their
branches shall be ⁹of one piece with
it: the whole of it one ⁴beaten work of
37 pure gold. And thou shalt make the
lamps thereof, seven: and they shall
¹⁰light the lamps thereof, to give light
38 over against it. And the tongs there-
of, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall
39 be of pure gold. Of a talent of pure
gold shall it be made, with all these
40 vessels. And see that thou make them
after their pattern, which hath been
shewed thee in the mount.
26 Moreover thou shalt make the
¹¹tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine
twined linen, and blue, and purple,
and scarlet, with cherubim the work
of the cunning workman shalt thou
2 make them. The length of each cur-
tain shall be eight and twenty cubits,
and the breadth of each curtain four
cubits: all the curtains shall have
3 one measure. Five curtains shall be
coupled together one to another; and
the other five curtains shall be coupled
4 one to another. And thou shalt make
loops of blue upon the edge of the one
curtain ¹²from the selvedge in the
coupling; and likewise shalt thou make
in the edge of the curtain that is out-
5 most in the second ¹³coupling. Fifty
loops shalt thou make in the one cur-
tain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in
the edge of the curtain that is in the
second ¹³coupling; the loops shall be
6 opposite one to another. And thou shalt
make fifty clasps of gold, and couple
the curtains one to another with the
clasps: and the tabernacle shall be one.
7 And thou shalt make curtains of goats'
hair for a tent over the tabernacle:
eleven curtains shalt thou make them.
8 The length of each curtain shall be
thirty cubits, and the breadth of each
curtain four cubits: the eleven curtains

⁸ Heb.
thigh.

⁹ Heb.
out of the
same.

¹⁰ Or, set
up

¹¹ See ch.
xv. 9.

¹² Or,
that is
out most
in the
first set
¹³ Or, set

9 shall have one measure. And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double over the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tent. And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops upon the edge of the curtain which is *outmost in* the second coupling. And thou shalt make fifty clasps of brass, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one.

12 And the overhanging part that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. And the cubit on the one side, and the cubit on the other side, of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of sealskins above.

15 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up. Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each board. Two tenons shall there be in each board, joined one to another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle. And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side southward. And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons: and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards: and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. And for the hinder part of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the hinder part. And they shall be double beneath, and in like manner they shall be entire unto the top thereof unto one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. And there shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

26 And thou shalt make bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the hinder part westward. And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall pass through from end to end. And thou shalt overlay the boards

with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold. And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which hath been shewed thee in the mount.

31 And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim the work of the cunning workman shall it be made: and thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold, their hooks shall be of gold, upon four sockets of silver. And thou shalt hang up the veil under the clasps, and shalt bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall divide unto you between the holy place and the most holy. And thou shalt put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. And thou shalt set the table without the veil, and the candlestick over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side. And thou shalt make a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer. And thou shalt make for the screen five pillars of acacia, and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of brass for them.

27 And thou shalt make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof: the horns thereof shall be of one piece with it: and thou shalt overlay it with brass. And thou shalt make its pots to take away its ashes, and its shovels, and its basons, and its fleshhooks, and its firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass. And thou shalt make for it a grating of network of brass; and upon the net shalt thou make four brasen rings in the four corners thereof. And thou shalt put it under the ledge round the altar beneath, that the net may reach halfway up the altar. And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with brass. And the staves thereof shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, in bearing it. Hollow with planks shalt thou make it: as it hath been shewed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

9 And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen an hundred cubits long for one side: and the pillars

¹ Or, first net

² Or, net

³ Or, porpoise-skins

⁴ Or, morticed

⁵ Or, the first

⁶ Heb. ends.

⁷ Heb. ribs.

thereof shall be twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings an hundred cubits long, and the pillars thereof twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver. And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits: their pillars ten, and their sockets ten. And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. The hangings for the one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And for the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits: their pillars three, and their sockets three. And for the gate of the court shall be a screen of twenty cubits, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer: their pillars four, and their sockets four. All the pillars of the court round about shall be filleted with silver; their hooks of silver, and their sockets of brass. The length of the court shall be an hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty every where, and the height five cubits, of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. All the instruments of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.

20 And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause a lamp to burn continually. In the tent of meeting, without the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD: it shall be a statute for ever throughout their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

28 And bring thou near unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron's sons. And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory and for beauty. And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to sanctify him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office. And these are the garments which they shall make; a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a coat of chequer work, a mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the

5 priest's office. And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the scarlet, and the fine linen.

6 And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the cunning workman. It shall have two shoulderpieces joined to the two ends thereof; that it may be joined together. 8 And the cunningly woven band, which is upon it, to gird it on withal, shall be like the work thereof and of the same piece; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the six that remain on the other stone, 11 according to their birth. With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones, according to the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be inclosed in ouches of gold. And thou shalt put the two stones upon the shoulderpieces of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

13 And thou shalt make ouches of gold: 14 and two chains of pure gold; like cords shalt thou make them, of wreathen work: and thou shalt put the wreathen chains on the ouches. And thou shalt make a breastplate of judgement, the work of the cunning workman; like the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. Foursquare it shall be and double; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof. And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle shall be the first row; and the second row an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; and the third row a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; and the fourth row a beryl, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be inclosed in gold in their settings. And the stones shall be according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, every one according to his name, 22 they shall be for the twelve tribes. And thou shalt make upon the breastplate chains like cords, of wreathen work of pure gold. And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 24 And thou shalt put the two wreathen chains of gold on the two rings at the 25 ends of the breastplate. And the

6 See ch. xiv. 2.

7 Or, beryl

1 Or, to set up a lamp continually
2 See ch. xxv. 22, xxx. 24, xxx. 26.

3 Or, due from

4 Or, rainbow

8 Or, ruby
9 Or, emerald
10 Or, carbuncle
11 Or, sardius
12 Or, onyx
13 Or, amber
14 Or, chalcidony

other two ends of the two wreathen chains thou shalt put on the two ouches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, in the forepart thereof. And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, upon the edge thereof, which is toward the side of the ephod inward.

27 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and shalt put them on the two shoulderpieces of the ephod underneath, in the forepart thereof, close by the coupling thereof, above the cunningly woven band of the ephod. And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be upon the cunningly woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod. And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgement upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually. And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgement ¹the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goeth in before the LORD: and Aaron shall bear the judgement of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually.

31 And thou shalt make the robe of 32 the ephod all of blue. And ²it shall have a hole for the head in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of a coat of mail, that 33 it be not rent. And upon the skirts of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the skirts thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the skirts of the robe round about.

35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and the sound thereof shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before the LORD, and when he cometh out, that he die not.

36 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO THE LORD. And thou shalt put it on a lace of blue, and it shall be upon the ³mitre; upon the forefront of the ³mitre it shall 38 be. And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted 39 before the LORD. And thou shalt weave the coat in chequer work of ⁴fine linen, and thou shalt make a ⁵mitre of ⁴fine linen, and thou shalt make a girdle, 40 the work of the embroiderer. And for

¹ That is, the Lights and the Perfections.

² Or, there shall be a hole in the top of it

³ Or, turban

⁴ Or, silk

Aaron's sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and headties shalt thou make for them, for 41 glory and for beauty. And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and upon his sons with him; and shalt anoint them, and ⁶consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover the flesh of their nakedness; from the loins even unto 43 the thighs they shall reach: and they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they go in unto the tent of meeting, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and unto his seed after him.

29 And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest's office: take one young bullock and two rams 2 without blemish, and unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened mingled with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of fine wheat flour shalt 3 thou make them. And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the 4 two rams. And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tent of meeting, and shalt wash them 5 with water. And thou shalt take the garments, and put upon Aaron the coat, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the cunningly woven 6 band of the ephod: and thou shalt set the ⁷mitre upon his head, and put 7 the holy crown upon the ⁷mitre. Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him.

8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put 9 coats upon them. And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and bind headties on them: and they shall have the priesthood by a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons. And thou shalt bring the bullock before the tent of meeting: and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of 11 the bullock. And thou shalt kill the bullock before the LORD, at the door of 12 the tent of meeting. And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger; and thou shalt pour out all the blood at the base of the altar.

13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul upon the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and 14 burn them upon the altar. But the flesh of the bullock, and its skin, and its dung, shalt thou burn with fire without the camp: it is a ⁸sin offering.

⁶ Heb. *all* their hand.

⁸ Heb. *sin*.

15 Thou shalt also take the one ram;
and Aaron and his sons shall lay their
16 hands upon the head of the ram. And
thou shalt slay the ram, and thou
shalt take its blood, and sprinkle it
17 round about upon the altar. And thou
shalt cut the ram into its pieces, and
wash its inwards, and its legs, and put
them ¹with its pieces, and ¹with its
18 head. And thou shalt burn the whole
ram upon the altar: it is a burnt offer-
ing unto the LORD: it is a sweet
savour, an offering made by fire unto
19 the LORD. And thou shalt take the
other ram; and Aaron and his sons
shall lay their hands upon the head of
20 the ram. Then shalt thou kill the ram,
and take of its blood, and put it upon
the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and
upon the tip of the right ear of his
sons, and upon the thumb of their
right hand, and upon the great toe
of their right foot, and sprinkle the
blood upon the altar round about.
21 And thou shalt take of the blood that
is upon the altar, and of the anointing
oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and
upon his garments, and upon his sons,
and upon the garments of his sons
with him: and he shall be hallowed,
and his garments, and his sons, and
22 his sons' garments with him. Also
thou shalt take of the ram the fat,
and the fat tail, and the fat that
covereth the inwards, and the caul
of the liver, and the two kidneys,
and the fat that is upon them, and
the right ²thigh; for it is a ram
23 of consecration: and one loaf of
bread, and one cake of oiled bread,
and one wafer, out of the basket of
unleavened bread that is before the
24 LORD: and thou shalt put the whole
upon the hands of Aaron, and upon
the hands of his sons; and shalt wave
them for a wave offering before the
25 LORD. And thou shalt take them from
their hands, and burn them on the altar
upon the burnt offering, for a sweet
savour before the LORD: it is an offer-
26 ing made by fire unto the LORD. And
thou shalt take the breast of Aaron's
ram of consecration, and wave it for a
wave offering before the LORD: and it
27 shall be thy portion. And thou shalt
sanctify the breast of the wave offering,
and the ²thigh of the heave offering,
which is waved, and which is heaved
up, of the ram of consecration, even of
that which is for Aaron, and of that
28 which is for his sons: and it shall be
for Aaron and his sons as a due for
ever from the children of Israel: for
it is an heave offering: and it shall
be an heave offering from the children
of Israel of the sacrifices of their
peace offerings, even their heave offer-
29 ing unto the LORD. And the holy gar-
ments of Aaron shall be for his sons

¹ Or,
upon

¹ Or,
shoulder

after him, to be anointed in them,
30 and to be consecrated in them. Seven
days shall the son that is priest in his
stead put them on, when he cometh
into the tent of meeting to minister in
31 the holy place. And thou shalt take
the ram of consecration, and seethe
32 its flesh in a holy place. And Aaron
and his sons shall eat the flesh of the
ram, and the bread that is in the
basket, at the door of the tent of meet-
33 ing. And they shall eat those things
wherewith atonement was made, to
consecrate and to sanctify them: but
a stranger shall not eat thereof, be-
34 cause they are holy. And if aught of
the flesh of the consecration, or of the
bread, remain unto the morning, then
thou shalt burn the remainder with
fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is
35 holy. And thus shalt thou do unto
Aaron, and to his sons, according to
all that I have commanded thee: seven
36 days shalt thou consecrate them. And
every day shalt thou offer the bullock
of sin offering for atonement: and
thou shalt ²cleanse the altar, when
thou makest atonement for it; and
thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it.
37 Seven days thou shalt make atone-
ment for the altar, and sanctify it: and
the altar shall be most holy: ⁴whatso-
ever toucheth the altar shall be holy.
38 Now this is that which thou shalt
offer upon the altar; two lambs of
the first year day by day continually.
39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the
morning; and the other lamb thou
40 shalt offer ⁵at even: and with the one
lamb a tenth part of an ephah of fine
flour mingled with the fourth part of
an hin of beaten oil; and the fourth
part of an hin of wine for a drink
41 offering. And the other lamb thou
shalt offer ⁵at even, and shalt do
thereto according to the meal offering
of the morning, and according to the
drink offering thereof, for a sweet
savour, an offering made by fire unto the
42 LORD. It shall be a continual burnt
offering throughout your generations
at the door of the tent of meeting
before the LORD: where I will meet
with you, to speak there unto thee.
43 And there I will meet with the children
of Israel; and the Tent shall be sanc-
44 tified by my glory. And I will sanctify
the tent of meeting, and the altar:
Aaron also and his sons will I sanctify,
to minister to me in the priest's office.
45 And I will dwell among the children
46 of Israel, and will be their God. And
they shall know that I am the LORD
their God, that brought them forth
out of the land of Egypt, that I may
dwell among them: I am the LORD
their God.
30 And thou shalt make an altar to
burn incense upon: of acacia wood

³ Or,
purge
the
altar,
by thy
making
atone-
ment.
⁴ Or, who-
soever

⁵ Heb.
between
the two
evenings.

2 shalt thou make it. A cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of one piece with it. And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the ¹top thereof, and the ²sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a ³crown of gold round about. And two golden rings shalt thou make for it under the crown thereof, upon the two ribs thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make them; and they shall be for places for staves to bear it withal.

5 And thou shalt make the staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy-seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee. And Aaron shall burn thereon incense of sweet spices: every morning, when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn it. And when Aaron ⁴lighteth the lamps ⁵at even, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations.

9 Ye shall offer no strange incense thereon, nor burnt offering, nor meal offering; and ye shall pour no drink offering thereon. And Aaron shall make atonement ⁶upon the horns of it once in the year: with the blood of the sin offering of atonement once in the year shall he make atonement ⁷for it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto the LORD.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, ⁸saying, When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel, according to those that are numbered of them, then shall they give every man a ransom for his soul unto the LORD, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them. This they shall give, every one that passeth over unto them that are numbered, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary: (the shekel is twenty gerahs:) half a shekel for an offering to the LORD. Every one that passeth over unto them that are numbered, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the offering of the LORD. The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when they give the offering of the LORD, to make atonement for your souls. And thou shalt take the atonement money from the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tent of meeting; that it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD, to make atonement for your souls.

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, ⁹saying, Thou shalt also make a laver

of brass, and the base thereof of brass, to wash withal: and thou shalt put it between the tent of meeting and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein.

19 And Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet thereat: ¹⁰when they go into the tent of meeting, they shall wash with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire unto the LORD: so they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22 Moreover the LORD spake unto Moses, ¹¹saying, Take thou also unto thee the chief spices, of flowing myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred and fifty, and of sweet calamus two hundred and fifty, and of ¹²cassia five hundred, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil an hin: and thou shalt make it an holy anointing oil, a perfume compounded after the art of the perfumer: it shall be an holy anointing oil. And thou shalt anoint therewith the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the table and all the vessels thereof, and the candlestick and the vessels thereof, and the altar of incense, and the altar of burnt offering with all the vessels thereof, and the laver and the base thereof.

29 And thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: ¹³whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

31 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your ¹⁴generations. Upon the flesh of man shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any like it, according to the composition thereof: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you. Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people.

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, ¹⁵stacte, and onycha, and galbanum: sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight; and thou shalt make of it incense, a perfume after the art of the perfumer, ¹⁶seasoned with salt, pure and holy: and thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy.

37 And the incense which thou shalt make, according to the composition thereof ye shall not make for yourselves: it shall be unto thee holy for

¹ Heb. roof.
² Heb. walls.
³ Or, rim.
Or, moulding.

⁴ Or, set forth up.
Heb. circumfer to ascend.
⁵ Heb. between the two evenings.
⁶ Or, for

⁷ Or, upon

⁸ Or, corner

⁹ Or, anoint

¹⁰ Or, spiced.
anointing

¹¹ Or, prepared together

38 the LORD. Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereto, he shall be cut off from his people.

31 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: and I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of workmanship.

6 And I, behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that

7 I have commanded thee: the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the Tent; and the table and its vessels, and the pure candlestick with all its vessels, and the altar of incense; and the altar of burnt offering with all its vessels, and the laver and its base; and the finely wrought garments, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the

11 priest's office; and the anointing oil, and the incense of sweet spices for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily ye shall keep my sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD which sanctify

14 you. Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that profaneth it shall surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut

15 off from among his people. Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath day, he shall

16 surely be put to death. Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual

17 covenant. It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of communing with him upon mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

32 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount,

the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron, and said unto him, Up, make us ²gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. And Aaron said unto them, Break off the golden rings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. And all the people brake off the golden rings which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. And he received it at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, and made it a molten calf: and they said, ³These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And when Aaron saw *this*, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation, and said, To-morrow shall be a feast to the LORD. And they rose up early on the morrow, and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings; and the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which thou broughtest up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves: 8 they have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them: they have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it, and have sacrificed unto it, and said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And the LORD said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiffnecked people: now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may wax hot against them, and that I may consume them: and I will make of thee a great nation.

11 And Moses besought the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth thy wrath wax hot against thy people, which thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Wherefore should the Egyptians speak, saying, For evil did he bring them forth, to slay them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against thy people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, 14 and they shall inherit it for ever. And the LORD repented of the evil which he said he would do unto his people.

15 And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, with the two tables of the testimony in his hand; tables that were written on both their sides;

² Or, a god

³ Or This is thy god

1 Some ancient versions render, garments of service.

on the one side and on the other were 16 they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables.

17 And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in 18 the camp. And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome: but the noise 19 of them that sing do I hear. And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing: and Moses' anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath 20 the mount. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it with fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought a great sin upon them? 22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the 23 people, that they are set on evil. For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not 24 what is become of him. And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off; so they gave it me: and I cast it into the fire, and 25 there came out this calf. And when Moses saw that the people were broken loose; for Aaron had let them loose for a derision among their enemies: 26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoso is on the LORD's side, let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered 27 themselves together unto him. And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Put ye every man his sword upon his thigh, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, 28 and every man his neighbour. And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand 29 men. And Moses said, Consecrate yourselves to-day to the LORD, yea, every man against his son, and against his brother; that he may bestow 30 upon you a blessing this day. And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the LORD; peradventure I shall make atonement for your sin.

31 And Moses returned unto the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods 32 of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive

their sin—; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou 33 hast written. And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.

34 And now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine angel shall go before thee: nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin 35 upon them. And the LORD smote the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.

33 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Depart, go up hence, thou and the people which thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land of which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed 2 will I give it: and I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and 3 the Jebusite: unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiff-necked people: lest I consume thee in 4 the way. And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments.

5 And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiff-necked people: if I go up into the midst of thee for one moment, I shall consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may 6 know what to do unto thee. And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments from mount Horeb onward.

7 Now Moses used to take the tent and to pitch it without the camp, afar off from the camp; and he called it, The tent of meeting. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the LORD went out unto the tent of meeting, 8 which was without the camp. And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the Tent, that all the people rose up, and stood, every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he 9 was gone into the Tent. And it came to pass, when Moses entered into the Tent, the pillar of cloud descended, and stood at the door of the Tent: and the 10 LORD spake with Moses. And all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the door of the Tent: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man at 11 his tent door. And the LORD spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his minister Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the Tent.

12 And Moses said unto the LORD, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know whom thou wilt send with

1 Heb. *will lay your hand.*

2 Heb. *Fill your hand.*
3 Or, *for every man hath been against his son and against his brother*

4 Or, *upon*

5 Or, *him whom*

me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found grace in my sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy ways, that I may know thee, to the end that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, My presence shall go *with thee*, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto him, If thy presence go not *with me*, 16 carry us not up hence. For wherein now shall it be known that I have found grace in thy sight, I and thy people? is it not in that thou goest with us, so that we be separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth?

17 And the LORD said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken: for thou hast found grace in my sight, and I know thee by name. 18 And he said, Shew me, I pray thee, 19 thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy. 20 And he said, Thou canst not see my face: for man shall not see me and live. 21 And the LORD said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand 22 upon the rock: and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand 23 until I have passed by: and I will take away mine hand, and thou shalt see my back: but my face shall not be seen.

34 And the LORD said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon the tables the words that were on the first tables, 2 which thou brakest. And be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me on the top of the 3 mount. And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that 4 mount. And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took 5 in his hand two tables of stone. And the LORD descended in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed 6 the name of the LORD. And the LORD passed by before him, and proclaimed, The LORD, the LORD, a God full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy and 7 truth; *keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin: and that will by no means

clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation. 8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. And he said, If now I have found grace in thy sight, O Lord, let the Lord, I pray thee, go in the midst of us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, 10 and take us for thine inheritance. And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been wrought in all the earth, nor in any nation: and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of the LORD, for it is a terrible thing that I do with 11 thee. Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: 13 but ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and ye shall cut down their Asherim: 14 for thou shalt worship no other god: for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, 15 is a jealous God: lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go a whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee and thou eat 16 of his sacrifice; and thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters go a whoring after their gods, and make thy sons go a whoring 17 after their gods. Thou shalt make 18 thee no molten gods. The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, at the time appointed in the month Abib: for in the month Abib thou camest out from 19 Egypt. All that openeth the womb is mine; and all thy cattle that is male, 20 the firstlings of ox and sheep. And the firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb: and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break its neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none 21 shall appear before me empty. Six days thou shalt work, but on the seventh day thou shalt rest: in plowing time and in harvest thou shalt 22 rest. And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, even of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of 23 gathering at the year's end. Three times in the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord God, the God 24 of Israel. For I will cast out nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders:

⁴ Heb. created.

⁵ Or, obelisks.
⁶ Probably the wooden symbols of a goddess Asherah.

⁷ Or, kid.

⁸ Heb. revolation.

¹ Or, and he stood with him there, and called upon him.
² Or, Jehovah by name.
³ See ch. xx. 5, 6.

neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou goest up to appear before the LORD thy God three times in the 25 year. Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning. The first of the firstfruits of thy ground thou shalt bring unto the house of the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not see thee a kid in its mother's milk. 27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel. And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten ¹ commandments. 29 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of the testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses wist not that the skin of his face ² shone ³ by reason of his speaking with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and they were afraid to come nigh him. 31 And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and 32 Moses spake to them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him 33 in mount Sinai. And when Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil 34 on his face. But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was 35 commanded; and the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with him. 35 And Moses assembled all the congregation of the children of Israel, and said unto them, These are the words which the LORD hath commanded, that ye should do them. 4 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of solemn rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth any work therein shall be put to death. Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day. 4 And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD commanded, saying, 6 Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, of the LORD's offering; gold, and silver, and brass; and

blue, and purple, and scarlet, and 7 fine linen, and goats' hair; and rams' skins dyed red, and sealskins, and 8 acacia wood; and oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil, and for 9 the sweet incense; and onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, 10 and for the breastplate. And let every wise hearted man among you come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded; the tabernacle, its tent, and its covering, its clasps, and its boards, 12 its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; the ark, and the staves thereof, the mercy-seat, and the veil of the screen; the table, and its staves, and all its vessels, and the ¹¹ shewbread; the candlestick also for the light, and its vessels, and its lamps, and the oil for the 15 light; and the altar of incense, and its staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; 16 the altar of burnt offering, with its grating of brass, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base; the hangings of the court, the pillars thereof, and their sockets, and the screen 18 for the gate of the court; the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the 19 court, and their cords; the ¹² finely wrought garments, for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office. 20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and brought the LORD's offering, for the work of the tent of meeting, and for all the service thereof, and for the 22 holy garments. And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought brooches, and ¹³ earrings, and signet-rings, and ¹⁴ armlets, all jewels of gold; even every man that offered an offering of gold 23 unto the LORD. And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and rams' skins dyed red, and 24 sealskins, brought them. Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD's offering: and every man, with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the 25 service, brought it. And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, the blue, and the purple, the scarlet, and the fine linen. 26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun the goats' 27 hair. And the rulers brought the ¹⁵ onyx stones, and the stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate;

¹ Heb. words.

² Or, sent forth beams (Heb. horns)
³ Or, while he talked with him

⁴ See ch. xxxi. 18.

⁵ See ch. xxv. 2-7.

⁶ Or, Presence-bread

⁷ See ch. xxxi. 10.

⁸ Or, nose-rings
⁹ Or, neck-laces

¹⁰ Or, beryl

28 and the spice, and the oil; for the light, and for the anointing oil, and 29 for the sweet incense. The children of Israel brought a freewill offering unto the LORD; every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all the work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

30 ¹And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the 31 son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner 32 of workmanship; and to devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, 33 and in brass, and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of cunning 34 workmanship. And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, 35 of the tribe of Dan. Them hath he filled with wisdom of heart, to work all manner of workmanship, of the 36 engraver, and of the cunning workman, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, even of them that do any workmanship, and of those 37 that devise cunning works. And Bezalel and Oholiab shall work, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD hath put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all the work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD hath commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the 3 work to do it: and they received of Moses all the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it withal. And they brought yet unto him freewill offerings every 4 morning. And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which 5 they wrought; and they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work, which the LORD commanded 6 to make. And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were 7 strained from bringing. For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

8 And every wise hearted man among them that wrought the work made the

tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cherubim the work of the cunning workman made he 9 them. The length of each curtain was eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: 10 all the curtains had one measure. And he coupled five curtains one to another: and the other five curtains he 11 coupled one to another. And he made loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain ⁴from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the edge of the curtain that was outmost 12 in the second ⁵coupling. Fifty loops made he in the one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain that was in the second ⁶coupling: the loops were opposite one to another. 13 And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to another with the clasps: so the tabernacle was one. 14 And he made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle: eleven 15 curtains he made them. The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits the breadth of each curtain: the 16 eleven curtains had one measure. And he coupled five curtains by themselves, 17 and six curtains by themselves. And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outmost in the ⁸coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which was outmost in the second ⁹coupling. 18 And he made fifty clasps of brass to couple the tent together, that it might 19 be one. And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of ⁷sealskins above.

20 And he made the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up. 21 Ten cubits was the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the breadth 22 of each board. Each board had two tenons, ¹⁰joined one to another: thus did he make for all the boards of the 23 tabernacle. And he made the boards for the tabernacle; twenty boards for 24 the south side southward: and he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its 25 two tenons. And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, 26 he made twenty boards, and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets 27 under another board. And for the hinder part of the tabernacle westward he made six boards. And two boards made he for the corners of 28 the tabernacle in the hinder part. And they were double beneath, and in like manner they were entire unto the top thereof unto ¹⁰one ring: thus he did to both of them in the two corners.

¹ See ch. xxxi. 1-4.

⁵ Or, craftsman.

⁴ Or, that was outmost in the first set.
⁶ Or, set.

⁸ Or, first set.

⁷ Or, porpoise-skins.
⁹ See ch. xxi. 15-29.

¹⁰ Or, mur-ticed.

¹⁰ Or, ring.

¹⁰ Or, the first.

30 And there were eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; 31 under every board two sockets. And he made bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the 32 tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the hinder part westward. And he made the middle bar to pass through in the midst of the boards from the one end to the other. 34 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold for places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

35 ¹And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim the work of the 36 cunning workman made he it. And he made thereunto four pillars of acacia, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast 37 for them four sockets of silver. And he made a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the 38 embroiderer; and the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their chapters and their fillets with gold: and their five sockets were of brass.

37 ²And Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it: and he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a ³crown of gold 3 to it round about. And he cast for it four rings of gold, in the four feet thereof; even two rings on the one ⁴side of it, and two rings on the other ⁵side of it. And he made staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 5 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the ark, to bear the 6 ark. And he made a ⁶mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half ⁷was the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. And he made two cherubim of gold; of ⁸beaten work made he them, at the two ends of the 8 mercy-seat; one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end: of one piece with the mercy-seat made he the cherubim at the two ends thereof. 9 And the cherubim spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy-seat were the faces of the cherubim.

10 ⁷And he made the table of acacia wood: two cubits ⁸was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof: 11 and he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereto a crown of gold round 12 about. And he made unto it a border

of an handbreadth round about, and made a golden crown to the border 13 thereof round about. And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that were on the 14 four feet thereof. Close by the border were the rings, the places for the 15 staves to bear the table. And he made the staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table. 16 And he made the vessels which were upon the table, the dishes thereof, and the spoons thereof, and the bowls thereof, and the flagons thereof, to pour out withal, of pure gold.

17 ⁹And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick, even its base, and its shaft; its cups, its knops, and its flowers, were of one piece with it: 18 and there were six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the candlestick out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the candlestick out of the other side 19 thereof: three cups made like almond-blossoms in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three cups made like almond-blossoms in the other branch, a knop and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the candlestick. 20 And in the candlestick were four cups made like almond-blossoms, the knops 21 thereof, and the flowers thereof: and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out 22 of it. Their knops and their branches were of one piece with it: the whole of it was one beaten work of pure gold. 23 And he made the lamps thereof, seven, and the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, of pure gold. Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

25 ⁹And he made the altar of incense of acacia wood: a cubit was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, foursquare; and two cubits was the height thereof; the horns thereof were 26 of one piece with it. And he overlaid it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: and he made unto it a 27 crown of gold round about. And he made for it two golden rings under the crown thereof, upon the two ribs thereof, upon the two sides of it, for places 28 for staves to bear it withal. And he made the staves of acacia wood, and 29 overlaid them with gold. ¹⁰And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, after the art of the perfumer.

38 ¹¹And he made the altar of burnt offering of acacia wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five

¹ See ch. xxvi. 31-37.

² See ch. xxv. 10-30.

³ Or. rim.
⁴ Heb. rib.
⁵ Or. moulding.

⁶ Or. covering.

⁸ Or. turned.

⁷ See ch. xxv. 23-28.

⁹ See ch. xxv. 31-38.

⁹ See ch. xxx. 1-8.

¹⁰ See ch. xxx. 33, 34, 35.

¹¹ See ch. xxvii. 1-8.

cubits the breadth thereof, foursquare; and three cubits the height thereof.
 2 And he made the horns thereof upon the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of one piece with it: and he overlaid it with brass. And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, the flesh-hooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass. And he made for the altar a grating of network of brass, under the ledge round it beneath, reaching halfway up. And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grating of brass, to be places for the staves. And he made the staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with brass. And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it withal; he made it hollow with planks.

8 ¹And he made the laver of brass, and the base thereof of brass, of the mirrors of ²the ³serving women which served at the door of the tent of meeting.

9 ⁴And he made the court: for the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen,

10 an hundred cubits: their pillars were twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars and

11 their fillets were of silver. And for the north side an hundred cubits, their pillars twenty, and their sockets twenty, of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver.

12 And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits, their pillars ten, and their sockets ten; the hooks of the

13 pillars and their fillets of silver. And for the east side eastward fifty cubits.

14 The hangings for the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars

15 three, and their sockets three; and so for the other side: on this hand and that hand by the gate of the court were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three.

16 All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen. And the sockets for the pillars were of brass; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets of silver; and the overlaying of their chapters of silver; and all the pillars of the court were

18 filleted with silver. And the screen for the gate of the court was the work of the embroiderer, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: and twenty cubits was the length, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, answerable to the hangings of

19 the court. And their pillars were four, and their sockets four, of brass; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their chapters and their fillets of silver. And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, were of brass.

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21 This is the sum of the things for the tabernacle, even the tabernacle of the testimony, as they were counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the

22 priest. And Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord commanded

23 Moses. And with him was Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan, ^aan engraver, and a cunning workman, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet, and fine linen.

24 All the gold that was used for the work in all the work of the sanctuary, even the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the

25 shekel of the sanctuary. And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after

26 the shekel of the sanctuary: a beka a head, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that passed over to them that were numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and

27 fifty men. And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the veil; an hundred sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a socket.

28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy and five *shekels* he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their chapters, and made fillets for them.

29 And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and

30 four hundred shekels. And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tent of meeting, and the brasen altar, and the brasen grating for it, and all

31 the vessels of the altar, and the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the gate of the court, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

32 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made finely wrought garments, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as the Lord commanded

33 Moses.

2 ^aAnd he made the ephod of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine

3 twined linen. And they did beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, the work of the cunning

4 workman. They made shoulderpieces for it, joined together: at the two ends was it joined together. And the cunningly woven band, that was upon

¹ See ch. xxx. 18.

² Or, the women which ministered to minister.

³ See Num. iv. 22, viii. 24; 1 Sam. ii. 22.

⁴ See ch. xxvii. 9-10.

^a Or, a craftsman.

^a See ch. xxvii. 6-12.

it, to gird it on withal, was of the same piece *and* like the work thereof; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as the Lord commanded Moses.

6 And they wrought the onyx stones, inclosed in ouches of gold, graven with the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the children of Israel. And he put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses.

8 ¹ And he made the breastplate, the work of the cunning workman, like the work of the ephod; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, being double. And they set in it four rows of stones: a row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle was the first row. And the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond. And the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst. And the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were inclosed in ouches of gold in their settings. And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, every one according to his name, for the twelve tribes. And they made upon the breastplate chains like cords, of wreathen work of pure gold. And they made two ouches of gold, and two gold rings; and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. And they put the two wreathen chains of gold on the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. And the other two ends of the two wreathen chains they put on the two onches, and put them on the shoulderpieces of the ephod, in the forepart thereof. And they made two rings of gold, and put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, upon the edge thereof, which was toward the side of the ephod inward. And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two shoulderpieces of the ephod underneath, in the forepart thereof, close by the coupling thereof, above the cunningly woven band of the ephod. And they did bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be upon the cunningly woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as the Lord commanded Moses.

22 ² And he made the robe of the ephod woven work, all of blue; and the hole of the robe in the midst thereof, as the hole of a coat of mail, with a binding

round about the hole of it, that it should not be rent. And they made upon the skirts of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and twined linen. And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pomegranates upon the skirts of the robe round about, between the pomegranates; a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, upon the skirts of the robe round about, to minister in; as the Lord commanded Moses.

27 ³ And they made the coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, and the mitre of fine linen, and the linen breeches of fine twined linen, and the girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, the work of the embroiderer; as the Lord commanded Moses.

30 ⁴ And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO THE LORD. And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it upon the mitre above; as the Lord commanded Moses.

32 Thus was finished all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting: and the children of Israel did according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.

38 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the Tent, and all its furniture, its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets; and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of sealskins, and the veil of the screen; the ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat; the table, all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread; the pure candlestick, the lamps thereof, even the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for the light; and the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the screen for the door of the Tent; the brasen altar, and its grating of brass, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base; the hangings of the court, its pillars, and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court, the cords thereof, and the pins thereof, and all the instruments of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; the finely wrought garments for ministering in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office. According to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did all the work. And Moses saw all the work, and, behold, they had done it; as the Lord had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

¹ See ch. xxviii. 15-22.

² See ch. xxviii.

36, 40, 42

⁴ Or,

carbasus

⁵ See ch. xxviii.

36, 37.

⁶ Or, pur-

pur-

skins

² See ch. xxviii. 31-34.

40 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, On the first day of the first month shalt thou rear up the tabernacle of the 3 tent of meeting. And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and thou shalt screen the ark with the veil. 4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and ¹light the lamps thereof. 5 And thou shalt set the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the screen of the door 6 to the tabernacle. And thou shalt set the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of 7 meeting. And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and shalt put water therein. 8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the screen of the 9 gate of the court. And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt hallow it, and all the furniture 10 thereof: and it shall be holy. And thou shalt anoint the altar of burnt offering, and all its vessels, and sanctify the altar: and the altar shall be 11 most holy. And thou shalt anoint the 12 laver and its base, and sanctify it. And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tent of meeting, 13 and shalt wash them with water. And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments; and thou shalt anoint him, and sanctify him, that he may minister 14 unto me in the priest's office. And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats 15 upon them: and thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: and their anointing shall be to them for an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations. 16 Thus did Moses: according to all that the LORD commanded him, so did he. 17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, that the tabernacle was 18 reared up. And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and laid its sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up its 19 pillars. And he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it; as the LORD 20 commanded Moses. And he took and

put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the 21 mercy-seat above upon the ark: and he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony; as 22 the LORD commanded Moses. And he put the table in the tent of meeting, upon the side of the tabernacle north- 23 ward, without the veil. And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD; as the LORD commanded 24 Moses. And he put the candlestick in the tent of meeting, over against the table, on the side of the taber- 25 nacle southward. And he ¹lighted the lamps before the LORD; as the LORD 26 commanded Moses. And he put the golden altar in the tent of meeting 27 before the veil: and he burnt thereon incense of sweet spices; as the LORD 28 commanded Moses. And he put the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 29 And he set the altar of burnt offering at the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt offering and the meal offering; as the LORD commanded Moses. 30 And he set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put 31 water therein, to wash withal. ²And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat; 32 when they went into the tent of meeting, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed: as the LORD com- 33 manded Moses. And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work. 34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD 35 filled the tabernacle. And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of the LORD filled the 36 tabernacle. And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward, 37 throughout all their journeys: but if the cloud were not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day that it 38 was taken up. For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire therein by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

1 Or,
set up

¹ See ch.
xxx. 18,
20.

THE THIRD BOOK OF MOSES,

COMMONLY CALLED

LEVITICUS.

1 AND the LORD called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tent of meeting, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man of you offereth an oblation unto the LORD, ye shall offer your oblation of the cattle, *even* of the herd and of the flock.

3 If his oblation be a burnt offering of the herd, he shall offer it a male without blemish: he shall offer it at the door of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before the LORD.

4 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. And he shall kill the bullock before the LORD: and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall present the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is at

6 the door of the tent of meeting. And he shall flay the burnt offering, and cut it into its pieces. And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and lay wood in order upon

8 the fire: and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall lay the pieces, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on

9 the fire which is upon the altar: but its inwards and its legs shall he wash with water: and the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, for a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

10 And if his oblation be of the flock, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt offering; he shall offer it a male without blemish. And he shall kill it on

11 the side of the altar northward before the LORD: and Aaron's sons, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood upon

12 the altar round about. And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat: and the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on

13 the fire which is upon the altar: but the inwards and the legs shall he wash with water: and the priest shall offer the whole, and burn it upon the altar: it is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

14 And if his oblation to the LORD be a burnt offering of fowls, then

he shall offer his oblation of turtle-doves, or of young pigeons. And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and ¹wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; and the blood thereof shall be drained out on the side of the altar: and he shall take away its crop with the ²filth thereof, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, in the place of the ashes: and he shall rend it by the wings thereof, *but* shall not divide it asunder: and the priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire: it is a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

2 And when any one offereth an oblation of a meal offering unto the LORD, his oblation shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon: and he shall bring it to Aaron's sons the priests: and he shall take thereout his handful of the fine flour thereof, and of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof; and the priest shall burn it as the memorial thereof upon the altar, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: and that which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

4 And when thou offerest an oblation of a meal offering baken in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. And if thy oblation be a meal offering of the ³baking pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil. Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it is a meal offering. And if thy oblation be a meal offering of the frying pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. And thou shalt bring the meal offering that is made of these things unto the LORD: and it shall be presented unto the priest, and he shall bring it unto the altar. And the priest shall take up from the meal offering the memorial thereof, and shall burn it upon the altar: an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD. And that which is left of the

¹ Or, pinch

² Or, feathers

³ Or, fat plate

meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons': it is a thing most holy of the offerings of the Lord made by fire.

- 11 No meal offering, which ye shall offer unto the Lord, shall be made with leaven: for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, as an offering made by fire unto the Lord. As an oblation of firstfruits ye shall offer them unto the Lord: but they shall not come up for a sweet savour on the altar.

- 13 And every oblation of thy meal offering shalt thou season with salt; neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meal offering: with all thine oblations thou shalt offer salt.

- 14 And if thou offer a meal offering of firstfruits unto the Lord, thou shalt offer for the meal offering of thy firstfruits corn in the ear parched with

- 15 fire, bruised corn of the fresh ear. And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it is a meal offering. And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, part of the bruised corn thereof, and part of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: it is an offering made by fire unto the Lord.

- 3 And if his oblation be a sacrifice of peace offerings; if he offer of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the

- 2 Lord. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his oblation, and kill it at the door of the tent of meeting: and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar

- 3 round about. And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace offerings an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the

- 4 fat that is upon the inwards, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys,

- 5 shall he take away. And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt offering, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the Lord.

- 6 And if his oblation for a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the Lord be of the flock; male or female, he shall

- 7 offer it without blemish. If he offer a lamb for his oblation, then shall

- 8 he offer it before the Lord: and he shall lay his hand upon the head of his oblation, and kill it before the tent of meeting: and Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon

- 9 the altar round about. And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace offerings an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat thereof, the fat tail entire, he shall take it away hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth

the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away. And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire unto the Lord.

- 12 And if his oblation be a goat, then

- 13 he shall offer it before the Lord: and he shall lay his hand upon the head of it, and kill it before the tent of meeting: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the

- 14 altar round about. And he shall offer thereof his oblation, even an offering made by fire unto the Lord; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the

- 15 fat that is upon the inwards, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys,

- 16 shall he take away. And the priest shall burn them upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire, for a sweet savour: all the fat is the

- 17 Lord's. It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings, that ye shall eat neither fat nor blood.

- 4 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any one shall sin

- 5 unwittingly, in any of the things which the Lord hath commanded not to be done, and shall do any one of

- 3 them: if the anointed priest shall sin so as to bring guilt on the people; then let him offer for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto the Lord for a sin

- 4 offering. And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tent of meeting before the Lord; and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the bullock, and kill the bullock before

- 5 the Lord. And the anointed priest shall take of the blood of the bullock, and bring it to the tent of meeting:

- 6 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle of the blood seven times before the Lord, before

- 7 the veil of the sanctuary. And the priest shall put of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the Lord, which is in the tent of meeting; and all the blood of the

- bullock shall he pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the tent of meeting. And all the fat of the bullock of the sin offering he shall take off from it; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat

- 9 that is upon the inwards, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys, shall

³ See ver. 4.

⁴ Heb. breast.

¹ Or, ² meal offerings

² Or, which he shall take away by the backbone

³ Or, through error

⁶ See ch. iii. 4.

10 he take away, as it is taken off from the ox of the sacrifice of peace offerings: and the priest shall burn them
 11 upon the altar of burnt offering. And the skin of the bullock, and all its flesh, with its head, and with its legs,
 12 and its inwards, and its dung, even the whole bullock shall he carry forth without the camp unto a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall it be burnt.

13 And if the whole congregation of Israel shall err, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done any of the things which the Lord hath commanded not
 14 to be done, and are guilty; when the sin wherein they have sinned is known, then the assembly shall offer a young bullock for a sin offering, and bring it before the tent of meet-
 15 ing. And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the Lord: and the bullock shall be killed before
 16 the Lord. And the anointed priest shall bring of the blood of the bullock
 17 to the tent of meeting: and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord,
 18 before the veil. And he shall put of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before the Lord, that is in the tent of meeting, and all the blood shall he pour out at the base of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the
 19 door of the tent of meeting. And all the fat thereof shall he take off from
 20 it, and burn it upon the altar. Thus shall he do with the bullock; as he did with the bullock of the sin offering, so shall he do with this: and the priest shall make atonement for them,
 21 and they shall be forgiven. And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bullock: it is the sin offering for the assembly.

22 When a ruler sinneth, and doeth unwittingly any one of all the things which the Lord his God hath commanded not
 23 to be done, and is guilty; if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, be made known to him, he shall bring for his oblation
 24 a goat, a male without blemish; and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it in the place where they kill the burnt offering before the Lord:
 25 it is a sin offering. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and the blood thereof shall he pour out at the base of the altar of
 26 burnt offering. And all the fat thereof shall he burn upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings:

and the priest shall make atonement for him as concerning his sin, and he shall be forgiven.

27 And if any one of the ¹common people sin unwittingly, in doing any of the things which the Lord hath commanded not to be done, and be
 28 guilty; if his sin, which he hath sinned, be made known to him, then he shall bring for his oblation a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he
 29 hath sinned. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering in the place
 30 of burnt offering. And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and all the blood thereof shall he pour out at the base
 31 of the altar. And all the fat thereof shall he take away, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour unto the Lord; and the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.

32 And if he bring a lamb as his oblation for a sin offering, he shall bring it a
 33 female without blemish. And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the
 34 burnt offering. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and all the blood thereof shall he pour
 35 out at the base of the altar: and all the fat thereof shall he take away, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of peace offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar, ²upon the offerings of the Lord made by fire: and the priest shall make atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

5 And if any one sin, in that he heareth the voice of adjuration, he being a witness, whether he hath seen or known, if he do not utter it, then he
 2 shall bear his iniquity: or if any one touch any unclean thing, whether it be the carcase of an unclean beast, or the carcase of unclean cattle, or the carcase of unclean creeping things, and it be hidden from him, and he be
 3 unclean, then he shall be guilty: or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever his uncleanness be wherewith he is unclean, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall
 4 be guilty: or if any one swear rashly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall utter rashly with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these things:

¹ Heb. people of the land.

² Or, after the manner of

5 and it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that wherein he hath sinned:

6 and he shall bring ¹his guilt offering unto the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin offering; and the priest shall make atonement for

7 him as concerning his sin. And if his means suffice not for a lamb, then he shall bring ¹his guilt offering for that wherein he hath sinned, two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, unto the LORD; one for a sin offering, and

8 the other for a burnt offering. And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin offering first, and ²wring off its head from its neck, but shall not divide it

9 asunder: and he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering upon the side of the altar; and the rest of the blood shall be drained out at the base of

10 the altar: it is a sin offering. And he shall ³offer the second for a burnt offering, according to the ordinance: and the priest shall make atonement for him as concerning his sin which he hath sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

11 But if his means suffice not for two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, then he shall bring his oblation for that wherein he hath sinned, the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin offering; he shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense thereon:

12 for it is a sin offering. And he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it as the memorial thereof, and burn it on the altar, ⁴upon the offerings of the LORD

13 made by fire: it is a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned in any of these things, and he shall be forgiven: and *the remnant* shall be the priest's, as the meal offering.

14 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, If any one commit a trespass, and sin unwittingly, in the holy things of the LORD; then he shall bring his guilt offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation in silver by shekels, after the shekel of the sanc-

15 tuary, for a guilt offering: and he shall make restitution for that which he hath done amiss in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest: and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering, and he shall be forgiven.

17 And if any one sin, and do any of the things which the LORD hath commanded not to be done; though he knew it not, yet is he guilty, and shall

18 bear his iniquity. And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation, for a guilt offering, unto the priest: and the priest shall make atonement for him concerning the thing wherein he erred unwittingly and knew it not, and he

19 shall be forgiven. It is a guilt offering: he is certainly guilty before the LORD.

6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, If any one sin, and commit a trespass against the LORD, and deal falsely with his neighbour in a matter of deposit, or of ⁵bargain, or of robbery, or have oppressed his neighbour;

8 or have found that which was lost, and deal falsely therein, and swear to a lie; in any of all these that a

4 man doeth, sinning therein: then it shall be, if he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took by robbery, or the thing which he hath gotten by oppression, or the deposit which was committed to him, or the lost thing which he

5 found, or any thing about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in full, and shall add the fifth part more thereto: unto him to whom it appertaineth shall he give it, in the day of his being found guilty.

6 And he shall bring his guilt offering unto the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation, for a guilt offering, unto

7 the priest: and the priest shall make atonement for him before the LORD, and he shall be forgiven; concerning whatsoever he doeth so as to be guilty thereby.

8 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering: the burnt offering shall be

6 on the hearth upon the altar all night unto the morning; and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning thereon.

10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes whereto the fire hath consumed the burnt offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.

11 And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a

12 clean place. And the fire upon the altar shall be kept burning thereon, it shall not go out; and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning: and he shall lay the burnt offering in order upon it, and shall burn thereon the

13 fat of the peace offerings. Fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continually; it shall not go out.

14 And this is the law of the meal offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer

¹ Or, for his guilt
² Or, his trespass offering

³ Or, pinch

⁴ Or, prepare

⁵ Or, after the measure of

[Ch. v. 30
in Heb.]

⁵ Or, pledge

[Ch. vi. 1
in Heb.]

⁶ Or, on its firewood

it before the LORD, before the altar.
 15 And he shall take up therefrom his handful, of the fine flour of the meal offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the meal offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savour, as the memorial thereof, unto the LORD.
 16 And that which is left thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: it shall be eaten without leaven in a holy place; in the court of the tent of meeting they shall eat it. It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as the sin offering, and as the guilt offering. Every male among the children of Aaron shall eat of it, as a due for ever throughout your generations, from the offerings of the LORD made by fire: whosoever toucheth them shall be holy.
 19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, 20 saying, This is the oblation of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the LORD in the day when he is anointed; the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering perpetually, half of it in the morning, 21 and half thereof in the evening. On a ¹baking pan it shall be made with oil; when it is soaked, thou shalt bring it in: in ²baked pieces shalt thou offer the meal offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD. And the anointed priest that shall be in his stead from among his sons shall offer it: by a statute for ever it shall be wholly burnt unto the LORD. And every meal offering of the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.
 24 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering: in the place where the burnt offering is killed shall the sin offering be killed before the LORD: it is most holy.
 26 The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in a holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tent of meeting.
 27 ³Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy: and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in a holy place. But the earthen vessel wherein it is sodden shall be broken: and if it be sodden in a ⁴brass vessel, it shall be scoured, and rinsed in water. Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it is most holy. And no sin offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place, shall be eaten: it shall be burnt with fire.
 7 And this is the law of the guilt offering: it is most holy. In the place where they kill the burnt offering shall they kill the guilt offering: and

the blood thereof shall he sprinkle upon the altar round about. And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof; the fat tail, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, ⁴with the kidneys, shall he take away: and the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto the LORD: it is a guilt offering. Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in a holy place: 7 it is most holy. As is the sin offering, so is the guilt offering: there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith, he shall have it. 8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt offering, even the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt offering which he hath offered. And every meal offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying pan, and on the ¹baking pan, shall be the priest's that offereth it. 10 And every meal offering, mingled with oil, or dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as well as another.
 11 And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which one shall offer unto the LORD. If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour soaked. With cakes of leavened bread he shall offer his oblation with the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving. And of it he shall offer one out of each oblation for an heave offering unto the LORD; it shall be the priest's that sprinkleth the blood of the peace offerings. And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his oblation; he shall not leave any of it until the morning. But if the sacrifice of his oblation be a vow, or a freewill offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow that which remaineth of it shall be eaten: but that which remaineth of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire. And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings be eaten on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.
 19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire. And as for the flesh, every one that is clean shall eat thereof: but the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offer-

¹ See ch. II. 5.

² The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain.

³ Or, Whosoever

⁴ See ch. XII. 4.

ings, that pertain unto the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from his people. And when any one shall touch

21 people. And when any one shall touch any unclean thing, the uncleanness of man, or an unclean beast, or any unclean abomination, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings, which pertain unto the LORD, that soul shall be cut off from his people.

22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no fat, of

23 ox, or sheep, or goat. And the fat of that which dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn of beasts, may be used for any other service: but ye shall

24 in no wise eat of it. For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people.

25 And ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of fowl or of beast, in

26 any of your dwellings. Whosoever it be that eateth any blood, that soul shall be cut off from his people.

27 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto the LORD shall bring his oblation unto the LORD out of the sacrifice of his peace offerings: his own hands shall bring the offerings of the LORD made by fire; the fat with the breast shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave offering before the LORD. And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar: but the breast shall be Aaron's and his

28 sons'. And the right thigh shall ye give unto the priest for an heave offering out of the sacrifices of your peace offerings. He among the sons of Aaron, that offereth the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the

29 right thigh for a portion. For the wave breast and the heave thigh have I taken of the children of Israel out of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons as a due for ever from the children of Israel.

30 This is the anointing-portion of Aaron, and the anointing-portion of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister unto the LORD in the priest's office; which the LORD commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them. It is a due for ever throughout their generations. This is the law of the burnt offering, of the meal offering, and of the sin offering, and of the guilt offering, and of the sacrifice of

31 peace offerings; which the LORD commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the

day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

32 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bullock of the sin offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread; and assemble thou all the congregation at the door of the tent of meeting. And Moses did as the LORD commanded him; and the congregation was assembled at the door of the tent of meeting. And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded

33 to be done. And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and he girded him with the cunningly woven band of the ephod, and bound it unto him

34 therewith. And he placed the breastplate upon him; and in the breastplate he put the Urim and the Thummim.

35 And he set the mitre upon his head; and upon the mitre, in front, did he set the golden plate, the holy crown; as the LORD commanded Moses. And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them. And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its vessels, and the laver and its base, to sanctify them. And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head, and anointed him, to sanctify him. And Moses brought Aaron's sons, and clothed them with coats, and girded them with girdles, and bound head-tires upon them; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he brought the bullock of the sin offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock of the sin offering. And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement for

36 it. And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar.

37 But the bullock, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, he burnt with fire without the camp; as the LORD commanded Moses. And he presented the ram of the burnt offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. And he killed it: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. And he cut the ram into its pieces; and Moses burnt

3 See Ex. xxix.

4 That is, the Lights and the Perfections.

5 Or, turban.

1 Or, shoulder.

2 Or, portion.

the head, and the pieces, and the fat.
 21 And he washed the inwards and the legs with water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt offering for a sweet savour: it was an offering made by fire unto the LORD; as the LORD commanded
 22 Moses. And he presented the other ram, the ram of consecration: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands
 23 upon the head of the ram. And he slew it; and Moses took of the blood thereof, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great
 24 toe of his right foot. And he brought Aaron's sons, and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot: and Moses sprinkled the
 25 blood upon the altar round about. And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the
 26 right thigh: and out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before the LORD, he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and placed them on the fat,
 27 and upon the right thigh: and he put the whole upon the hands of Aaron, and upon the hands of his sons, and waved them for a wave offering before
 28 the LORD. And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar upon the burnt offering: they were a consecration for a sweet savour: it was an offering made by fire
 29 unto the LORD. And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD: it was Moses' portion of the ram of consecration; as the
 30 LORD commanded Moses. And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him; and sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sons,
 31 and his sons' garments with him. And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tent of meeting: and there eat it and the bread that is in the basket of consecration, ²as I commanded, saying,
 32 Aaron and his sons shall eat it. And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire.
 33 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tent of meeting seven days, until the days of your consecration be fulfilled: for he shall ³consecrate you
 34 seven days. As hath been done this day, so the LORD hath commanded to
 35 do, to make atonement for you. And at the door of the tent of meeting shall ye abide day and night seven days,

and keep the charge of the LORD, that ye die not: for so I am commanded. And Aaron and his sons did all the things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.
 9 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel; and he said unto Aaron, Take thee a bull calf for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offering, without blemish, and offer
 3 them before the LORD. And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a he-goat for a sin offering; and a calf and a lamb, both of the first year, without blemish, for a
 4 burnt offering; and an ox and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD; and a meal offering mingled with oil: for to-day the LORD appear-
 5 eth unto you. And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tent of meeting: and all the congregation drew near and stood before the
 6 LORD. And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded that ye should do: and the glory of the
 7 LORD shall appear unto you. And Moses said unto Aaron, Draw near unto the altar, and offer thy sin offering, and thy burnt offering, and make atonement for thyself, and for the people: and offer the oblation of the people, and make atonement for them; as
 8 the LORD commanded. So Aaron drew near unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin offering, which was for him-
 9 self. And the sons of Aaron presented the blood unto him: and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out
 10 the blood at the base of the altar: but the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul from the liver of the sin offering, he burnt upon the altar; as the LORD
 11 commanded Moses. And the flesh and the skin he burnt with fire without
 12 the camp. And he slew the burnt offering; and Aaron's sons delivered unto him the blood, and he sprinkled
 13 it upon the altar round about. And they delivered the burnt offering unto him, piece by piece, and the head: and he burnt them upon the altar.
 14 And he washed the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt
 15 offering on the altar. And he presented the people's oblation, and took the goat of the sin offering which was for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first. And he presented the burnt offering, and offered it according to the ordinance.
 17 And he presented the meal offering, and filled his hand therefrom, and burnt it upon the altar, besides the
 18 burnt offering of the morning. He slew also the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of peace offerings, which was

¹ Or, shoulder

² The Sept., Onkelos and Syr. read, as I am commanded. See ver. 35, ch. x. 12.

³ Heb. All your hand.

for the people: and Aaron's sons delivered unto him the blood, and he sprinkled it upon the altar round about, and the fat of the ox; and of the ram, the fat tail, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the caul of the liver: and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar: and the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved for a wave offering before the LORD; as Moses commanded. And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people, and blessed them; and he came down from offering the sin offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings. And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the people. And there came forth fire from before the LORD, and consumed upon the altar the burnt offering and the fat: and when all the people saw it, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

10 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took each of them his censer, and put fire therein, and laid incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he had not commanded them. And there came forth fire from before the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD. Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that the LORD spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. And Moses called Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Draw near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary out of the camp. So they drew near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp; as Moses had said. And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, Let not the hair of your heads go loose, neither rend your clothes; that ye die not, and that he be not wroth with all the congregation: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which the LORD hath kindled. And ye shall not go out from the door of the tent of meeting, lest ye die: for the anointing oil of the LORD is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, saying, Drink no wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tent of meeting, that ye die not: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: and that ye may put difference between the holy and the common, and between

11 the unclean and the clean; and that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses.

12 And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons that were left, Take the meal offering that remaineth of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar: for it is most holy: and ye shall eat it in a holy place, because it is thy due, and thy sons' due, of the offerings of the LORD made by fire: for so I am commanded. And the wave breast and the heave thigh shall ye eat in a clean place; thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for they are given as thy due, and thy sons' due, out of the sacrifices of the peace offerings of the children of Israel. The heave thigh and the wave breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave offering before the LORD: and it shall be thine, and thy sons' with thee, as a due for ever; as the LORD hath commanded.

16 And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the sons of Aaron that were left, saying, Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin offering in the place of the sanctuary, seeing it is most holy, and he hath given it you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD? Behold, the blood of it was not brought into the sanctuary within: ye should certainly have eaten it in the sanctuary, as I commanded. 19 And Aaron spake unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD; and there have befallen me such things as these: and if I had eaten the sin offering to-day, would it have been well-pleasing in the sight of the LORD? And when Moses heard that, it was well-pleasing in his sight.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses and 2 to Aaron, saying unto them, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the living things which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are 3 on the earth. Whatsoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall 4 ye eat. Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that part the hoof: the camel, because he cheweth the cud but parteth not the hoof, he is unclean unto 5 you. And the coney, because he cheweth the cud but parteth not the hoof, he is unclean unto you. And the hare, because she cheweth the cud

1 Or, are nigh

8 Some ancient versions render, I move not your heads.

3 Or, ye shall

4 Or, to take away

5 Heb. bringeth up

6 Heb. shu-phun, the Hyrax Syriacus or mur. bell.

1 Heb.
bringeth
up.

but parteth not the hoof, she is unclean unto you. And the swine, because he parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, but ¹cheweth not the cud, he is unclean unto you. Of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcases ye shall not touch; they are unclean unto you.

9 These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them shall ye eat. And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of all that move in the waters, and of all the living creatures that are in the waters, they are an abomination unto you, and they shall be an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, and their carcases ye shall have in abomination. Whatsoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that is an abomination unto you.

13 And these ye shall have in abomination among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the ²eagle, and the gier eagle, and the osprey; and the kite, and the falcon after its kind; every raven after its kind; and the ostrich, and the ³night hawk, and the seamew, and the hawk after its kind; and the little owl, and the cormorant, and the great owl; and the ⁴horned owl, and the pelican, and the vulture; and the stork, the ⁵heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

20 All winged creeping things that go upon all four are an abomination unto you. Yet these may ye eat of all winged creeping things that go upon all four, which have legs above their feet, to leap withal upon the earth; even these of them ye may eat; the ⁶locust after its kind, and the ⁶bald locust after its kind, and the ⁶cricket after its kind, and the ⁶grasshopper after its kind. But all winged creeping things, which have four feet, are an abomination unto you.

24 And by these ye shall become unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcase of them shall be unclean until the even: and whosoever beareth *ought* of the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even. 26 Every beast which parteth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, is unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean. And whatsoever goeth upon its paws, among all beasts that go on all four, they are unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcase shall be unclean until the even. And he that beareth the carcase of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they are unclean unto you. 29 And these are they which are unclean

unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth; the weasel, and the mouse, and the great lizard after its kind, and the ⁷gecko, and the ⁷land-crocodile, and the ⁷lizard, and the ⁷sand-lizard, and the chameleon. 31 These are they which are unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they are dead, shall be unclean until the even. And upon whatsoever any of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be, wherewith any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; then shall it be clean. And every earthen vessel, wherewith any of them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean. 34 and it ye shall break. All food therein which may be eaten, that on which water cometh, shall be unclean: and all drink that may be drunk in every ⁸such vessel shall be unclean. And every thing whereupon any part of their carcase falleth shall be unclean; whether oven, or ⁸range for pots, it shall be broken in pieces: they are unclean, and shall be unclean unto you. 36 Nevertheless a fountain or a ⁹pit wherein is a gathering of water shall be clean: but ¹⁰that which toucheth their carcase shall be unclean. And if *ought* of their carcase fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it is clean. But if water be put upon the seed, and *ought* of their carcase fall thereon, it is unclean unto you. 39 And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcase thereof shall be unclean until the even. 40 And he that eateth of the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcase of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even. 41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth is an abomination; it shall not be eaten. Whatsoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all four, or whatsoever hath many feet, even all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination. Ye shall not make yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby. For I am the Lord your God: sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves with any manner of creeping thing that moveth upon the earth. 45 For I am the Lord that brought you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

7 Words of uncertain meaning, but probably denoting four kinds of lizards.

² Or, great vulture

³ Heb. *tschinnit*, of uncertain meaning.

⁴ Or, *noctua*
⁵ Or, *ibis*

⁶ Four kinds of locusts or grasshoppers, which are not certainly known.

⁸ Or, *stomach*

⁹ Or, *cistern*

¹⁰ Or, *he who*

46 This is the law of the beast, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon the earth: to make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten.

12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman conceive seed, and bear a man child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of the impurity of her sickness shall she be unclean. And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. And she shall continue in the blood of her purifying three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled. But if she bear a maid child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her impurity: and she shall continue in the blood of her purifying threescore and six days. 6 And when the days of her purifying are fulfilled, for a son, or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon, or a turtledove, for a sin offering, unto the door of the tent of meeting, unto the priest: and he shall offer it before the LORD, and make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the fountain of her blood. This is the law for her that beareth, whether a male or a female. 8 And if her means suffice not for a lamb, then she shall take two turtledoves, or two young pigeons; the one for a burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering: and the priest shall make atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, When a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a rising, or a scab, or a bright spot, and it become in the skin of his flesh the plague of leprosy, then he shall be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests: and the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh: and if the hair in the plague be turned white, and the appearance of the plague be deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is the plague of leprosy: and the priest shall look on him, and pronounce him unclean. And if the bright spot be white in the skin of his flesh, and the appearance thereof be not deeper than the skin, and the hair thereof be not turned white, then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague seven days: and the priest shall look on him the seventh day: and,

behold, if in his eyes the plague be at a stay, and the plague be not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up seven days more: and the priest shall look on him again the seventh day: and, behold, if the plague be dim, and the plague be not spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean: it is a scab: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 7 But if the scab spread abroad in the skin, after that he hath shewn himself to the priest for his cleansing, he shall shew himself to the priest again: and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the scab be spread in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is leprosy.

9 When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought unto the priest; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if there be a white rising in the skin, and it have turned raw hair white, and there be quick raw flesh in the rising, it is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him unclean: he shall not shut him up; for he is unclean. 12 And if the leprosy break out abroad in the skin, and the leprosy cover all the skin of him that hath the plague from his head even to his feet, as far as appeareth to the priest; then the priest shall look: and, behold, if the leprosy have covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: 14 it is all turned white: he is clean. But whensoever raw flesh appeareth in him, he shall be unclean. And the priest shall look on the raw flesh, and pronounce him unclean: the raw flesh is unclean: it is leprosy. Or if the raw flesh turn again, and be changed unto white, then he shall come unto the priest, and the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the plague be turned into white, then the priest shall pronounce him clean that hath the plague: he is clean.

18 And when the flesh hath in the skin thereof a boil, and it is healed, and in the place of the boil there is a white rising, or a bright spot, reddish-white, then it shall be shewed to the priest; and the priest shall look, and, behold, if the appearance thereof be lower than the skin, and the hair thereof be turned white, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague of leprosy, 21 it hath broken out in the boil. But if the priest look on it, and, behold, there be no white hairs therein, and it be not lower than the skin, but be dim, then the priest shall shut him up seven days: and if it spread abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a plague. But if the bright spot stay in its place, and be not spread, it is the scar of the boil;

and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

- 24 Or when the flesh hath in the skin thereof a burning by fire, and the quick flesh of the burning become a bright spot, reddish-white, or white;
- 25 then the priest shall look upon it: and, behold, if the hair in the bright spot be turned white, and the appearance thereof be deeper than the skin; it is leprosy, it hath broken out in the burning: and the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the plague
- 26 of leprosy. But if the priest look on it, and, behold, there be no white hair in the bright spot, and it be no lower than the skin, but be dim; then the priest shall shut him up seven
- 27 days: and the priest shall look upon him the seventh day: if it spread abroad in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is the
- 28 plague of leprosy. And if the bright spot stay in its place, and be not spread in the skin, but be dim; it is the rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean: for it is the scar of the burning.
- 29 And when a man or woman hath a plague upon the head or upon the
- 30 beard, then the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, if the appearance thereof be deeper than the skin, and there be in it yellow thin hair, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean: it is a scall, it is leprosy of
- 31 the head or of the beard. And if the priest look on the plague of the scall, and, behold, the appearance thereof be not deeper than the skin, and there be no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut up him that hath the plague
- 32 of the scall seven days: and in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague: and, behold, if the scall be not spread, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the appearance of the scall
- 33 be not deeper than the skin, then he shall be shaven, but the scall shall be not shave; and the priest shall shut up him that hath the scall seven days
- 34 more: and in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall: and, behold, if the scall be not spread in the skin, and the appearance thereof be not deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be
- 35 clean. But if the scall spread abroad
- 36 in the skin after his cleansing; then the priest shall look on him: and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for the yellow
- 37 hair; he is unclean. But if in his eyes the scall be at a stay, and black hair be grown up therein; the scall is healed, he is clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.
- 38 And when a man or a woman hath in

the skin of their flesh bright spots, even white bright spots; then the priest shall look: and, behold, if the bright spots in the skin of their flesh be of a dull white; it is a tetter, it hath broken out in the skin; he is clean.

40 And if a man's hair be fallen off his

41 head, he is bald; yet is he clean. And if his hair be fallen off from the front part of his head, he is forehead bald;

42 yet is he clean. But if there be in the bald head, or the bald forehead, a reddish-white plague; it is leprosy breaking out in his bald head, or his

43 bald forehead. Then the priest shall look upon him: and, behold, if the rising of the plague be reddish-white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy in

44 the skin of the flesh; he is a leprous man, he is unclean: the priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and the hair of his head shall go loose, and he shall cover his upper lip, and shall cry, Un-

46 clean, unclean. All the days wherein the plague is in him he shall be unclean; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his dwelling be.

47 The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, whether it be a woollen

48 garment, or a linen garment; whether it be in warp, or woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether in a skin, or in any

49 thing made of skin; if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in any thing of skin; it is the plague of leprosy, and shall be

50 shewed unto the priest: and the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up that which hath the plague seven

51 days: and he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in the skin, whatever service skin is used for; the plague is a fretting leprosy; it

52 is unclean. And he shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in woollen or in linen, or any thing of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall

53 be burnt in the fire. And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or

54 in any thing of skin; then the priest shall command that they wash the thing wherein the plague is, and he

55 shall shut it up seven days more: and the priest shall look, after that the plague is washed: and, behold, if the plague have not changed its colour, and the plague be not spread, it is unclean; thou shalt burn it in the

¹ See ch. x. 6

² Or, woven or knitted stuff (and in vv. 46, 47, &c.)

¹ Heb. whether it be laid in the hands thereof, or in the forehead thereof.

fire: it is a fret, ¹ whether the bare-
56 ness be within or without. And if
the priest look, and, behold, the plague
be dim after the washing thereof, then
he shall rend it out of the garment, or
out of the skin, or out of the warp, or
57 out of the woof: and if it appear still
in the garment, either in the warp, or
in the woof, or in any thing of skin,
it is breaking out: thou shalt burn
that wherein the plague is with fire.
58 And the garment, either the warp, or
the woof, or whatsoever thing of skin
it be, which thou shalt wash, if the
plague be departed from them, then
it shall be washed the second time,
59 and shall be clean. This is the law of
the plague of leprosy in a garment of
woollen or linen, either in the warp,
or the woof, or any thing of skin, to
pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it
unclean.

14 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
² saying, This shall be the law of the
leper in the day of his cleansing: he
3 shall be brought unto the priest: and
the priest shall go forth out of the
camp; and the priest shall look, and,
behold, if the plague of leprosy be
4 healed in the leper; then shall the
priest command to take for him that
is to be cleansed two living clean
birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet,
5 and hyssop: and the priest shall com-
mand to kill one of the birds in an
earthen vessel over ² running water:
6 as for the living bird, he shall take it,
and the cedar wood, and the scarlet,
and the hyssop, and shall dip them
and the living bird in the blood of the
bird that was killed over the ² running
7 water: and he shall sprinkle upon him
that is to be cleansed from the leprosy
seven times, and shall pronounce him
clean, and shall let go the living bird
8 into the open field. And he that is to
be cleansed shall wash his clothes,
and shave off all his hair, and bathe
himself in water, and he shall be clean:
and after that he shall come into the
camp, but shall dwell outside his tent
9 seven days. And it shall be on the
seventh day, that he shall shave all his
hair off his head and his beard and
his eyebrows, even all his hair he
shall shave off: and he shall wash his
clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh
10 in water, and he shall be clean. And
on the eighth day he shall take two he-
lambs without blemish, and one ewe-
lamb of the first year without blemish,
and three tenth parts of an ephah of
fine flour for a meal offering, mingled
11 with oil, and one log of oil. And the
priest that cleanseth him shall set the
man that is to be cleansed, and those
things, before the LORD, at the door
12 of the tent of meeting: and the priest

shall take one of the he-lambs, and
offer him for a guilt offering, and the
log of oil, and wave them for a wave
13 offering before the LORD: and he shall
kill the he-lamb in the place where they
kill the sin offering and the burnt offer-
ing, in the place of the sanctuary: for
as the sin offering is the priest's, so is
the guilt offering: it is most holy:
14 and the priest shall take of the blood
of the guilt offering, and the priest
shall put it upon the tip of the right
ear of him that is to be cleansed, and
upon the thumb of his right hand,
and upon the great toe of his right
15 foot: and the priest shall take of the
log of oil, and pour it into the palm
16 of his own left hand: and the priest
shall dip his right finger in the oil
that is in his left hand, and shall
sprinkle of the oil with his finger
17 seven times before the LORD: and of
the rest of the oil that is in his hand
shall the priest put upon the tip of
the right ear of him that is to be
cleansed, and upon the thumb of his
right hand, and upon the great toe of
his right foot, upon the blood of the
18 guilt offering: and the rest of the oil
that is in the priest's hand he shall
put upon the head of him that is to be
cleansed: and the priest shall make
atonement for him before the LORD.
19 And the priest shall offer the sin
offering, and make atonement for him
that is to be cleansed because of his
uncleanness; and afterward he shall
20 kill the burnt offering: and the priest
shall offer the burnt offering and the
meal offering upon the altar: and the
priest shall make atonement for him,
and he shall be clean.
21 And if he be poor, and cannot get so
much, then he shall take one he-lamb
for a guilt offering to be waved, to
make atonement for him, and one tenth
part of an ephah of fine flour mingled
with oil for a meal offering, and a log
22 of oil; and two turtle doves, or two
young pigeons, such as he is able to
get; and the one shall be a sin offer-
ing, and the other a burnt offering.
23 And on the eighth day he shall bring
them for his cleansing unto the priest,
unto the door of the tent of meeting,
24 before the LORD. And the priest shall
take the lamb of the guilt offering,
and the log of oil, and the priest shall
wave them for a wave offering before
25 the LORD: and he shall kill the lamb of
the guilt offering, and the priest shall
take of the blood of the guilt offering,
and put it upon the tip of the right
ear of him that is to be cleansed, and
upon the thumb of his right hand, and
upon the great toe of his right foot:
26 and the priest shall pour of the oil
into the palm of his own left hand:
27 and the priest shall sprinkle with his

² Heb. running.

right finger some of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the
 28 Lord: and the priest shall put of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the
 29 blood of the guilt offering: and the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before the Lord.
 30 And he shall offer one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, such as
 31 he is able to get; even such as he is able to get, the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, with the meal offering: and the priest shall make atonement for him that is
 32 to be cleansed before the Lord. This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, who is not able to get *that which pertaineth* to his cleansing.
 33 And the Lord spake unto Moses and
 34 unto Aaron, saying, When ye be come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the
 35 land of your possession; then he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, There seemeth to me to be as it were a plague in the
 36 house: and the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest go in to see the plague, that all that is in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall
 37 go in to see the house: and he shall look on the plague, and, behold, if the plague be in the walls of the house with hollow strakes, greenish or reddish, and the appearance thereof be
 38 lower than the wall; then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house
 39 seven days: and the priest shall come again the seventh day, and shall look: and, behold, if the plague be spread
 40 in the walls of the house; then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which the plague is, and cast them into an unclean
 41 place without the city: and he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the mortar that they scrape off without
 42 the city into an unclean place: and they shall take other stones, and put them in the place of those stones: and he shall take other mortar, and
 43 shall plaster the house. And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken out the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is
 44 plastered; then the priest shall come in and look, and, behold, if the plague be spread in the house, it is a fretting

leprosy in the house: it is unclean.
 45 And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them forth out of the
 46 city into an unclean place. Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean
 47 until the even. And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash
 48 his clothes. And if the priest shall come in, and look, and, behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plastered; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague is healed.
 49 And he shall take to cleanse the house two birds, and cedar wood, and scarlet,
 50 and hyssop: and he shall kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel over
 51 ¹running water: and he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird, and in the ¹running water, and sprinkle
 52 the house seven times: and he shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the ¹running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and
 53 with the scarlet: but he shall let go the living bird out of the city into the open field: so shall he make atonement for the house: and it shall be clean.
 54 This is the law for all manner of
 55 plague of leprosy, and for a scall; and for the leprosy of a garment, and for
 56 a house; and for a rising, and for a
 57 scab, and for a bright spot: to teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosy.

¹ Heb.
living.

15 And the Lord spake unto Moses and
 2 to Aaron, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man hath an issue out of his flesh, because of his issue he is unclean.
 3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from
 4 his issue, it is his uncleanness. Every bed whereon he that hath the issue lieth shall be unclean: and every thing whereon he sitteth shall be unclean.
 5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.
 6 And he that sitteth on any thing whereon he that hath the issue sat shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even.
 7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be
 8 unclean until the even. And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be

¹ Or,
carriage

9 unclean until the even. And what ¹saddle soever he that hath the issue
10 rideth upon shall be unclean. And
whosoever toucheth any thing that
was under him shall be unclean until
the even: and he that beareth those
things shall wash his clothes, and
bathe himself in water, and be unclean
11 until the even. And whomsoever he
that hath the issue toucheth, without
having rinsed his hands in water, he
shall wash his clothes, and bathe him-
self in water, and be unclean until the
12 even. And the earthen vessel, which
he that hath the issue toucheth, shall
be broken: and every vessel of wood
13 shall be rinsed in water. And when
he that hath an issue is cleansed of
his issue, then he shall number to
himself seven days for his cleansing,
and wash his clothes; and he shall
bathe his flesh in ²running water, and
14 shall be clean. And on the eighth
day he shall take to him two turtle-
doves, or two young pigeons, and
come before the LORD unto the door
of the tent of meeting, and give
15 them unto the priest: and the priest
shall offer them, the one for a sin
offering, and the other for a burnt
offering; and the priest shall make
atonement for him before the LORD
for his issue.
16 And if any man's seed of copulation
go out from him, then he shall bathe
all his flesh in water, and be unclean
17 until the even. And every garment,
and every skin, whereon is the seed of
copulation, shall be washed with water,
18 and be unclean until the even. The
woman also with whom a man shall
lie with seed of copulation, they shall
both bathe themselves in water, and
be unclean until the even.
19 And if a woman have an issue, and
her issue in her flesh be blood, she
shall be in her ³impurity seven days:
and whosoever toucheth her shall be
20 unclean until the even. And every
thing that she lieth upon in her ³im-
purity shall be unclean: every thing
also that she sitteth upon shall be
21 unclean. And whosoever toucheth her
bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe
himself in water, and be unclean
22 until the even. And whosoever touch-
eth any thing that she sitteth upon
shall wash his clothes, and bathe
himself in water, and be unclean until
23 the even. And if it be on the bed, or
on any thing whereon she sitteth,
when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean
24 until the even. And if any man lie
with her, and her impurity be upon
him, he shall be unclean seven days;
and every bed whereon he lieth shall
be unclean.
25 And if a woman have an issue of her
blood many days not in the time of her

impurity, or if she have an issue
beyond the time of her impurity; all
the days of the issue of her uncleanness
she shall be as in the days of her
26 impurity: she is unclean. Every bed
whereon she lieth all the days of her
issue shall be unto her as the bed of
her impurity: and every thing whereon
she sitteth shall be unclean, as the
27 uncleanness of her impurity. And
whosoever toucheth those things shall
be unclean, and shall wash his clothes,
and bathe himself in water, and be
28 unclean until the even. But if she
be cleansed of her issue, then she
shall number to herself seven days,
29 and after that she shall be clean. And
on the eighth day she shall take unto
her two turtledoves, or two young
pigeons, and bring them unto the
priest, to the door of the tent of meeting.
30 And the priest shall offer the one for a
sin offering, and the other for a burnt
offering; and the priest shall make
atonement for her before the LORD for
the issue of her uncleanness.
31 Thus shall ye separate the children
of Israel from their uncleanness; that
they die not in their uncleanness, when
they defile my tabernacle that is in the
midst of them.
32 This is the law of him that hath an
issue, and of him whose seed of cop-
ulation goeth from him, so that he is
33 unclean thereby; and of her that is
sick with her impurity, and of him
that hath an issue, of the man, and of
the woman, and of him that lieth with
her that is unclean.

16 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
after the death of the two sons of
Aaron, when they drew near before
2 the LORD, and died; and the LORD
said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron
thy brother, that he come not at all
times into the holy place within the
veil, before the mercy-seat which is
upon the ark; that he die not: for I
will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-
3 seat. Herewith shall Aaron come into
the holy place: with a young bullock
for a sin offering, and a ram for a
4 burnt offering. He shall put on the
holy linen coat, and he shall have the
linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall
be girded with the linen girdle, and with
the linen ⁴mitre shall he be attired:
they are the holy garments; and he
shall bathe his flesh in water, and put
5 them on. And he shall take of the
congregation of the children of Israel
two he-goats for a sin offering, and one
6 ram for a burnt offering. And Aaron
shall present the bullock of the sin of-
fering, which is for himself, and make
atonement for himself, and for his
7 house. And he shall take the two goats,
and set them before the LORD at the

³ Or,
separation

⁴ Or,
surround

¹ Or, *dismissed*Or, *over*

8 door of the tent of meeting. And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for the LORD, and the other lot for ⁹ Azazel. And Aaron shall present the goat upon which the lot fell for the LORD, and offer him for a sin offering. ¹⁰ But the goat, on which the lot fell for Azazel, shall be set alive before the LORD, to make atonement ¹¹ for him, to send him away for Azazel into the wilderness. And Aaron shall present the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself: and he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: ¹³ and he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that is upon the testimony, that he ¹⁴ die not: and he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy-seat on the east; and before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his ¹⁵ finger seven times. Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with his blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-seat: and ¹⁶ he shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleannesses of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, even all their sins: and so shall he do for the tent of meeting, that dwelleth with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. ¹⁷ And there shall be no man in the tent of meeting when he goeth in to make atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made atonement for himself, and for his household, ¹⁸ and for all the assembly of Israel. And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD, and make atonement for it; and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns ¹⁹ of the altar round about. And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleannesses of ²⁰ the children of Israel. And when he hath made an end of atoning for the holy place, and the tent of meeting, and the altar, he shall present the ²¹ live goat: and Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, even all their sins; and he shall put them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the

hand of a man ²² that is in readiness into the wilderness: and the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a solitary land: and he shall let go ²³ the goat in the wilderness. And Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them ²⁴ there: and he shall bathe his flesh in water in a holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering and the burnt offering of the people, and make atonement for ²⁵ himself and for the people. And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn ²⁶ upon the altar. And he that letteth go the goat for Azazel shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the ²⁷ camp. And the bullock of the sin offering, and the goat of the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be carried forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, ²⁸ and their flesh, and their dung. And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. ²⁹ And it shall be a statute for ever unto you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and shall do no manner of work, the homeborn, or the stranger ³⁰ that sojourneth among you: for on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins shall ye be clean before the LORD. ³¹ It is a sabbath of solemn rest unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls; it ³² is a statute for ever. And the priest, who shall be anointed and who shall be consecrated to be priest in his father's stead, shall make the atonement, and shall put on the linen garments, even the holy garments: and he shall make atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make atonement for the tent of meeting and for the altar; and he shall make atonement for the priests and for all the ³⁴ people of the assembly. And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make atonement for the children of Israel because of all their sins once in the year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

³ Or, *appointed*

¹⁷ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them; This is the thing which the LORD hath commanded, saying, What man soever there be of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or lamb, or goat, in the camp, or that killeth it without the

4 camp, and hath not brought it unto the door of the tent of meeting, to offer it as an oblation unto the Lord before the tabernacle of the Lord: blood shall be imputed unto that man; he hath shed blood; and that man shall be cut off from among his people: to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they sacrifice in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the Lord, unto the door of the tent of meeting, unto the priest, and sacrifice them for sacrifices of peace offerings unto the Lord. And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the Lord at the door of the tent of meeting, and burn the fat for a sweet savour unto the Lord. And they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices unto the ¹he-goats, after whom they go a whoring. This shall be a statute for ever unto them throughout their generations.

8 And thou shalt say unto them, Whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that offereth a burnt offering or sacrifice, and bringeth it not unto the door of the tent of meeting, to sacrifice it unto the Lord; even that man shall be cut off from his people.

10 And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that eateth any manner of blood; I will set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. For the ²life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh atonement by reason of the ²life. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, which taketh in hunting any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

14 For as to the life of all flesh, the blood thereof is *all one* with the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off. And every soul that eateth ³that which dieth of itself, or that which is torn of beasts, whether he be homeborn or a stranger, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean. But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

1 Or.
suffer

2 Heb.
and.

3 Heb. &
outcast.

18 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the Lord your God. After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their statutes. My judgements shall ye do, and my statutes shall ye keep, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God. Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and my judgements: which if a man do, he shall live ⁴in them: I am the Lord.

6 None of you shall approach to any that is near of kin to him, to uncover ⁵their nakedness: I am the Lord. The nakedness of thy father, even the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy father's nakedness. The nakedness of thy sister, the daughter of thy father, or the daughter of thy mother, whether born at home, or born abroad, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover. The nakedness of thy son's daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. The nakedness of thy father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is thy sister, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness.

12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's sister: she is thy father's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister: for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father's brother, thou shalt not approach to his wife: she is thine aunt. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter in law: she is thy son's wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother's wife: it is thy brother's nakedness. Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; thou shalt not take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are near kinswomen: it is ⁶wickedness. And thou shalt not take a woman to her sister, to be a rival to her, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life time. And thou shalt not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness, as long as she is ⁶impure by her uncleanness. And thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbour's wife, to defile thyself with her. And thou shalt not give any of thy seed ⁷to make them pass through the fire to Molech, neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord.

22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as

4 Or, by

5 Or.
certainly

6 Or.
separated for

7 Or.
to set them apart to Molech

with womankind: it is abomination.
 23 And thou shalt not lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast, to lie down thereto: it is confusion.
 24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out from before you: and the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land vomiteth out her inhabitants. Ye therefore shall keep my statutes and my judgements, and shall not do any of these abominations; neither the homeborn, nor the stranger that sojourneth among you:
 27 (for all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled;) that the land vomit not you out also, when ye defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. For whosoever shall do any of these abominations, even the souls that do them shall be cut off from among their people. Therefore shall ye keep my charge, that ye do not any of these abominable customs, which were done before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am the LORD your God.

19 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and ye shall keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God. Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am the LORD your God. And when ye offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, ye shall offer it that ye may be accepted. It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if aught remain until the third day, it shall be burnt with fire. And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination; it shall not be accepted: but every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the holy thing of the LORD: and that soul shall be cut off from his people.

9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather the fallen fruit of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and for the stranger: I am the LORD your God. Ye shall not steal; neither shall ye deal falsely, nor lie one to another. 12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, so that thou profane the name of thy God: I am the LORD. Thou

shalt not oppress thy neighbour, nor rob him: the wages of a hired servant shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but thou shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgement: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honour the person of the mighty: but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbour. Thou shalt not go up and down as a tale-bearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbour: I am the LORD. Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thine heart: thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbour, and not bear sin because of him. Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the LORD. Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with two kinds of seed: neither shall there come upon thee a garment of two kinds of stuff mingled together. And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bond-maid, betrothed to an husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; ²they shall be punished; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free. And he shall bring his guilt offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tent of meeting, even a ram for a guilt offering. And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the guilt offering before the LORD for his sin which he hath sinned: and he shall be forgiven for his sin which he hath sinned. And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as their uncircumcision: three years shall they be as uncircumcised unto you; it shall not be eaten. 24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy, for giving praise unto the LORD. And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am the LORD your God. 26 Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantments, nor practise augury. Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard. Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the LORD. Profane not thy daughter, to make her a harlot; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I

² Heb. there shall be punishment.

³ Or. in mourning.

¹ Heb. things of naught. See Jer. xiv. 14.

31 am the LORD. Turn ye not unto them that have familiar spirits, nor unto the wizards; seek them not out, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God. Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honour the face of the old man, and thou shalt fear thy God: I am the LORD. And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not do him wrong. The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the homeborn among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God. Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgement, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt. And ye shall observe all my statutes, and all my judgements, and do them: I am the LORD.

20 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Moreover, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones.

3 I also will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name.

4 And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from that man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and put him not to death: then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people. And the soul that turneth unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto the wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I am the LORD your God. And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the LORD which sanctify you.

9 For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall surely be put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him. And the man that committeth adultery with another man's wife, even he that committeth adultery with his neighbour's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death.

11 And the man that lieth with his father's wife hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man lie with his daugh-

ter in law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man lie with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you. And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt kill the woman, and the beast: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a shameful thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people: he hath uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath made naked her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people. And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother's sister, nor of thy father's sister: for he hath made naked his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: they shall bear their sin; they shall die childless. And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is impurity: he hath uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgements, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, vomit you not out. And ye shall not walk in the customs of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they did all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.

24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from the peoples. Ye shall therefore separate between the clean beast and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by fowl, or by any thing wherewith the ground teemeth, which I have separated from you as unclean. And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have separated you from the peoples, that ye should be mine.

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8 Heb.
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27 A man also or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.

21 And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none defile himself for the dead among his people; except for his kin, that is near unto him, for his mother, and for his father, and for his son, and for his daughter, and for his brother; and for his sister a virgin, that is near unto him, which hath had no husband, for 4 her may he defile himself. He shall not defile himself, ¹being a chief man among his people, to profane himself.

5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make 6 any cuttings in their flesh. They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the Lord made by fire, the bread of their God, they do offer:

7 therefore they shall be holy. They shall not take a woman that is a harlot, or ²profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God.

8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the Lord, which sanctify you, am holy.

9 And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the harlot, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

10 And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil is poured, and ³that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not let the hair of his head go loose,

11 nor rend his clothes; neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father, or for his mother;

12 neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the ⁴crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord.

13 And he shall take a wife in her virginity. A widow, or one divorced, or a ²profane woman, an harlot, these shall he not take: but a virgin of his

15 own people shall he take to wife. And he shall not profane his seed among his people: for I am the Lord which sanctify him.

16 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed throughout their generations that hath a blemish, let him not approach to offer the

18 bread of his God. For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a ⁵flat nose, or

19 any thing superfluous, or a man that 20 is brokenfooted, or brokenhanded, or crookbacked, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or is scurvy, or 21 scabbed, or hath his stones broken; no man of the seed of Aaron the priest, that hath a blemish, shall come nigh to offer the offerings of the Lord made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his

22 God. He shall eat the bread of his God, both of the most holy, and of the

28 holy. Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I am

24 the Lord which sanctify them. So Moses spake unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel.

22 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, which they hallow unto me, and that they profane not my holy

3 name: I am the Lord. Say unto them, Whosoever he be of all your seed throughout your generations, that approacheth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from

4 before me: I am the Lord. What man soever of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or hath an issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth ⁶any thing that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him;

5 or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath; the soul which toucheth any such shall be unclean until the even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he bathe his flesh in

7 water. And when the sun is down, he shall be clean; and afterward he shall eat of the holy things, because

8 it is his bread. That which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith: I am

9 the Lord. They shall therefore keep my charge, lest they bear sin for it, and die therein, if they profane it: I am the Lord which sanctify them.

10 There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest's, or an hired servant, shall not eat of

11 the holy thing. But if a priest buy any soul, the purchase of his money, he shall eat of it; and such as are born in his house, they shall eat of his bread.

12 And if a priest's daughter be married unto a stranger, she shall not eat of the heave offering of the holy things.

13 But if a priest's daughter be a widow,

¹ Or, as a husband. The Sept. has, on a maiden.

² Or, polluted.

³ Heb. whose hand is filled.

⁴ Or, consecration.

⁵ Or, ill.

⁶ Or, any one.

or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father's bread: but there shall no stranger eat thereof. And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give unto the priest the 15 holy thing. And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the LORD; 16 and so cause them to bear the iniquity that bringeth guilt, when they eat their holy things: for I am the LORD which sanctify them.

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, 18 saying, Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whosoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that offereth his oblation, whether it be any of their vows, or any of their freewill offerings, which they offer unto the LORD for a 19 burnt offering; that ye may be accepted, ye shall offer a male without blemish, of the beeves, of the sheep, or of the 20 goats. But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not 21 be acceptable for you. And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to accomplish a vow, or for a freewill offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish 22 therein. Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having³ a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them 23 upon the altar unto the LORD. Either a bullock or a lamb that hath any thing superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest thou offer for a freewill offering; but for a vow it 24 shall not be accepted. That which hath its stones bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut, ye shall not offer unto the LORD; neither shall ye⁴ do 25 thus in your land. Neither from the hand of a foreigner shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, there is a blemish in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

26 And the LORD spake unto Moses, 27 saying, When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for the oblation of an offering made by fire unto the 28 LORD. And whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and her young both 29 in one day. And when ye sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, ye shall sacrifice it that ye may be accepted. On the same day it shall be eaten; ye shall leave none of it until 31 the morning: I am the LORD. There-

¹ Or, make a special vow

² Or, serve

³ Or, sacrifice them

fore shall ye keep my commandments, 32 and do them: I am the LORD. And ye shall not profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am the LORD 33 which hallow you, that brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the LORD.

23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, The⁴ set feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are 3 my set feasts. Six days shall work be done: but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, an holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of work: it is a sabbath unto the LORD in all your dwellings.

4 These are the set feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall 5 proclaim in their appointed season. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month⁵ at even, is the LORD's 6 passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD: seven days ye shall eat unleavened bread. 7 In the first day ye shall have an holy convocation: ye shall do no⁶ servile 8 work. But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days: in the seventh day is an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye be come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring the sheaf of the firstfruits of your harvest unto the 11 priest: and he shall wave the sheaf before the LORD, to be accepted for you: on the morrow after the sabbath 12 the priest shall wave it. And in the day when ye wave the sheaf, ye shall offer a he-lamb without blemish of the first year for a burnt offering unto the 13 LORD. And the meal offering thereof shall be two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto the LORD for a sweet savour: and the drink offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth 14 part of an hin. And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched corn, nor fresh ears, until this selfsame day, until ye have brought the oblation of your God: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven sabbaths 16 shall there be complete: even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and

⁴ Or, appointed seasons

⁵ Heb. between the two evenings.

⁶ Heb. work of labour.

ye shall offer a new meal offering unto
 17 the LORD. Ye shall bring out of your
 habitations two wave loaves of two
 tenth parts of an *ephah*: they shall be
 of fine flour, they shall be baked with
 leaven, for firstfruits unto the LORD.
 18 And ye shall present with the bread
 seven lambs without blemish of the first
 year, and one young bullock, and two
 rams: they shall be a burnt offering
 unto the LORD, with their meal offer-
 ing, and their drink offerings, even
 an offering made by fire, of a sweet
 19 savour unto the LORD. And ye shall
 offer one he-goat for a sin offering,
 and two he-lambs of the first year
 20 for a sacrifice of peace offerings. And
 the priest shall wave them with the
 bread of the firstfruits for a wave
 offering before the LORD, with the
 two lambs: they shall be holy to the
 21 LORD for the priest. And ye shall
 make proclamation on the selfsame
 day; there shall be an holy convoca-
 tion unto you: ye shall do no servile
 work: it is a statute for ever in all
 your dwellings throughout your gener-
 ations.
 22 And when ye reap the harvest of
 your land, thou shalt not wholly reap
 the corners of thy field, neither shalt
 thou gather the gleaning of thy har-
 vest: thou shalt leave them for the
 poor, and for the stranger: I am the
 LORD your God.
 23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, say-
 24 ing, Speak unto the children of Israel,
 saying, In the seventh month, in the
 first day of the month, shall be a solemn
 rest unto you, a memorial of blowing
 25 of trumpets, an holy convocation. Ye
 shall do no servile work: and ye shall
 offer an offering made by fire unto the
 LORD.
 26 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
 27 saying, Howbeit on the tenth day
 of this seventh month is the day
 of atonement: it shall be an holy
 convocation unto you, and ye shall
 afflict your souls; and ye shall offer
 an offering made by fire unto the
 28 LORD. And ye shall do no manner
 of work in that same day: for it is
 a day of atonement, to make atone-
 ment for you before the LORD your
 29 God. For whatsoever soul it be that
 shall not be afflicted in that same day,
 he shall be cut off from his people.
 30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth
 any manner of work in that same
 day, that soul will I destroy from
 31 among his people. Ye shall do no
 manner of work: it is a statute for ever
 throughout your generations in all
 32 your dwellings. It shall be unto you a
 sabbath of solemn rest, and ye shall
 afflict your souls: in the ninth day
 of the month at even, from even unto
 even, shall ye keep your sabbath.

33 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
 34 saying, Speak unto the children of
 Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day
 of this seventh month is the feast
 of ¹tabernacles for seven days unto
 35 the LORD. On the first day shall be
 an holy convocation: ye shall do no
 36 servile work. Seven days ye shall
 offer an offering made by fire unto the
 LORD: on the eighth day shall be an
 holy convocation unto you; and ye
 shall offer an offering made by fire
 unto the LORD: it is a ²solemn as-
 sembly; ye shall do no servile work.
 37 These are the set feasts of the LORD,
 which ye shall proclaim to be holy
 convocations, to offer an offering made
 by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offer-
 ing, and a meal offering, a sacrifice,
 and drink offerings, each on its own
 38 day: beside the sabbaths of the LORD,
 and beside your gifts, and beside all
 your vows, and beside all your free-
 will offerings, which ye give unto the
 LORD.
 39 Howbeit on the fifteenth day of the
 seventh month, when ye have gather-
 ed in the fruits of the land, ye shall
 keep the feast of the LORD seven
 days: on the first day shall be a
 solemn rest, and on the eighth day
 40 shall be a solemn rest. And ye shall
 take you on the first day the fruit of
 goodly trees, branches of palm trees,
 and boughs of thick trees, and willows
 of the brook; and ye shall rejoice be-
 fore the LORD your God seven days.
 41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto the
 LORD seven days in the year: it is a
 statute for ever in your generations:
 ye shall keep it in the seventh month.
 42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days:
 all that are homeborn in Israel shall
 43 dwell in booths: that your generations
 may know that I made the children
 of Israel to dwell in booths, when I
 brought them out of the land of
 Egypt: I am the LORD your God.
 44 And Moses declared unto the children
 of Israel the set feasts of the LORD.

24 ³And the LORD spake unto Moses,
 2 saying, Command the children of
 Israel, that they bring unto thee pure
 olive oil beaten for the light, ⁴to cause
 3 a lamp to burn continually. With-
 out the veil of the testimony, in the
 tent of meeting, shall Aaron order it
 from evening to morning before the
 LORD continually: it shall be a statute
 for ever throughout your generations.
 4 He shall order the lamps upon the
 pure candlestick before the LORD con-
 tinually.

5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and
 bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth
 parts of an *ephah* shall be in one cake.
 6 And thou shalt set them in ⁵two

¹ Heb.
booths.

² Or,
closing
festival

³ See Ex.
xxv. 37.

⁴ Or,
to set up
a lamp
continually

⁵ Or,
two piles,
six in a
pile.

rows, six on a row, upon the pure table
7 before the LORD. And thou shalt put
pure frankincense upon each ¹row,
that it may be to the bread for a me-
morial, even an offering made by fire
8 unto the LORD. Every sabbath day
he shall set it in order before the
LORD continually; it is ²on the behalf
of the children of Israel, an everlast-
9 ing covenant. And it shall be for
Aaron and his sons; and they shall
eat it in a holy place: for it is most
holy unto him of the offerings of the
LORD made by fire by a perpetual
statute.

10 And the son of an Israelitish woman,
whose father was an Egyptian, went out
among the children of Israel: and the
son of the Israelitish woman and a man
of Israel strove together in the camp;
11 and the son of the Israelitish woman
blasphemed the Name, and cursed:
and they brought him unto Moses.
And his mother's name was Shelomith,
the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of
12 Dan. And they put him in ward, that
it might be declared unto them at the
mouth of the LORD.
13 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
14 saying, Bring forth him that hath
cursed without the camp; and let all
that heard him lay their hands upon
his head, and let all the congregation
15 stone him. And thou shalt speak unto
the children of Israel, saying, Whoso-
ever curseth his God shall bear his
16 sin. And he that blasphemeth the
name of the LORD, he shall surely be
put to death; all the congregation
shall certainly stone him: as well the
stranger, as the homeborn, when he
blasphemeth the name of the LORD,
17 shall be put to death. And he that
smiteth any man mortally shall surely
18 be put to death; and he that smiteth
a beast mortally shall make it good:
19 life for life. And if a man cause a
blemish in his neighbour; as he hath
done, so shall it be done to him;
20 breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth
for tooth: as he hath caused a blemish
in a man, so shall it be rendered unto
21 him. And he that killeth a beast shall
make it good: and he that killeth a
22 man shall be put to death. Ye shall
have one manner of law, as well for
the stranger, as for the homeborn: for
23 I am the LORD your God. And Moses
spake to the children of Israel, and
they brought forth him that had
cursed out of the camp, and stoned
him with stones. And the children of
Israel did as the LORD commanded
Moses.

25 And the LORD spake unto Moses in
2 mount Sinai, saying, Speak unto the
children of Israel, and say unto them,

When ye come into the land which I
give you, then shall the land keep a
3 sabbath unto the LORD. Six years
thou shalt sow thy field, and six years
thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and
4 gather in the fruits thereof; but in
the seventh year shall be a sabbath of
solemn rest for the land, a sabbath
unto the LORD: thou shalt neither
sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard.
5 That which groweth of itself of thy
harvest thou shalt not reap, and the
grapes of thy undressed vine thou
shalt not gather: it shall be a year of
6 solemn rest for the land. And the
sabbath of the land shall be for food
for you; for thee, and for thy servant
and for thy maid, and for thy hired
servant and for thy stranger that so-
7 journ with thee; and for thy cattle,
and for the beasts that are in thy
land, shall all the increase thereof be
for food.
8 And thou shalt number seven sab-
baths of years unto thee, seven times
seven years; and there shall be unto
thee the days of seven sabbaths of
years, even forty and nine years.
9 Then shalt thou send abroad the loud
trumpet on the tenth day of the
seventh month; in the day of atone-
ment shall ye send abroad the trumpet
10 throughout all your land. And ye
shall hallow the fiftieth year, and pro-
claim liberty throughout the land unto
all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be
a jubile unto you; and ye shall return
every man unto his possession, and ye
shall return every man unto his family.
11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be
unto you: ye shall not sow, neither
reap that which groweth of itself in
it, nor gather the grapes in it of the
12 undressed vines. For it is a jubile; it
shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat
the increase thereof out of the field.
13 In this year of jubile ye shall return
14 every man unto his possession. And
if thou sell ought unto thy neighbour,
or buy of thy neighbour's hand, ye
15 shall not wrong one another: accord-
ing to the number of years after the
jubile thou shalt buy of thy neigh-
bour, and according unto the number
of years of the crops he shall sell unto
16 thee. According to the multitude of
the years thou shalt increase the price
thereof, and according to the fewness
of the years thou shalt diminish the
price of it; for the number of the
17 crops doth he sell unto thee. And
ye shall not wrong one another; but
thou shalt fear thy God: for I am
18 the LORD your God. Wherefore ye
shall do my statutes, and keep my
judgements and do them; and ye shall
19 dwell in the land in safety. And the
land shall yield her fruit, and ye shall
eat your fill, and dwell therein in

20 safety. And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase: then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for the three years. And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat of the fruits, the old store; until the ninth year, until her fruits come in, ye shall eat the old store. And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is mine: for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

25 If thy brother be waxen poor, and sell some of his possession, then shall his kinsman that is next unto him come, and shall redeem that which his brother hath sold. And if a man have no one to redeem it, and he be waxen rich and find sufficient to redeem it; then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; and he shall return unto his possession. But if he be not able to get it back for himself, then that which he hath sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubile: and in the jubile it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

29 And if a man sell a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold; for a full year shall he have the right of redemption. And if it be not redeemed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be made sure in perpetuity to him that bought it, throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubile. But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be reckoned with the fields of the country: they may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubile.

32 Nevertheless the cities of the Levites, the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites redeem at any time. And if one of the Levites redeem, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the jubile: for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel.

34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession. And if thy brother be waxen poor, and his hand fail with thee; then thou shalt uphold him: as a stranger and a sojourner shall he live with thee. Take thou no usury of him or increase; but fear thy God: that thy brother may live with thee. Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor give him thy

38 victuals for increase. I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, to be your God.

39 And if thy brother be waxen poor with thee, and sell himself unto thee; thou shalt not make him to serve as a bondservant: as an hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee; he shall serve with thee unto the year of jubile: then shall he go out from thee, he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. For they are my servants, which I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen. Thou shalt not rule over him with rigour; but shalt fear thy God. And as for thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, which thou shalt have; of the nations that are round about you, of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. Moreover of the children of the strangers that do sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they have begotten in your land: and they shall be your possession. And ye shall make them an inheritance for your children after you, to hold for a possession; of them shall ye take your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel ye shall not rule, one over another, with rigour.

47 And if a stranger or sojourner with thee be waxen rich, and thy brother be waxen poor beside him, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner with thee, or to the stock of the stranger's family: after that he is sold he may be redeemed; one of his brethren may redeem him: or his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may redeem him; or if he be waxen rich, he may redeem himself. And he shall reckon with him that bought him from the year that he sold himself to him unto the year of jubile: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years; according to the time of an hired servant shall he be with him. If there be yet many years, according unto them he shall give back the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for. And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubile, then he shall reckon with him; according unto his years shall he give back the price of his redemption. As a servant hired year by year shall he be with him: he shall not rule with rigour over him in thy sight. And if he be not redeemed by these means, then he shall go out in the year of jubile, he, and his children with him. For unto me the

1 Or, a man redeem from the Levites

2 Or, after the Vulgate, redeem not
3 Or, pasture lands

4 Or, relieve

5 Or, in these years

children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God.

26 Ye shall make you no ¹idols, neither shall ye rear you up a graven image, or ²a pillar, neither shall ye place any figured stone in your land, to bow down ³unto it: for I am the

2 Lord your God. Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord.

3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep 4 my commandments, and do them; then

I will give your rains in their season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield

5 their fruit. And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time: and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land.

7 And ye shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.

8 And five of you shall chase an hundred, and an hundred of you shall chase ten thousand: and your enemies shall fall

9 before you by the sword. And I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you; and will

10 establish my covenant with you. And ye shall eat old store long kept, and ye shall bring forth the old ⁴because of

11 the new. And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not

12 abhor you. And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye

13 shall be my people. I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

15 and if ye shall reject my statutes, and if your soul abhor my judgements, so that ye will not do all my commandments,

16 but break my covenant; I also will do this unto you; I will appoint terror over you, even consumption and fever, that shall consume the eyes, and make the soul to pine away: and ye shall sow

your seed in vain, for your enemies

17 shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be smitten before your enemies: they that hate you shall rule over you; and ye shall

18 flee when none pursueth you. And if ye will not yet for these things hearken unto me, then I will chastise you

19 seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power;

and I will make your heaven as 20 iron, and your earth as brass: and your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her in-

crease, neither shall the trees of the 21 land yield their fruit. And if ye walk

contrary unto me, and will not hearken unto me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to

22 your sins. And I will send the beast of the field among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy

your cattle, and make you few in number; and your ways shall become

23 desolate. And if by these things ye will not be reformed ⁵unto me, but

24 will walk contrary unto me; then will I also walk contrary unto you; and I

will smite you, even I, seven times for

25 your sins. And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant; and ye

shall be gathered together within your cities: and I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered

26 into the hand of the enemy. When I break your staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver your bread again

by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

27 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me;

28 then I will walk contrary unto you in fury; and I also will chastise you

29 seven times for your sins. And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye

30 eat. And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your sun-images, and cast your carcases upon the car-

cases of your idols; and my soul shall

31 abhor you. And I will make your cities a waste, and will bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will

not smell the savour of your sweet

32 odours. And I will bring the land into desolation: and your enemies which dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

33 And you will I scatter among the nations, and I will draw out the sword after you: and your land shall be a

34 waste. Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye be in your enemies' land; even

then shall the land rest, and enjoy her

35 sabbaths. As long as it lieth desolate it shall have rest; even the rest which it had not in your sabbaths, when ye

36 dwelt upon it. And as for them that are left of you, I will send a faintness into their heart in the lands of their enemies: and the sound of a driven leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as one fleeth from the sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth.

37 And they shall stumble one upon another, as it were before the sword,

¹ See ch. ix. 4

² Or, an altar

³ Or, throned

⁴ Or, from before

⁵ Or, by

when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your
 38 enemies. And ye shall perish among the nations, and the land of your ene-
 39 mies shall eat you up. And they that are left of you shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with
 40 them. And they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass which they trespassed against me, and also that because they have walked contrary
 41 unto me, I also walked contrary unto them, and brought them into the land of their enemies: if then their uncircumcised heart be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their
 42 iniquity; then will I remember my covenant with Jacob; and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.
 43 The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy her sabbaths, while she lieth desolate without them; and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity: because, even because they rejected my judgements, and their soul abhorred my statutes.
 44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the
 45 LORD their God: but I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.
 46 These are the statutes and judgements and laws, which the LORD made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

27 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man shall accomplish a vow,¹ the persons shall be for the LORD by thy estimation.² And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver,
 4 after the shekel of the sanctuary. And if it be a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels. And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels,
 6 and for the female ten shekels. And if it be from a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver.

7 And if it be from sixty years old and upward; if it be a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for
 8 the female ten shekels. But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him that vowed shall the priest value him.

9 And if it be a beast, whereof men offer an oblation unto the LORD, all that any man giveth of such unto the
 10 LORD shall be holy. He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good: and if he shall at all change beast for beast, then both it and that for which it is changed shall
 11 be holy. And if it be any unclean beast, of which they do not offer an oblation unto the LORD, then he shall
 12 set the beast before the priest: and the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou the priest valuest
 13 it, so shall it be. But if he will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part thereof unto thy estimation.

14 And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall
 15 estimate it, so shall it stand. And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto the LORD part of the field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the sowing thereof: the sowing of a homer of barley shall be
 17 valued at fifty shekels of silver. If he sanctify his field from the year of jubile, according to thy estimation it
 18 shall stand. But if he sanctify his field after the jubile, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain unto the year of jubile, and an abatement shall be made from thy estimation.

19 And if he that sanctified the field will indeed redeem it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be
 20 assured to him. And if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be
 21 redeemed any more: but the field, when it goeth out in the jubile, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be
 22 the priest's. And if he sanctify unto the LORD a field which he hath bought, which is not of the field of his possession; then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation unto the year of jubile: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as
 24 a holy thing unto the LORD. In the year of jubile the field shall return

¹ Or, make a special vow

² Or, according to thy estimation of persons unto the LORD, then thy estimation etc.

unto him of whom it was bought, even
25 land belongeth. And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 Only the firstling among beasts, which is made a firstling to the LORD, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox or
27 sheep, it is the LORD's. And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall ransom it according to thine estimation, and shall add unto it the fifth part thereof: or if it be not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

28 Notwithstanding, no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto the LORD of all that he hath, whether of man or beast, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed: every de-

voted thing is most holy unto the
29 LORD. None devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be ransomed; he shall surely be put to death.

30 And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy
31 unto the LORD. And if a man will redeem ought of his tithe, he shall add
32 unto it the fifth part thereof. And all the tithe of the herd or the flock, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the
33 tenth shall be holy unto the LORD. He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy; it shall not be redeemed.

34 These are the commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.

THE FOURTH BOOK OF MOSES.

COMMONLY CALLED

NUMBERS.

1 AND the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tent of meeting, on the first day of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt,
2 saying, Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the
3 names, every male, by their polls: from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel, thou and Aaron shall number them by their
4 hosts. And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of
5 his fathers' house. And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you: of Reuben; Elizur the son of
6 Shedeur. Of Simeon; Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. Of Judah; Nahshon the son of Amminadab. Of Issa-
7 char; Nathaniel the son of Zuar. Of
8 Zebulun; Eliab the son of Helon. Of the children of Joseph; of Ephraim; Elishama the son of Ammihud: of
9 Manasseh; Gamaliel the son of Pedah-
10 zur. Of Benjamin; Abidan the son
11 of Gideoni. Of Dan; Ahiezer the son
12 of Ammishaddai. Of Asher; Pagiel the son of Ochrani. Of Gad; Eliasaph
13 the son of Denel. Of Naphtali; Ahira the son of Enan. These are they that
14 were called of the congregation, the princes of the tribes of their fathers; they were the heads of the
15 thousands
16 of Israel. And Moses and Aaron took

these men which are expressed by
17 name: and they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month, and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years
18 old and upward, by their polls. As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai.
19 And the children of Reuben, Israel's firstborn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty
20 years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred.

21 Of the children of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, those that were numbered thereof, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all
22 that were able to go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred.

23 Of the children of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth
24 to war; those that were numbered of

¹ In ch.
H. 14.
Arach.

² Or,
families

- them, of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty.
- 26 Of the children of Judah, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to
- 27 go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Judah, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred.
- 28 Of the children of Issachar, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to
- 29 go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred.
- 30 Of the children of Zebulun, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to
- 31 go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred.
- 32 Of the children of Joseph, *namely*, of the children of Ephraim, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to
- 33 war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred.
- 34 Of the children of Manasseh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to
- 35 go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred.
- 36 Of the children of Benjamin, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to
- 37 go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred.
- 38 Of the children of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to
- 39 go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred.
- 40 Of the children of Asher, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go
- 41 forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Asher, were forty and one thousand and five hundred.
- 42 Of the children of Naphtali, their generations, by their families, by their fathers' houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to
- 43 go forth to war; those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred.
- 44 These are they that were numbered, which Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men: they were each one for his fathers' house. So all they that were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to
- 46 go forth to war in Israel; even all they that were numbered were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.
- 47 But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. For the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Only the tribe of Levi thou shalt not number, neither shalt thou take the sum of them among the
- 50 children of Israel: but appoint thou the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all the furniture thereof, and over all that belongeth to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the furniture thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle. And when the tabernacle setteth forward, the Levites shall take it down: and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put
- 52 to death. And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, according to their
- 53 hosts. But the Levites shall pitch round about the tabernacle of the testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimony. Thus did the children of Israel; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did they.
- 2 And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, The children of Israel shall pitch every man by his own standard, with the ensigns of their fathers' houses: over against the tent of meeting shall they pitch
- 8 round about. And those that pitch on the east side toward the sunrise shall be they of the standard of the camp of Judah, according to their

hosts: and the prince of the children of Judah shall be Nahshon the son of Amminadab. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and fourteen thousand and six hundred. And those that pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar: and the prince of the children of Issachar shall be Nethanel the son of Zuar: and his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and four thousand and seven hundred: and the tribe of Zebulun: and the prince of the children of Zebulun shall be Eliab the son of Helon: and his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred. All that were numbered of the camp of Judah were an hundred thousand and fourscore thousand and six thousand and four hundred, according to their hosts. They shall set forth first.

10 On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Reuben shall be Elisur the son of Shedeur. And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were forty and six thousand and five hundred. And those that pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the prince of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai: and his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred: and the tribe of Gad: and the prince of the children of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel: and his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and six hundred and fifty. All that were numbered of the camp of Reuben were an hundred thousand and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and fifty, according to their hosts. And they shall set forth second.

17 Then the tent of meeting shall set forward, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps: as they encamp, so shall they set forward, every man in his place, by their standards.

18 On the west side shall be the standard of the camp of Ephraim according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred. And next unto him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the prince of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur: and his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred: and the tribe of Benjamin: and the prince of the children of Benjamin shall be Abidan

23 the son of Gideon: and his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and five thousand and four hundred. All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were an hundred thousand and eight thousand and an hundred, according to their hosts. And they shall set forth third.

25 On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Dan shall be Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were threescore and two thousand and seven hundred. And those that pitch next unto him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the prince of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ochran: and his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and five hundred: and the tribe of Naphtali: and the prince of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan: and his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty and three thousand and four hundred. All that were numbered of the camp of Dan were an hundred thousand and fifty and seven thousand and six hundred. They shall set forth hindmost by their standards.

28 These are they that were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers' houses: all that were numbered of the camps according to their hosts were six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty.

38 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as the Lord commanded Moses. Thus did the children of Israel; according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so they pitched by their standards, and so they set forward, every one by their families, according to their fathers' houses.

3 Now these are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the Lord spake with Moses in mount Sinai.

2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron; Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests which were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. And Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord, when they offered strange fire before the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai, and they had no children: and Eleazar and Ithamar ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aaron their father.

5 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tent of

meeting, to do the service of the tabernacle. And they shall keep all the furniture of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are ¹wholly given unto him ²on the behalf of the children of Israel. And thou shalt ³appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the womb among the children of Israel: 13 and the Levites shall be mine: for all the firstborn are mine; on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast: mine they shall be; I am the Lord.

14 And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, Number the children of Levi by their fathers' houses, by their families: every male from a month old and upward shalt thou number them. And Moses numbered them according to the word of the Lord, as he was commanded.

17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names; Gershon, and Kohath, 18 and Merari. And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families; Libni and Shimei. And the sons of Kohath by their families; Amram, 20 and Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel. And the sons of Merari by their families; Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' houses.

21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites: these are the families of the 22 Gershonites. Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand and five hundred. The families of the Gershonites shall pitch behind

24 the tabernacle westward. And the prince of the fathers' house of the Gershonites shall be Eliasaph the son of 25 Lael. And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting shall be the tabernacle, and the Tent, the covering thereof, and the screen for 26 the door of the tent of meeting, and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle, and by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

27 And of Kohath was the family of the Amramites, and the family of the Izharites, and the family of the Hebronites,

and the family of the Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kohathites.

28 According to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, there were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of 29 the sanctuary. The families of the sons of Kohath shall pitch on the side 30 of the tabernacle southward. And the prince of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites shall be 31 Elizaphan the son of Uzziel. And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary wherewith they minister, and the screen, and all the service thereof. 32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be prince of the princes of the Levites, and have the oversight of them that keep the charge of the sanctuary.

33 Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these are the families of Merari. 34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two 35 hundred. And the prince of the fathers' house of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail: they shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle

36 northward. And ⁴the appointed charge of the sons of Merari shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the instruments thereof, and all the service thereof; and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their

38 cords. And those that pitch before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary ⁵for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. All that were numbered of the Levites, which Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the Lord, by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand.

40 And the Lord said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names.

41 And thou shalt take the Levites for me (I am the Lord) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle 42 of the children of Israel. And Moses numbered, as the Lord commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel. And all the firstborn males according to the number of

¹ Heb. given.
² Or, from
³ Or, number

⁴ Heb. the office of the charge.

⁵ Or, even

names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and threescore and thirteen.

- 44 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle: and the Levites shall be 46 mine; I am the LORD. And for ¹the redemption of the two hundred and threescore and thirteen of the firstborn of the children of Israel, which are over and above the number of the Levites, 47 thou shalt take five shekels apiece by the poll; after the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take them (the shekel 48 is twenty gerahs): and thou shalt give the money wherewith the odd number of them is redeemed unto Aaron and 49 to his sons. And Moses took the redemption-money from them that were over and above them that were 50 redeemed by the Levites: from the firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five shekels, 51 after the shekel of the sanctuary: and Moses gave ²the redemption-money unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

- 4 And the LORD spake unto Moses and 2 unto Aaron, saying, Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their 3 fathers' houses, from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter upon the ³service, to do 4 the work in the tent of meeting. This is the ⁴service of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting, *about* the most 5 holy things: when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall go in, and his sons, and they shall take down the veil of the screen, and cover the ark of 6 the testimony with it: and shall put thereon a covering of sealskin, and shall spread over it a cloth all of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof. 7 And upon the table of shewbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls, and the cups to pour out withal: and the continual bread 8 shall be thereon: and they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in the staves thereof. 9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and its lamps, and its tongs, and its snuff-dishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, 10 wherewith they minister unto it: and they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of sealskin, and shall put it upon ⁵the frame. 11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it

with a covering of sealskin, and shall 12 put in the staves thereof: and they shall take all the vessels of ministry, wherewith they minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of sealskin, and shall put them on the 13 frame. And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a 14 purple cloth thereon: and they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, the firepans, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of sealskin, and put in 15 the staves thereof. And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the furniture of the sanctuary, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch the ⁶sanctuary, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the 16 tent of meeting. And the charge of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the continual meal offering, and the anointing oil, the charge of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, the sanctuary, and the furniture thereof.

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses and 18 unto Aaron, saying, Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites 19 from among the Levites: but thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to 20 his service and to his burden: but they shall not go in to see the ⁷sanctuary even for a moment, lest they die.

21 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the sum of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers' houses, by 23 their families; from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to 7 wait upon the service, to do the work 24 in the tent of meeting. This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in bearing burdens: 25 they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tent of meeting, its covering, and the covering of sealskin that is above upon it, and the screen for the door of the tent of meeting; 26 and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and whatsoever shall be done with them, therein shall they 27 serve. At the commandment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their

¹ Or, those that are to be redeemed, the etc.

² Or, the money of them that were redeemed

³ Heb. warfare, or, host and so in v. 27, 28, 45.
⁴ Or, work.

⁵ Or, a bar

⁶ Or, holy things

⁷ Heb. war the warfare.

burden, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all
28 their burden. This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tent of meeting: and their charge shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

29 As for the sons of Merari, thou shalt number them by their families, by their
30 fathers' houses; from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old shalt thou number them, every one that entereth upon the service, to do

31 the work of the tent of meeting. And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tent of meeting; the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets there-

32 of; and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall ¹appoint the instruments of the charge of their burden.

33 This is the service of the families of the sons of Merari, according to all their service, in the tent of meeting, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

34 And Moses and Aaron and the princes of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families,

35 and by their fathers' houses, from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in the tent

36 of meeting: and those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty.

37 These are they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that did serve in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, by their families, and

39 by their fathers' houses, from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in the tent of

40 meeting, even those that were numbered of them, by their families, by their fathers' houses, were two thousand

41 and six hundred and thirty. These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, all that did serve in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.

42 And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers' houses,

43 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in the
44 tent of meeting, even those that were

numbered of them by their families, were three thousand and two hundred.

45 These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the princes of Israel numbered, by their families, and by their fathers'

47 houses, from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered in to do the work of service, and the work of bearing bur-

48 dens in the tent of meeting, even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and

49 fourscore. According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, every one according to his service, and ²according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as the LORD commanded Moses.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, ²saying, Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is unclean by the dead:

3 both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camp, in the midst whereof I dwell. And the children of Israel did so, and put them out without the camp: as the LORD spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, ⁶saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to do a trespass against the LORD, and that

7 soul be guilty; then they shall confess their sin which they have done: and he shall make restitution for his guilt in full, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him in respect

8 of whom he hath been guilty. But if the man have no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for the guilt, the restitution for guilt which is made unto the LORD shall be the priest's; besides the ram of the atonement, whereby atonement shall be made for

9 him. And every heave offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they present unto the

10 priest, shall be his. And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

11 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man's wife go aside, and commit a trespass against

12 him, and a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against

² Or, according to his burden and his duty, &c.

¹ Or, number

her, neither she be taken in the act;
 14 and the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:
 15 then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and shall bring her oblation for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is a meal offering of jealousy, a meal offering of memorial, bringing
 16 iniquity to remembrance. And the priest shall bring her near, and set her
 17 before the LORD: and the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take,
 18 and put it into the water: and the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and let the hair of the woman's head go loose, and put the meal offering of memorial in her hands, which is the meal offering of jealousy: and the priest shall have in his hand the water of bitterness that causeth the
 19 curse: and the priest shall cause her to swear, and shall say unto the woman, If no man have lien with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness,¹ being under thy husband, be thou free from this water of bitterness that causeth the curse: but if thou hast gone aside,¹ being under thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lien with thee besides
 20 thy husband: then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with the oath of² cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The LORD make thee a² curse and an oath among thy people, when the LORD doth make thy thigh to fall away, and thy belly to
 22 swell; and this water that causeth the curse shall go into thy bowels, and make thy belly to swell, and thy thigh to fall away: and the woman
 23 shall say, Amen, Amen. And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot them out into
 24 the water of bitterness: and he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that causeth the curse: and the water that causeth the curse shall
 25 enter into her and become bitter. And the priest shall take the meal offering of jealousy out of the woman's hand, and shall wave the meal offering before the LORD, and bring it unto the
 26 altar: and the priest shall take an handful of the meal offering, as the memorial thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward shall make
 27 the woman drink the water. And when he hath made her drink the water, then it shall come to pass, if she be defiled, and have committed a trespass against her husband, that

the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her and become bitter, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away: and the woman shall
 28 be a curse among her people. And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and
 29 shall conceive seed. This is the law of jealousy, when a wife,³ being under her husband, goeth aside, and is de-
 30 filed; or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon a man, and he be jealous over his wife; then shall he set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law.
 31 And the man shall be free from iniquity, and that woman shall bear her iniquity.

6 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall make a special vow, the vow of⁴ a Nazirite, to⁵ separate himself unto the LORD: he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes or dried.
 4 All the days of his⁶ separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the grape-vine, from the kernels even to
 5 the husk. All the days of his vow of separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in the which he separateth himself unto the LORD, he shall be holy, he shall let the locks of the hair
 6 of his head grow long. All the days that he separateth himself unto the LORD he shall not come near to a
 7 dead body. He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, for his brother, or for his sister, when they die: because his separation unto God is upon his head.
 8 All the days of his separation he is
 9 holy unto the LORD. And if any man die very suddenly beside him, and he defile the head of his separation; then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day shall he
 10 shave it. And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtledoves, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of
 11 the tent of meeting: and the priest shall offer one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, and make atonement for him, for that he sinned by reason of the dead, and shall hallow
 12 his head that same day. And he shall separate unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a he-lamb of the first year for a guilt offering: but the former days shall be void, because his separation was defiled.
 13 And this is the law of the Nazirite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto

³ Or, *she* shall stand with another instead of her husband

⁴ That is, one separated or consecrated.
⁵ Or, consecrate
⁶ Or, consecration Or, Nazirite ship

¹ Or, with another instead of thy husband see Exod. xxii. 16, Lev. xxi. 7.

² Or, adjuration

14 the door of the tent of meeting: and he shall offer his oblation unto the LORD, one he-lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe-lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings, 15 and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their meal offering, and their 16 drink offerings. And the priest shall present them before the LORD, and shall offer his sin offering, and his burnt 17 offering: and he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also the meal offering thereof, and 18 the drink offering thereof. And the Nazirite shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tent of meeting, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation, and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice 19 of peace offerings. And the priest shall take the sodden shoulder of the ram, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put them upon the hands of the Nazirite, after he hath shaven the 20 head of his separation: and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD; this is holy for the priest, together with the wave breast and heave ¹ thigh: and after that the 21 Nazirite may drink wine. This is the law of the Nazirite who voweth, and of his oblation unto the LORD for his separation, beside that which he is able to get: according to his vow which he voweth, so he must do after the law of his separation. 22 And the LORD spake unto Moses, 23 saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel; ye shall say unto them, 24 The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: 25 The LORD make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: 26 The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. 27 So shall they put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them. 7 And it came to pass on the day that Moses had made an end of setting up the tabernacle, and had anointed it and sanctified it, and all the furniture thereof, and the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed 2 them and sanctified them; that the princes of Israel, the heads of their fathers' houses, offered; these were the princes of the tribes, these are they that were over them that were 8 numbered: and they brought their oblation before the LORD, six covered

wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they presented them before the tabernacle. And the 5 LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take it of them, that they may be to do the service of the tent of meeting; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service. 6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites. 7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to 8 their service: and four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of 9 Aaron the priest. But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none: because the service of the sanctuary belonged unto them; they bare it upon their 10 shoulders. And the princes offered ^a for the dedication of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their oblation before 11 the altar. And the LORD said unto Moses, They shall offer their oblation, each prince on his day, for the dedication of the altar. 12 And he that offered his oblation the first day was Nahshon the son of Am- 13 minadab, of the tribe of Judah: and his oblation was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a 14 meal offering; one golden spoon of 15 ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the 16 first year, for a burnt offering; one male of the goats for a sin offering; 17 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 18 On the second day Nathanel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer. 19 he offered for his oblation one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for 20 a meal offering; one golden spoon of 21 ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the 22 first year, for a burnt offering; one male of the goats for a sin offering; 23 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Nathanel the son of Zuar. 24 On the third day Eliab the son of Helon, prince of the children of 25 Zebulun: his oblation was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an

^a Or, the dedication of the altar

¹ Or, shoulder

hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for 26 a meal offering; one golden spoon of 27 ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the 28 first year, for a burnt offering; one male of the goats for a sin offering; 29 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Eliab the son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of 31 Reuben: his oblation was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a 32 meal offering; one golden spoon of ten 33 *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the 34 first year, for a burnt offering; one male of the goats for a sin offering; 35 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of 37 Simeon: his oblation was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for 38 a meal offering; one golden spoon of 39 ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the 40 first year, for a burnt offering; one male of the goats for a sin offering; 41 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day Eliasaph the son of Denel, prince of the children of Gad: 43 his oblation was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a 44 meal offering; one golden spoon of 45 ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the 46 first year, for a burnt offering; one male of the goats for a sin offering; 47 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Eliasaph the son of Denel.

48 On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the child- 49 ren of Ephraim: his oblation was one

silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a 50 meal offering; one golden spoon of 51 ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the 52 first year, for a burnt offering; one male of the goats for a sin offering; 53 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of 55 Manasseh: his oblation was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a 56 meal offering; one golden spoon of 57 ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the 58 first year, for a burnt offering; one male of the goats for a sin offering; 59 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideon, prince of the children of 61 Benjamin: his oblation was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a 62 meal offering; one golden spoon of 63 ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the 64 first year, for a burnt offering; one 65 male of the goats for a sin offering; and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Abidan the son of Gideon.

66 On the tenth day Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of 67 Dan: his oblation was one silver charger, the weight thereof was an hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal offer- 68 ing; one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, 69 full of incense; one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, 70 for a burnt offering; one male of the 71 goats for a sin offering; and for the sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs of the first year: this was the oblation of Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the

son of Ochran, prince of the children
73 of Asher: his oblation was one silver
charger, the weight thereof was an
hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver
bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the she-
kel of the sanctuary; both of them full
of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal
74 offering; one golden spoon of ten *she-*
75 *kels*, full of incense; one young bullock,
one ram, one he-lamb of the first
76 year, for a burnt offering; one male of
77 the goats for a sin offering; and for
the sacrifice of peace offerings, two
oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-
lambs of the first year: this was the
oblation of Pagiel the son of Ochran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira the son
of Enan, prince of the children of
79 Naphtali: his oblation was one silver
charger, the weight thereof was an
hundred and thirty *shekels*, one silver
bowl of seventy *shekels*, after the she-
kel of the sanctuary; both of them
full of fine flour mingled with oil for a
80 meal offering; one golden spoon of
81 ten *shekels*, full of incense; one young
bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the
82 first year, for a burnt offering; one
male of the goats for a sin offering;
83 and for the sacrifice of peace offerings,
two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five
he-lambs of the first year: this was the
oblation of Ahira the son of Enan.

84 This was the ¹dedication of the altar,
in the day when it was anointed, ²by
the princes of Israel: twelve silver
chargers, twelve silver bowls, twelve
85 golden spoons: each silver charger
weighing an hundred and thirty *she-*
kels, and each bowl seventy: all the
silver of the vessels two thousand and
four hundred *shekels*, after the shekel
86 of the sanctuary; the twelve golden
spoons, full of incense, *weighing* ten
shekels apiece, after the shekel of the
sanctuary: all the gold of the spoons
87 an hundred and twenty *shekels*: all
the oxen for the burnt offering twelve
bullocks, the rams twelve, the he-lambs
of the first year twelve, and their meal
offering: and the males of the goats
88 for a sin offering twelve: and all the
oxen for the sacrifice of peace offerings
twenty and four bullocks, the rams
sixty, the he-goats sixty, the he-lambs
of the first year sixty. This was the
¹dedication of the altar, after that it
89 was anointed. And when Moses went
into the tent of meeting to speak with
him, then he heard the Voice speaking
unto him from above the mercy-seat
that was upon the ark of the testi-
mony, from between the two cherubim:
and he spake unto him.

9 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
²saying, Speak unto Aaron, and say
unto him, When thou ³lightest the
lamps, the seven lamps shall give
3 light in front of the candlestick. And

Aaron did so; he ⁴lighted the lamps
thereof *so as to give light* in front of
the candlestick, as the LORD com-
4 manded Moses. And this was the
work of the candlestick, ⁵beaten work
of gold; unto the base thereof, and
unto the flowers thereof, it was beaten
work: according unto the pattern which
the LORD had shewed Moses, so he
made the candlestick.

5 And the LORD spake unto Moses, say-
6 ing, Take the Levites from among the
children of Israel, and cleanse them.

7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to
cleanse them: sprinkle the water of ex-
piation upon them, and let them cause
a razor to pass over all their flesh, and
let them wash their clothes, and cleanse
8 themselves. Then let them take a
young bullock, and its meal offering,
fine flour mingled with oil, and another
young bullock shalt thou take for a
9 sin offering. And thou shalt present
the Levites before the tent of meeting:
and thou shalt assemble the whole
congregation of the children of Israel:

10 and thou shalt present the Levites
before the LORD: and the children of
Israel shall lay their hands upon the

11 Levites: and Aaron shall ⁶offer the
Levites before the LORD for a wave
offering, ⁷on the behalf of the children
of Israel, that they may be to do the
12 service of the LORD. And the Le-
vites shall lay their hands upon the
heads of the bullocks: and offer thou
the one for a sin offering, and the
other for a burnt offering, unto the
LORD, to make atonement for the Le-

13 vites. And thou shalt set the Levites
before Aaron, and before his sons, and
offer them for a wave offering unto
14 the LORD. Thus shalt thou separate
the Levites from among the children
of Israel: and the Levites shall be
15 mine. And after that shall the Levites
go in to do the service of the tent of
meeting: and thou shalt cleanse them,
and offer them for a wave offering.

16 For they are ⁸wholly given unto me
from among the children of Israel;
instead of all that openeth the womb,
even the firstborn of all the children of
17 Israel, have I taken them unto me. For
all the firstborn among the children of
Israel are mine, both man and beast:
on the day that I smote all the firstborn
in the land of Egypt I sanctified them

18 for myself. And I have taken the Le-
vites instead of all the firstborn among
19 the children of Israel. And I have
given the Levites as ⁹a gift to Aaron
and to his sons from among the children
of Israel, to do the service of the chil-
dren of Israel in the tent of meeting,
and to make atonement for the children
of Israel: that there be no plague a-
mong the children of Israel, ¹⁰when the
children of Israel come nigh unto the

¹ Or, dedica-
tion-gift
² Or,
at the
heads of

³ Or,
acted up

⁴ Or,
set up

⁵ Or,
turned

⁶ Heb.
sever,
and in
vv. 13, 15,
21.
⁷ Or,
from

⁸ See ch.
xii. 13.

⁹ Heb.
Neth-
minim,
given.

¹⁰ Or
through
the chil-
dren of
Israel
coming
nigh

20 sanctuary. Thus did Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the Levites: according unto all that the Lord commanded Moses touching the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them.

21 And the Levites purified themselves from sin, and they washed their clothes; and Aaron offered them for a wave offering before the Lord; and Aaron made atonement for them to cleanse

22 them. And after that went the Levites in to do their service in the tent of meeting before Aaron, and before his sons: as the Lord had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

23 And the Lord spake unto Moses, say-

24 ing, This is that which belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty and five years old and upward they shall go in¹ to wait upon the service in the work of the tent

25 of meeting: and from the age of fifty

26 years they shall² cease waiting upon the work, and shall serve no more; but shall minister with their brethren in the tent of meeting, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charges.

9 And the Lord spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come

2 out of the land of Egypt, saying, Moreover let the children of Israel keep the

3 passover in its appointed season. In the fourteenth day of this month,³ at even, ye shall keep it in its appointed season: according to all the statutes of it, and according to all the ordinances there-

4 of, shall ye keep it. And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they

5 should keep the passover. And they kept the passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month,

6 at even, in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the Lord commanded Moses, so did the children of

7 Israel. And there were certain men, who were unclean by the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the passover on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that

8 day: and those men said unto him, We are unclean by the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer the oblation of the Lord in its appointed season among

9 the children of Israel? And Moses said unto them, Stay ye; that I may hear what the Lord will command concerning you.

9 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be in a journey afar off, yet he shall keep the passover unto

11 the Lord: in the second month on the

fourteenth day⁴ at even they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened

12 bread and bitter herbs: they shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break a bone thereof: according to all the statute of the passover they shall keep

13 it. But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people: because he offered not the oblation of the Lord in its appointed season, that man shall

14 bear his sin. And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto the Lord; according to the statute of the passover, and according to the ordinance thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one statute, both for the stranger, and for him that is born in the land.

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the tent of the testimony: and at even it was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance

16 of fire, until morning. So it was always: the cloud covered it, and the

17 appearance of fire by night. And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the Tent, then after that the children

of Israel journeyed: and in the place where the cloud abode, there the child-

18 ren of Israel encamped. At the commandment of the Lord the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of the Lord they encamped: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they remained encamped.

19 And when the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of

20 the Lord, and journeyed not. And sometimes the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; then according to the commandment of the Lord they remained encamped, and according to the commandment of the Lord they

21 journeyed. And sometimes the cloud was from evening until morning: and when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they journeyed: or if it continued by day and by night, when the cloud was taken up, they journeyed.

22 Whether it were two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, abiding thereon, the children of Israel remained encamped, and journeyed not: but when it was

23 taken up, they journeyed. At the commandment of the Lord they encamped, and at the commandment of the Lord they journeyed: they kept the charge of the Lord, at the commandment of the Lord by the hand of Moses.

10 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Make thee two trumpets of silver; of⁵ beaten work shalt thou make them: and thou shalt use

¹ Heb. to war the warfare in the work.

² Heb. returns from the warfare of the work.

³ Heb. between the two evenings.

them for the calling of the congregation, and for the journeying of the camps.

3 And when they shall blow with them, all the congregation shall gather themselves unto thee at the door of the tent of meeting. And if they blow but with one, then the princes, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. And when ye blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall take their journey.

6 And when ye blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. But when the assembly is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm.

8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets; and they shall be to you for a statute for ever throughout your generations.

9 And when ye go to war in your land against the adversary that oppresseth you, then ye shall sound an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. Also in the day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God: I am the LORD your God.

11 And it came to pass in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, that the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle of the testimony. And the children of Israel set forward according to their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud abode in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses. And in the first place the standard of the camp of the children of Judah set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar

16 was Nethanel the son of Zuar. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Helon. And the tabernacle was taken down; and the sons of Gershon and the sons of Merari, who bare the tabernacle, set forward. And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

20 And over the host of the tribe of the

children of Gad was Eliasaph the son of Deuel. And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and the other did set up the tabernacle against they came. And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideon. And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan, which was the rearward of all the camps, set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ochrani.

27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahira the son of Enan. Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their hosts; and they set forward.

29 And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father in law, We are journeying unto the place of which the LORD said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good: for the LORD hath spoken good concerning Israel.

30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred. And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou shalt be to us instead of eyes. And it shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that what good soever the LORD shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33 And they set forward from the mount of the LORD three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them. And the cloud of the LORD was over them by day, when they set forward from the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, O LORD, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel.

11 And the people were as murmurers, ¹speaking evil in the ears of the LORD: and when the LORD heard it, his anger was kindled; and the fire of the LORD burnt among them, and devoured in the uttermost part of the camp.

2 And the people cried unto Moses; and Moses prayed unto the LORD, and

1 Or, which was evil

¹ That is, burning.

² Heb. ³ Heb.

⁴ Or, rubbed with oil

⁵ Or, with

8 the fire abated. And the name of that place was called ¹Taberah: because the fire of the LORD burnt among them.

4 And the mixed multitude that was among them fell a lusting: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat?

5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt for nought; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks,

6 and the onions, and the garlick: but now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all: we have nought save

7 this manna to look to. And the manna was like coriander seed, and the ²appearance thereof as the appearance

8 of bdellium. The people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in mortars, and seethed it in pots, and made cakes of it: and the

taste of it was as the taste of ³fresh oil. And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell

10 ⁴upon it. And Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent: and the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly; and Moses was dis-

11 pleased. And Moses said unto the LORD, Wherefore hast thou evil entreated thy servant? and wherefore

have I not found favour in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all

12 this people upon me? Have I conceived all this people? have I brought them forth, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom,

as a nursing-father carrieth the sucking child, unto the land which thou

13 swarest unto their fathers? Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me,

saying, Give us flesh, that we may

14 eat. I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy

15 for me. And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favour in thy sight; and let me not see my wretched-

ness.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them

unto the tent of meeting, that they

17 may stand there with thee. And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that

18 thou bear it not thyself alone. And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow, and ye shall eat flesh: for ye have wept in the ears of the LORD, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was

well with us in Egypt: therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and ye shall

19 eat. Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten

20 days, nor twenty days; but a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto

you: because that ye have rejected the LORD which is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why

21 came we forth out of Egypt? And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand foot-

men; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a

22 whole month. Shall flocks and herds be slain for them, to suffice them? or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to suffice them?

23 And the LORD said unto Moses, Is the LORD's hand waxed short? now shalt thou see whether my word shall

24 come to pass unto thee or not. And Moses went out, and told the people the words of the LORD: and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about

25 the Tent. And the LORD came down in the cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied,

26 but they did so no more. But there remained two men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but had not gone out unto the Tent: and they

27 prophesied in the camp. And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in

28 the camp. And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, ⁵one of his chosen men, answered and said,

29 My lord Moses, forbid them. And Moses said unto him, Art thou jealous for my sake? would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his spirit upon them!

30 And Moses gat him into the camp, he and the elders of Israel. And there went forth a wind from the LORD, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall ⁶by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and a day's journey on the other side, round about the camp, and about two cubits above the face of the earth.

31 And the people rose up all that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp.

32 While the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the anger

¹ That is,
The
prince of
Israel.

² Or, by

of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD smote the people with a very great plague. And the name of that place was called ¹ Kibroth-hattaavah: because there they buried the people that lusted. From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed unto Hazeroth; and they abode at Hazeroth.

12 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Cushite woman whom he had married: for he had married a Cushite woman. And they said, Hath the LORD indeed spoken only ² with Moses? hath he not spoken also ² with us? And the LORD heard ³ it. Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men which were ⁴ upon the face of the earth. And the LORD spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come unto ye three unto the tent of meeting.

5 And they three came out. And the LORD came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at the door of the Tent, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And he said, Hear now my words: if there be a prophet among you, I the LORD will make myself known unto him in a vision, I will speak with him in a dream. My servant Moses is not so; ⁸ he is faithful in all mine house: with him will I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches; and the form of the LORD shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant, ⁹ against Moses? And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them; and he departed. And the cloud removed from over the Tent; and, behold, Miriam was leprous, as *white as snow*: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. And Aaron said unto Moses, Oh my lord, lay not, I pray thee, sin upon us, for that we have done foolishly, and for that we have sinned. Let her not, I pray, be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb. And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, Heal her, O God, I beseech thee. And the LORD said unto Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut up without the camp seven days, and after that she shall be brought ¹⁵ in again. And Miriam was shut up without the camp seven days: and the people journeyed not till Miriam ¹⁶ was brought in again. And afterward the people journeyed from Hazeroth, and pitched in the wilderness of Paran.

13 And the LORD spake unto Moses, ² saying, Send thou men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I

give unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a prince among ³ them. And Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran according to the commandment of the LORD: all of them men who were heads of the ⁴ children of Israel. And these were their names: of the tribe of Reuben, ⁵ Shammua the son of Zaccur. Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of ⁶ Hori. Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb ⁷ the son of Jephunneh. Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. ⁸ Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the ⁹ son of Nun. Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. Of the ¹⁰ tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of ¹¹ Sodi. Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the ¹² son of Susi. Of the tribe of Dan, ¹³ Ammiel the son of Gemalli. Of the ¹⁴ tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of ¹⁵ Michael. Of the tribe of Naphtali, ¹⁶ Nahbi the son of Vophsi. Of the ¹⁷ tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. ¹⁸ These are the names of the men which Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of ¹⁹ Nun Joshua. And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get you up this way ²⁰ by the South, and go up into the ²¹ mountains: and see the land, what it is; and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong or weak, ²² whether they be few or many; and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strong holds; ²³ and what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of ²⁴ the firstripe grapes. So they went up, and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, to the ²⁵ entering in of Hamath. And they went up ²⁶ by the South, and came unto Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi, the children of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) ²⁷ And they came unto the valley of Eshcol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it upon a staff between two; ²⁸ they brought also of the pomegranates, ²⁹ and of the figs. That place was called the valley of ³⁰ Eshcol, because of the cluster which the children of ³¹ Israel cut down from thence. And they returned from spying out the ³² land at the end of forty days. And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the

³ Or,
into

⁴ That is,
a cluster.

wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and shewed 27 them the fruit of the land. And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us, and surely it floweth with milk and honey; 28 and this is the fruit of it. Howbeit the people that dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fenced, and very great: and moreover we saw 29 the children of Anak there. Amalek dwelleth in the land of the South: and the Hittite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, dwell in the mountains: and the Canaanite dwelleth by the sea, and along by the side of Jordan. 30 And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to 31 overcome it. But the men that went up with him said, We be not able to go up against the people; for they 32 are stronger than we. And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had spied out unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great 33 stature. And there we saw the ¹Nephilim, the sons of Anak, which come of the Nephilim: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight. 14 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people 2 wept that night. And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness! And wherefore doth the Lord bring us unto this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones shall be a prey: were it not better for 4 us to return into Egypt? And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, 5 and let us return into Egypt. Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, which were of them that spied out the land, rent their 7 clothes: and they spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceeding 8 good land. If the Lord delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it unto us; a land which 9 floweth with milk and honey. Only rebel not against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their ²defence is removed from over them, and the

10 Lord is with us: fear them not. But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of the Lord appeared in the tent of meeting unto all the children of Israel. 11 And the Lord said unto Moses, How long will this people despise me? and how long will they not believe in me, for all the signs which I have wrought 12 among them? I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a nation greater 13 and mightier than they. And Moses said unto the Lord, Then the Egyptians shall hear it; for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among 14 them; and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land: they have heard that thou Lord art in the midst of this people; for thou Lord art seen ³face to face, and thy cloud standeth over them, and thou goest before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar 15 of fire by night. Now if thou shalt kill this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will 16 speak, saying, Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness. And now, I pray thee, let the power of the Lord be great, according 17 as thou hast spoken, saying, The Lord is slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation. Pardon, I pray thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and according as thou hast forgiven this people, from 20 Egypt even until now. And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy 21 word: but in very deed, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the 22 glory of the Lord; because all those men which have seen my glory, and my signs, which I wrought in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tempted me these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; surely they shall not see the land which I swore unto their fathers, neither shall any of them 24 that despised me see it: but my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. 25 Now the Amalekite and the Canaanite dwell in the valley: to-morrow turn ye, and get you into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea. 26 And the Lord spake unto Moses 27 and unto Aaron, saying, How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the

³ Heb.
eye to
eye.

¹ Or,
giants.

² Heb.
shadow.

children of Israel, which they murmur
28 against me. Say unto them, As I live,
saith the LORD, surely as ye have spoken
29 in mine ears, so will I do to you: your
carcasses shall fall in this wilderness;
and all that were numbered of you,
according to your whole number, from
twenty years old and upward, which
30 have murmured against me, surely ye
shall not come into the land, concerning
which I lifted up my hand that I would
make you dwell therein, save Caleb
the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the
31 son of Nun. But your little ones, which
ye said should be a prey, them will I
bring in, and they shall know the land
32 which ye have rejected. But as for
you, your carcasses shall fall in this
33 wilderness. And your children shall
be ¹wanderers in the wilderness forty
years, and shall bear your whoredoms,
until your carcasses be consumed in the
34 wilderness. After the number of the
days in which ye spied out the land,
even forty days, for every day a year,
shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty
years, and ye shall know ²my aliena-
35 tion. I the LORD have spoken, surely
this will I do unto all this evil con-
gregation, that are gathered together
against me: in this wilderness they
shall be consumed, and there they
36 shall die. And the men, which Moses
sent to spy out the land, who returned,
and made all the congregation to mur-
mur against him, by bringing up an
37 evil report against the land, even those
men that did bring up an evil report of
the land, died by the plague before the
38 LORD. But Joshua the son of Nun,
and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, re-
mained alive of those men that went
39 to spy out the land. And Moses told
these words unto all the children of
Israel: and the people mourned great-
40 ly. And they rose up early in the
morning, and gat them up to the top
of the mountain, saying, Lo, we be
here, and will go up unto the place
which the LORD hath promised: for
41 we have sinned. And Moses said,
Wherefore now do ye transgress the
commandment of the LORD, seeing it
42 shall not prosper? Go not up, for the
LORD is not among you; that ye be
not smitten down before your enemies.
43 For there the Amalekite and the Cana-
aanite are before you, and ye shall
fall by the sword: because ye are
turned back from following the LORD,
therefore the LORD will not be with
44 you. But they presumed to go up to
the top of the mountain: nevertheless
the ark of the covenant of the LORD,
and Moses, departed not out of the
45 camp. Then the Amalekite came down,
and the Canaanite which dwelt in that
mountain, and smote them and beat
them down, even unto Hormah.

¹ Heb.
shep-
herds.

² Or, the
revoking
of my
promise

15 And the LORD spake unto Moses,
2 saying, Speak unto the children of
Israel, and say unto them, When ye be
come into the land of your habitations,
3 which I give unto you, and will make
an offering by fire unto the LORD, a
burnt offering, or a sacrifice, ³to ac-
complish a vow, or as a freewill offer-
ing, or in your set feasts, to make a
sweet savour unto the LORD, of the
4 herd, or of the flock: then shall he
that offereth his oblation offer unto
the LORD a meal offering of a tenth
part of an ephah of fine flour mingled
with the fourth part of an hin of oil:
5 and wine for the drink offering, the
fourth part of an hin, shalt thou prepare
with the burnt offering or for the sacri-
6 fice, for each lamb. Or for a ram,
thou shalt prepare for a meal offering
two tenth parts of an ephah of fine
flour mingled with the third part of
7 an hin of oil: and for the drink offering
thou shalt offer the third part of an hin
of wine, of a sweet savour unto the
8 LORD. And when thou preparest a
bullock for a burnt offering, or for a
sacrifice, ⁹to accomplish a vow, or for
9 peace offerings unto the LORD: then
shall he offer with the bullock a meal
offering of three tenth parts of an
ephah of fine flour mingled with half
10 an hin of oil. And thou shalt offer for
the drink offering half an hin of wine,
for an offering made by fire, of a sweet
11 savour unto the LORD. Thus shall it be
done for each bullock, or for each ram,
or for each of the he-lambs, or of the
12 kids. According to the number that
ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to
every one according to their number.
13 All that are homeborn shall do these
things after this manner, in offering an
offering made by fire, of a sweet savour
14 unto the LORD. And if a stranger so-
journ with you, or whosoever be among
you throughout your generations, and
will offer an offering made by fire, of
a sweet savour unto the LORD; as ye
15 do, so he shall do. For the assembly,
there shall be one statute for you, and
for the stranger that sojourneth with
you, a statute for ever throughout
your generations: as ye are, so shall
16 the stranger be before the LORD. One
law and one ordinance shall be for you,
and for the stranger that sojourneth
with you.
17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, say-
18 ing, Speak unto the children of Israel,
and say unto them, When ye come
into the land whither I bring you,
19 then it shall be, that, when ye eat of
the bread of the land, ye shall offer
up an heave offering unto the LORD.
20 Of the first of your dough ye shall
offer up a cake for an heave offering:
as ye do the heave offering of the

³ Or, in
making
a special
vow

⁴ Or,
coarse
meal

threshing-floor, so shall ye heave it.

21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto the Lord an heave offering throughout your generations.

22 And when ye shall err, and not observe all these commandments, which the Lord hath spoken unto Moses,

23 even all that the Lord hath commanded you by the hand of Moses, from the day that the Lord gave commandment, and onward throughout your

24 generations; then it shall be, if it be done ¹unwittingly, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt offering, for a sweet savour unto the Lord, with the meal offering thereof, and the drink offering thereof, according to the ordinance, and one he-goat for a

25 sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and they shall be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their oblation, an offering made by fire unto the Lord, and their sin offering before the Lord,

26 for their error: and all the congregation of the children of Israel shall be forgiven, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; for in respect of all the people it was done unwittingly.

27 And if one person sin unwittingly, then he shall offer a she-goat

28 of the first year for a sin offering. And the priest shall make atonement for the soul that erreth, when he sinneth unwittingly, before the Lord, to make atonement for him; and he shall be

29 forgiven. Ye shall have one law for him that doeth aught unwittingly, for him that is homeborn among the children of Israel, and for the stranger

30 that sojourneth among them. But the soul that doeth aught with an high hand, whether he be homeborn or a stranger, the same blasphemeth the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off

31 from among his people. Because he hath despised the word of the Lord, and hath broken his commandment; that soul shall utterly be cut off, his iniquity shall be upon him.

32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks upon the sabbath day.

33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation.

34 And they put him in ward, because it had not been declared what should be

35 done to him. And the Lord said unto Moses, The man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation shall stone

36 him with stones without the camp. And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones, and he died; as the Lord commanded Moses.

37 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and bid them that they make them

²fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of

38 each border a cord of blue: and it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of the Lord, and do them; and that ye ³go not

about after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to go a

40 whoring: that ye may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy

41 unto your God. I am the Lord your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God.

16 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took

²men: and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the congregation, called to the assembly,

³men of renown: and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them,

⁴Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?

4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face: and he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, In the morning the Lord will shew who are his, and who is holy, and ⁵will

cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he shall choose will

6 he cause to come near unto him. This do; take you censers, Korah, and all

7 his company; and put fire therein, and put incense upon them before the Lord to-morrow: and it shall be that the man whom the Lord doth choose, he ⁸shall be holy: ye take too much

8 upon you, ye sons of Levi. And Moses said unto Korah, Hear now, ye sons

9 of Levi: ⁹seemeth it but a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself; to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the con-

10 gregation to minister unto them; and that he hath brought thee near, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee? and seek ye the priesthood also?

11 Therefore thou and all thy company are gathered together against the Lord: and Aaron, what is he that ye murmur

12 against him? And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab: and they said, We will not come up:

13 is it a small thing that thou hast

² Or, tassels in the corners

³ Heb. apy not out.

⁴ Heb. It is enough for you.

⁵ Or, whom he will cause to come near

¹ Or, in error

brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but thou must needs make
 14 thyself also a prince over us? Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou ¹put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up. And Moses was very wroth, and said unto the LORD, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them.
 16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy congregation before the LORD, thou, and they, and Aaron, to-morrow: and take ye every man his censer, and put incense upon them, and bring ye before the LORD every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each 18 his censer. And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood at the door of the tent of meeting with Moses 19 and Aaron. And Korah assembled all the congregation against them unto the door of the tent of meeting: and the glory of the LORD appeared unto all the congregation.
 20 And the LORD spake unto Moses and 21 unto Aaron, saying, Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.
 22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?
 23 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.
 25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders 26 of Israel followed him. And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their 27 sins. So they gat them up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood at the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little ones.
 28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for *I have not done them* 29 of mine own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; 30 then the LORD hath not sent me. But if the LORD ²make a new thing, and the ground open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down alive into ³the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have despised the LORD.
 31 And it came to pass, as he made an

end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was 32 under them: and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all 33 their goods. So they, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into ⁴the pit: and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from 34 among the assembly. And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest 35 the earth swallow us up. And fire came forth from the LORD, and devoured the two hundred and fifty men that offered the incense.
 36 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are 38 holy; even the censers of ⁵these sinners against their own ⁶lives, and let them be made beaten plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are holy: and they shall be a sign 39 unto the children of Israel. And Eleazar the priest took the brasen censers, which they that were burnt had offered; and they beat them out for a 40 covering of the altar: to be a memorial unto the children of Israel, to the end that no stranger, which is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to burn incense before the LORD; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as the LORD spake unto him by the hand of Moses.
 41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of 42 the LORD. And it came to pass, when the congregation was assembled against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tent of meeting: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared.
 43 And Moses and Aaron came to the 44 front of the tent of meeting. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 45 Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And they fell upon their 46 faces. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take thy censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and lay incense thereon, and carry it quickly unto the congregation, and make atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from 47 the LORD; the plague is begun. And Aaron took as Moses spake, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on the incense, and made atonement for the people.
 48 And he stood between the dead and

¹ Heb.
bore out.

[Ch. xvii.
1 in
Heb.]

⁴ Or,
these
men who
have
sinned
at the
cost of
their
lives
⁵ Or,
souls

² Heb.
create a
creation.

³ Heb.
Sheol.

the living; and the plague was stayed.
 49 Now they that died by the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides them that died about the mat-
 50 ter of Korah. And Aaron returned unto Moses unto the door of the tent of meeting: and the plague was stayed.

[Ch. xvii.
 16 in
 Heb.]

17 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and take of them rods, one for each fathers' house, of all their princes according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods: write thou every man's name upon his rod. And thou shalt write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi: for there shall be one rod for each head of their fathers' houses.
 4 And thou shalt lay them up in the tent of meeting before the testimony, where I meet with you. And it shall come to pass, that the man whom I shall choose, his rod shall bud: and I will make to cease from me the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you. And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, and all their princes gave him rods, for each prince one, according to their fathers' houses, even twelve rods: and the rod of Aaron was among their rods. And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tent of the testimony. And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses went into the tent of the testimony; and, behold, the rod of Aaron for the house of Levi was budded, and put forth buds, and bloomed blossoms, and bare ripe almonds.
 9 And Moses brought out all the rods from before the LORD unto all the children of Israel: and they looked, and took every man his rod. And the LORD said unto Moses, Put back the rod of Aaron before the testimony, to be kept for a token against the children of rebellion; that thou mayest make an end of their murmurings against me, that they die not. Thus did Moses: as the LORD commanded him, so did he.

[Or, shall die]

12 And the children of Israel spake unto Moses, saying, Behold, we perish, we are undone, we are all undone. Every one that cometh near, that cometh near unto the tabernacle of the LORD, ¹dieth: shall we perish all of us?

18 And the LORD said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy fathers' house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary: and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. And thy brethren also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou near with thee, that they may be ²joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee shall be before the tent

[2 See Gen. xxx. 34.]

3 of the testimony. And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the Tent: only they shall not come nigh unto the vessels of the sanctuary and unto the altar, that they die not, neither they, nor ye. And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the Tent: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you. And ye shall keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the altar: that there be wrath no more upon the children of Israel. And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you they are a gift, given unto the LORD, to do the service of the tent of meeting. And thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priesthood for every thing of the altar, and for that within the veil; and ye shall serve: I give you the priesthood as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

8 And the LORD spake unto Aaron, And I, behold, I have given thee the charge of mine heave offerings, even all the hallowed things of the children of Israel, unto thee have I given them ³by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, as a due for ever. This shall be thine of the most holy things, reserved from the fire: every oblation of theirs, even every meal offering of theirs, and every sin offering of theirs, and every guilt offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, shall be most holy for thee and for thy sons. As the most holy things shalt thou eat thereof: every male shall eat thereof: it shall be holy unto thee. And this is thine; the heave offering of their gift, even all the wave offerings of the children of Israel: I have given them unto thee, and to thy sons and to thy daughters with thee, as a due for ever: every one that is clean in thy house shall eat thereof. All the ⁴best of the oil, and all the ⁴best of the vintage, and of the corn, the firstfruits of them which they give unto the LORD, to thee have I given them. The firstripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring unto the LORD, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thy house shall eat thereof. Every thing devoted in Israel shall be thine. Every thing that openeth the womb, of all flesh which they offer unto the LORD, both of man and beast, shall be thine: nevertheless the first-born of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem. ⁵And those that are to be redeemed of them from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the

[3 Or, for a portion]

[4 Heb. fat.]

[5 Or, And as to their redemption money, from a month old shalt thou redeem them]

sanctuary (the same is twenty geras).
 17 But the firstling of an ox, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto the Lord. And the flesh of them shall be thine, as the wave breast and as the right thigh, it shall be thine.
 19 All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto the Lord, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, as a due for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever between the Lord unto thee and to thy seed with thee.
 20 And the Lord said unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any portion among them: I am thy portion and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.
 21 And unto the children of Levi, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service which they serve, even the service of the tent of meeting. And henceforth the children of Israel shall not come nigh the tent of meeting, lest they bear sin, and die. But the Levites shall do the service of the tent of meeting, and they shall bear their iniquity: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations, and among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. For the tithe of the children of Israel, which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.
 25 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Moreover thou shalt speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up an heave offering of it to the Lord, a tithe of the tithe. And your heave offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the corn of the threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the winepress. Thus ye also shall offer an heave offering unto the Lord of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and thereof ye shall give the Lord's heave offering to Aaron the priest. Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave offering of the Lord, of all the best thereof, even the hallowed part thereof out of it. Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye heave the best thereof from it, then it shall be counted unto the Levites as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the winepress. And ye shall eat it

in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward in return for your service in the tent of meeting. And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved from it the best thereof: and ye shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, that ye die not.

19 And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, This is the statute of the law which the Lord hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke: and ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, and he shall bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face: and Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times: and one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: and the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer. Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even. And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a sin offering. And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever. He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days: the same shall purify himself therewith on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the Lord; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him. This is the law when a man dieth in a tent: every one that cometh into the tent, and every one that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. And every open vessel,

² Or, neither shall ye die

³ Or, perfect

⁴ Or, impurity

⁵ Or, and on the seventh day, so shall he be clean
⁶ Or, and

which hath no covering bound upon it,
 16 is unclean. And whosoever in the
 open field toucheth one that is slain
 with a sword, or a dead body, or a
 bone of a man, or a grave, shall be un-
 17 clean seven days. And for the unclean
 they shall take of the ashes of the
 burning of the sin offering, and ¹running
 water shall be put thereto in a
 18 vessel: and a clean person shall take
 hyssop, and dip it in the water, and
 sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all
 the vessels, and upon the persons that
 were there, and upon him that touched
 the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or
 19 the grave: and the clean person shall
 sprinkle upon the unclean on the third
 day, and on the seventh day: and on
 the seventh day he shall purify him;
 and he shall wash his clothes, and
 bathe himself in water, and shall be
 20 clean at even. But the man that shall
 be unclean, and shall not purify him-
 self, that soul shall be cut off from the
 midst of the assembly, because he hath
 defiled the sanctuary of the Lord: the
 water of separation hath not been
 sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.
 21 And it shall be a perpetual statute
 unto them: and he that sprinklcth
 the water of separation shall wash
 his clothes; and he that toucheth the
 water of separation shall be unclean
 22 until even. And whatsoever the un-
 clean person toucheth shall be unclean;
 and the soul that toucheth it shall be
 unclean until even.

20 And the children of Israel, even the
 whole congregation, came into the
 wilderness of Zin in the first month:
 and the people abode in Kadesh; and
 Miriam died there, and was buried
 2 there. And there was no water for
 the congregation: and they assembled
 themselves together against Moses and
 3 against Aaron. And the people strove
 with Moses, and spake, saying, Would
 God that we had died when our brethren
 4 died before the Lord! And why have
 ye brought the assembly of the Lord
 into this wilderness, that we should die
 5 there, we and our cattle? And where-
 fore have ye made us to come up out
 of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil
 place? it is no place of seed, or of figs,
 or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither
 6 is there any water to drink. And Moses
 and Aaron went from the presence of
 the assembly unto the door of the tent
 of meeting, and fell upon their faces:
 and the glory of the Lord appeared
 7 unto them. And the Lord spake unto
 8 Moses, saying, Take the rod, and as-
 semble the congregation, thou, and
 Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto
 the rock before their eyes, that it give
 forth its water; and thou shalt bring
 forth to them water out of the rock:

so thou shalt give the congregation and
 9 their cattle drink. And Moses took the
 rod from before the Lord, as he com-
 10 manded him. And Moses and Aaron
 gathered the assembly together before
 the rock, and he said unto them, Hear
 now, ye rebels; shall we bring you
 11 forth water out of this rock? And
 Moses lifted up his hand, and smote
 the rock with his rod twice: and water
 came forth abundantly, and the con-
 12 gregation drank, and their cattle. And
 the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron,
 Because ye believed not in me, to
 sanctify me in the eyes of the children
 of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring
 this assembly into the land which I
 13 have given them. These are the waters
 of ²Meribah; because the children of
 Israel strove with the Lord, and he
³was sanctified in them.

14 And Moses sent messengers from
 Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus
 saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest
 all the travail that hath befallen us:
 15 how our fathers went down into Egypt,
 and we dwell in Egypt a long time;
 and the Egyptians evil entreated us,
 16 and our fathers: and when we cried
 unto the Lord, he heard our voice, and
 sent an angel, and brought us forth out
 of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Ka-
 desh, a city in the uttermost of thy
 17 border: let us pass, I pray thee, through
 thy land: we will not pass through field
 or through vineyard, neither will we
 drink of the water of the wells: we
 will go along the king's *high way*, we
 will not turn aside to the right hand
 nor to the left, until we have passed
 18 thy border. And Edom said unto him,
 Thou shalt not pass through me, lest I
 come out with the sword against thee.
 19 And the children of Israel said unto
 him, We will go up by the high way:
 and if we drink of thy water, I and
 my cattle, then will I give the price
 thereof: let me only, without *doing*
 any thing *else*, pass through on my
 20 feet. And he said, Thou shalt not pass
 through. And Edom came out against
 him with much people, and with a
 21 strong hand. Thus Edom refused
 to give Israel passage through his
 border: wherefore Israel turned away
 from him.
 22 And they journeyed from Kadesh:
 and the children of Israel, even the
 whole congregation, came unto mount
 23 Hor. And the Lord spake unto Moses
 and Aaron in mount Hor, by the border
 24 of the land of Edom, saying, Aaron
 shall be gathered unto his people: for
 he shall not enter into the land which
 I have given unto the children of Is-
 rael, because ye rebelled against my
 25 word at the waters of Meribah. Take
 Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring
 26 them up unto mount Hor: and strip

¹ Heb.
 running.

² That is,
 strife.

³ Or,
 showed
 himself
 holy.

Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered *unto his people*, and shall 27 die there. And Moses did as the LORD commanded: and they went up into mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son; and Aaron died there in the top of the mount: and Moses and Eleazar came down from the mount. 29 And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they wept for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

21 And the Canaanite, the king of Arad, which dwelt in the South, heard tell that Israel came by the way of Atharim; and he fought against Israel, and 2 took some of them captive. And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will ³utterly destroy their cities. And the LORD hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they ⁴utterly destroyed them and their cities: and the name of the place was called ⁵Hormah.

4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people ⁶was much discouraged ⁵because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul loatheth this ⁷light bread. And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much 7 people of Israel died. And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, because we have spoken against the LORD, and against thee; pray unto the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a standard: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he seeth it, shall live.

9 And Moses made a serpent of brass, and set it upon the standard: and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked unto 10 the serpent of brass, he lived. And the children of Israel journeyed, and 11 pitched in Oboth. And they journeyed from Oboth, and pitched at Iye-abarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab, 12 toward the sunrise. From thence they journeyed, and pitched in the valley of Zered. From thence they journeyed, and pitched on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness, that cometh out of the border of the Amorites: for Arnon is the border of

Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. 14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the Wars of the LORD, Vaheb ⁸in Suphah, And the valleys of Arnon, 15 And the slope of the valleys That inclineth toward the dwelling of Ar, And leaneth upon the border of Moab. 16 And from thence *they journeyed* to ⁹Beer: that is the well whereof the LORD said unto Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

17 Then sang Israel this song: Spring up, O well; sing ye unto it: 18 The well, which the princes digged, Which the nobles of the people delved, ¹⁰With the sceptre, and with their staves. And from the wilderness *they journeyed* 19 to Mattanah: and from Mattanah to Nahaliel: and from Nahaliel to Bamoth: and from Bamoth to the valley that is in the field of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh down upon ¹¹the desert.

21 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, saying, Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn aside into field, or into vineyard; we will not drink of the water of the wells: we will go by the king's *high way*, until we have passed thy border. 23 And Sihon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border: but Sihon gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel into the wilderness, and came to Jahaz: and he fought 24 against Israel. And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and possessed his land from Arnon unto Jabbok, even unto the children of Ammon: for the border of the children of Ammon 25 was strong. And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Amorites, in Heshbon, and in all 26 the ¹²towns thereof. For Heshbon was the city of Sihon the king of the Amorites, who had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out 27 of his hand, even unto Arnon. Wherefore they that speak in proverbs say, Come ye to Heshbon, Let the city of Sihon be built and established: 28 For a fire is gone out of Heshbon, A flame from the city of Sihon: It hath devoured Ar of Moab, The lords of ¹³the high places of Arnon. 29 Woe to thee, Moab! Thou art undone, O people of Chemosh: He hath given his sons as fugitives, And his daughters into captivity, Unto Sihon king of the Amorites. 30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto Dibon,

¹ Or, of the spies

² Heb. devote.

³ Heb. devoted.

⁴ From the same root as *herem*, a devoted thing.

⁵ Or, was impatient. Heb. was shortened.

⁶ Or, in

⁷ Or, ville

⁸ Or, is storm

⁹ That is, A well.

¹⁰ Or, By order of the lawgiver

¹¹ Or, Jerahmon

¹² Heb. strong-towers.

¹³ Or, Dammah

And we have laid waste even unto Nophah,

¹Which *reacheth* unto Medeba.

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the 32 Amorites. And Moses sent to spy out Jazer, and they took the towns thereof, and drove out the Amorites that

33 were there. And they turned and went up by the way of Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan went out against them, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei.

34 And the Lord said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I have delivered him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon.

35 So they smote him, and his sons, and all his people, until there was none left him remaining: and they possessed

22 his land. And the children of Israel journeyed, and pitched in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho.

2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites.

3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab

²was distressed because of the children 4 of Israel. And Moab said unto the

elders of Midian, Now shall ³this multitude lick up all that is round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zippor

5 was king of Moab at that time. And he sent messengers unto Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the River, to the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold,

there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the ⁴face of the earth, and they abide over against

6 me: come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall

prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I know that he whom thou blessest

is blessed, and he whom thou cursest 7 is cursed. And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake

8 unto him the words of Balak. And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the Lord shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.

9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, 10 What men are these with thee? And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent

11 unto me, saying, Behold, the people that is come out of Egypt, it covereth the face of the earth: now, come curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to fight against them, and shall drive

12 them out. And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are

13 blessed. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the Lord refuseth to give me leave to

14 go with you. And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come

15 with us. And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable 16 than they. And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto

17 me: for I will promote thee unto very great honour, and whatsoever thou sayest unto me I will do: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this

18 people. And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do

19 less or more. Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will speak

20 unto me more. And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men be come to call thee, rise up, go with them; but only the word which I speak unto thee, that shalt

21 thou do. And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went 22 with the princes of Moab. And God's anger was kindled because he went: and the angel of the Lord placed himself in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with

23 him. And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote

24 the ass, to turn her into the way. Then the angel of the Lord stood in a hollow way between the vineyards, a fence being on this side, and a fence on that

25 side. And the ass saw the angel of the Lord, and she thrust herself unto the wall, and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall: and he smote her

26 again. And the angel of the Lord went further, and stood in a narrow place, where was no way to turn either 27 to the right hand or to the left. And the ass saw the angel of the Lord, and she lay down under Balaam: and Balaam's anger was kindled, and he

28 smote the ass with his staff. And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Balaam, What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten

29 me these three times? And Balaam said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: I would there were a sword in mine hand, for now I had

30 killed thee. And the ass said unto Balaam, Am not I thine ass, upon which thou hast ridden all thy life

¹ Some ancient authorities have, *Fire* reached unto.

¹ Or, *abhorred*.

² Heb. *the assembly*.

⁴ Heb. *eye*.

long unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? And he said,

31 Nay. Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed his head, and fell on his face.

32 And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thine ass these three times? behold, I am come forth for an adversary, because thy way is perverse before

33 me: and the ass saw me, and turned aside before me these three times: unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I had even slain thee, and saved her alive. And Balaam said unto the angel of the LORD, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will

35 get me back again. And the angel of the LORD said unto Balaam, Go with the men: but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the

36 princes of Balak. And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto the City of Moab, which is on the border of Arnon, which is in the utmost part of the border.

37 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honour? And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to speak any thing? the word that God putteth

39 in my mouth, that shall I speak. And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kiriath-huzoth. And Balak sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were

41 with him. And it came to pass in the morning, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into ²the high places of Baal, and he saw from thence the

23 utmost part of the people. And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here

2 seven bullocks and seven rams. And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every

3 altar a bullock and a ram. And Balaam said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt offering, and I will go; peradventure the LORD will come to meet me: and whatsoever he sheweth me I will tell thee. And he went to a bare height.

4 And God met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered up a bullock

5 and a ram on every altar. And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus

6 thou shalt speak. And he returned unto him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt offering, he, and all the princes

¹ Heb. head-long.

² Or. Bamoth-baal.

7 of Moab. And he took up his parable, and said,

From Aram hath Balak brought me,

The king of Moab from the mountains of the East:

Come, curse me Jacob,

And come, ³defy Israel.

8 How shall I curse, whom God hath not cursed?

And how shall I defy, whom the LORD hath not defied?

9 For from the top of the rocks I see him,

And from the hills I behold him:

Lo, it is a people that dwell alone,

And shall not be reckoned among the nations.

10 Who can count the dust of Jacob,

⁴Or number the fourth part of Israel?

Let ⁵me die the death of the righteous,

And let my last end be like his!

11 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast blessed them altogether.

12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which

13 the LORD putteth in my mouth? And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray

thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them; thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse

14 me them from thence. And he took him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars,

and offered up a bullock and a ram on

15 every altar. And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt offering, while

16 I meet the LORD yonder. And the LORD met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Return unto

Balak, and thus shalt thou speak.

17 And he came to him, and, lo, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak

said unto him, What hath the LORD

18 spoken? And he took up his parable, and said,

Rise up, Balak, and hear;

Hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God is not a man, that he should lie;

Neither the son of man, that he should repent:

Hath he said, and shall he not do it?

Or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless:

And he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it.

21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob,

³ Heb. Lo wrath against.

⁴ Heb. Or, by number, the 4th.
⁵ Heb. my soul.

Neither hath he seen perverseness
in Israel:
The Lord his God is with him,
And the shout of a king is among
them.

22 God bringeth them forth out of
Egypt;

He hath as it were the ¹strength of
the ²wild-ox.

23 Surely there is no enchantment
³with Jacob,

Neither is there any divination
⁴with Israel:

⁵Now shall it be ⁶said of Jacob and
of Israel,

What hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people riseth up as a
lioness,

And as a lion doth he lift himself
up:

He shall not lie down until he eat
of the prey,

And drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither
curse them at all, nor bless them at

26 all. But Balaam answered and said
unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying,

All that the Lord speaketh, that I
27 must do? And Balak said unto Balaam,

Come now, I will take thee unto another
place; peradventure it will please God

that thou mayest curse me them
28 from thence. And Balak took Balaam

unto the top of Peor, that looketh
29 down upon ⁶the desert. And Balaam

said unto Balak, Build me here seven
altars, and prepare me here seven

30 bullocks and seven rams. And Balak
did as Balaam had said, and offered

up a bullock and a ram on every
24 altar. And when Balaam saw that

it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he
went not, as at the other times, to meet

with enchantments, but he set his face
2 toward the wilderness. And Balaam

lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel
dwelling according to their tribes; and

the spirit of God came upon him.
3 And he took up his parable, and said,

Balaam the son of Beor saith,
And the man whose eye ⁷was closed

saith:

4 He saith, which heareth the words
of God,

Which seeth the vision of the Al-
mighty,

Falling down, and having his eyes
open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O
Jacob,

Thy tabernacles, O Israel!

6 As valleys are they spread forth,
As gardens by the river side,

As lign-aloes which the Lord hath
planted,

As cedar trees beside the waters.

7 Water shall flow from his buckets,
And his seed shall be in many

waters,

And his king shall be higher than
Agag,

And his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 God bringeth him forth out of
Egypt;

He hath as it were the ⁸strength of
the ⁹wild-ox:

He shall eat up the nations his
adversaries,

And shall break their bones in pieces,
And smite them through with his

arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion,
And as a lioness; who shall rouse

him up?

Blessed be every one that blesseth
thee,

And cursed be every one that
curseth thee.

10 And Balak's anger was kindled against
Balaam, and he smote his hands

together: and Balak said unto Balaam,
I called thee to curse mine enemies,

and, behold, thou hast altogether
blessed them these three times.

11 Therefore now flee thou to thy place:
I thought to promote thee unto great

honour; but, lo, the Lord hath kept
12 thee back from honour. And Balaam

said unto Balak, Spake I not also to
thy messengers which thou sentest

13 unto me, saying, If Balak would give
me his house full of silver and gold, I

cannot go beyond the word of the
Lord, to do either good or bad of

mine own mind; what the Lord
14 speaketh, that will I speak? And

now, behold, I go unto my people:
come, and I will advertise thee what

this people shall do to thy people
15 in the latter days. And he took up

his parable, and said,

Balaam the son of Beor saith,

And the man whose eye ⁷was closed
saith:

16 He saith, which heareth the words
of God,

And knoweth the knowledge of the
Most High,

Which seeth the vision of the Al-
mighty,

Falling down, and having his eyes
open:

17 I see him, but not now:

I behold him, but not nigh:

There shall come forth a star out
of Jacob,

And a sceptre shall rise out of
Israel,

And shall smite through the corners
of Moab,

And break down all the sons ⁹of
tumult.

18 And Edom shall be a possession,
Seir also shall be a possession, which

were his enemies;

While Israel doeth valiantly.

19 And out of Jacob shall one have
dominion,

1 Or,
horror.
2 Or,
ag-anim-
lype.
Hah
poreon.
3 Or,
a pained
4 Or,
at the
d-g
a-son
5 Or,
told to...
what
God hath
wrought

6 Or,
Jehoi-
achim

7 Or, he
oppressed

* See ch.
xxiii. 22.

* Or, of
Shirah

And shall destroy the remnant from the city.

20 And he looked on Amalek, and took up his parable, and said,

Amalek was the first of the nations;

But his latter end shall come to destruction.

21 And he looked on the Kenite, and took up his parable, and said,
Strong is thy dwelling place,
And thy nest is set in the rock.

22 Nevertheless ¹Kain shall be wasted,
²Until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.

23 And he took up his parable, and said,
Alas, who shall live when God

³doeth this?

24 But ships *shall come* from the coast of Kittim,

And they shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber,

And he also shall come to destruction.

25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place: and Balak also went his way.

25 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit whoredom

²with the daughters of Moab: for they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods; and the people did eat,

and bowed down to their gods. And Israel ⁴joined himself unto ⁵Baal-peor:

and the anger of the Lord was kindled ⁴against Israel. And the Lord said

unto Moses, Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them up unto the

Lord before the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may turn away

⁵from Israel. And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one

his men that have joined themselves ⁶unto Baal-peor. And, behold, one of

the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midian-

itish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congrega-

tion of the children of Israel, while they were weeping at the door of the

⁷tent of meeting. And when Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron

the priest, saw it, he rose up from the midst of the congregation, and took a

⁸spear in his hand; and he went after the man of Israel into the ⁶pavilion,

and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through

her belly. So the plague was stayed

⁹from the children of Israel. And those that died by the plague were

twenty and four thousand.

10 And the Lord spake unto Moses,

11 saying, Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath

turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, in that he was

jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I consumed not the children

12 of Israel in my jealousy. Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my coven-

13 ant of peace: and it shall be unto him, and to his seed after him, the covenant

of an everlasting priesthood; because he was jealous for his God, and made

atonement for the children of Israel.

14 Now the name of the man of Israel that was slain, who was slain with the

Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a fathers' house

15 among the Simeonites. And the name of the Midianitish woman that

was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head of the people of a

fathers' house in Midian.

16 And the Lord spake unto Moses,

17 saying, Vex the Midianites, and smite them: for they vex you with their

wiles, wherewith they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the

matter of Cozbi, the daughter of the prince of Midian, their sister, which

was slain on the day of the plague in the matter of Peor.

26 And it came to pass after the plague, that the Lord spake unto Moses and

unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying, Take the sum of all

the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and

upward, by their fathers' houses, all that are able to go forth to war in

3 Israel. And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains

of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho,

4 saying, *Take the sum of the people*, from twenty years old and upward;

as the Lord commanded Moses and the children of Israel, which came

forth out of the land of Egypt.

5 Reuben, the firstborn of Israel: the sons of Reuben; of Hanoch, the

family of the Hanochites: of Pallu,

6 the family of the Palluites: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites: of Carmi,

7 the family of the Carmites. These are the families of the Reubenites:

and they that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and

8 seven hundred and thirty. And the sons of Pallu; Eliab. And the sons

of Eliab; Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are that Dathan and

Abiram, which were called of the congregation, who strove against Moses

and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against

10 the Lord: and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up to-

gether with Korah, when that company died; what time the fire de-

voured two hundred and fifty men, and they became a sign. Notwith-

standing the sons of Korah died not.

12 The sons of Simeon after their families: of ⁷Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites: of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites: of ⁸Jachin, the

¹ Or, the Kenites
² Or, How long! As-shur &c.

³ Or, establish-eth him

⁴ Or, yoked
⁵ Or, the Bull of Peor
See ch. xiii. 28.

⁶ Or, alcove

⁷ In Gen. xvi. 10.
Ex. vi. 18.
Jemuel.
⁸ In 1 Chr. iv. 24.
Jachin.

- 1 In Gen. xiv. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.
- 13 family of the Jachinites: of ¹ Zerah, the family of the Zerahites: of Shaul, 14 the family of the Shanlites. These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two hundred.
- 15 The sons of Gad after their families: of ² Zephon, the family of the Zephonites: of Haggi, the family of the Haggites: of Shuni, the family of the Shunites: 16 of ³ Ozni, the family of the Oznites: of 17 Eri, the family of the Erites: of ⁴ Arodi, the family of the Arodites: of Arel, 18 the family of the Arelites. These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.
- 19 The sons of Judah, Er and Onan: and Er and Onan died in the land of 20 Canaan. And the sons of Judah after their families were; of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites: of Perez, the family of the Perexites: of Zerah, the 21 family of the Zerahites. And the sons of Perez were; of Hebron, the family of the Hebronites: of Hamul, the family 22 of the Hamulites. These are the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and sixteen thousand and five hundred.
- 23 The sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites: of Puvah, the family of the 24 Punites: of ⁵ Jashub, the family of the Jashubites: of Shimron, the family 25 of the Shimronites. These are the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, threescore and four thousand and three hundred.
- 26 The sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites: of Elon, the family of the Elonites: of Jahleel, the family of the 27 Jahleellites. These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, threescore thousand and five hundred.
- 28 The sons of Joseph after their families: 29 Manasseh and Ephraim. The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites: and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead, the family of the Gileadites.
- 30 These are the sons of Gilead: of ⁶ Iezer, the family of the Iezerites: of Helek, the 31 family of the Helekites: and of Asriel, the family of the Asrielites: and of Shechem, the family of the Shechem- 32 ites: and of Shemida, the family of the Shemidaites: and of Hephher, the family 33 of the Hephherites. And Zelophehad the son of Hephher had no sons, but daughters: and the names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Mahlah, and Noah, 34 Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. These are the families of Manasseh: and they that were numbered of them were fifty and two thousand and seven hundred.
- 35 These are the sons of Ephraim after their families: of Shuthelah, the family of the Shuthelahites: of ⁷ Becher, the family of the Becherites: of Tahan, the 36 family of the Tahanites. And these are the sons of Shuthelah: of Eran, 37 the family of the Eranites. These are the families of the sons of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph after their families.
- 38 The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela, the family of the Belaïtes: of Ashbel, the family of the Ashbelites: of ⁸ Ahiram, the family of 39 the Ahiranites: of ⁹ Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites: of Hupham, 40 the family of the Huphamites. And the sons of Bela were ¹⁰ Ard and Naaman: of ¹¹ Ard, the family of the Ardites: of Naaman, the family of the Naamites.
- 41 These are the sons of Benjamin after their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and six hundred.
- 42 These are the sons of Dan after their families: of ¹² Shuham, the family of the Shuhamites. These are the fami- 43 lies of Dan after their families. All the families of the Shuhamites, according to those that were numbered of them, were threescore and four thousand and four hundred.
- 44 The sons of Asher after their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites: of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites: of 45 Beriah, the family of the Beraites. Of the sons of Beriah: of Heber, the family of the Heberites: of Malchiel, the 46 family of the Malchielites. And the name of the daughter of Asher was 47 Serah. These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them, fifty and three thousand and four hundred.
- 48 The sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites: of Guni, the family of the 49 Gunites: of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites: of Shilem, the family of 50 the Shillemites. These are the families of Naphtali according to their families: and they that were numbered of them were forty and five thousand and four hundred.
- 51 These are they that were numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred thousand and a thousand seven hundred and thirty.
- 52 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to 54 the number of names. To the more thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to the fewer thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one according to those that were numbered of him shall his inheritance be given.
- 55 Notwithstanding the land shall be

divided by lot: according to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. According to the lot shall their inheritance be divided between the more and the fewer.

57 And these are they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites: of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites: of Merari, the family of the Merarites. These are the families of Levi: the family of the Libnites, the family of the Hebronites, the family of the Mahlites, the family of the Mushites, the family of the Korahites. And Kohath begat Amram. And the name of Amram's wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam his sister. And unto Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before the LORD. And they that were numbered of them were twenty and three thousand, every male from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

63 These are they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest; who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. But among these there was not a man of them that were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest; who numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not left a man of them, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun.

27 Then drew near the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Hephher, the son of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Manasseh the son of Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters; Mahlah, Noah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, at the door of the tent of meeting, saying, Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the company of them that gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Korah: but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he had no son? Give unto us a possession among the brethren of our father. And Moses brought their cause before the LORD. And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, The daughters of Zelophe-

had speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them. And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter. And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren. And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father's brethren. And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

12 And the LORD said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim, and behold the land which I have given unto the children of Israel. And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered: because ye rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the waters before their eyes. (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.) And Moses spake unto the LORD, saying, Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, which may go out before them, and which may come in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd. And the LORD said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. And thou shalt put of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may obey. And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgement of the Urim before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. And Moses did as the LORD commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: and he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the LORD spake by the hand of Moses.

28 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My oblation, my food for my offerings

¹ See ch. xx. 12, 13.

² Heb. bread.

¹ See Ex.
xix.
38-42

² Heb
between
the two
even-
ings.

³ Heb.
bread.

made by fire, of a sweet savour unto me, shall ye observe to offer unto me in their due season. ¹ And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto the LORD; he-lambs of the first year without blemish, two day by day, for a continual burnt offering. The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the other lamb shalt thou offer ² at even; and the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mingled with the fourth part of an hin of beaten oil. ⁶ It is a continual burnt offering, which was ordained in mount Sinai for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And the drink offering thereof shall be the fourth part of an hin for the one lamb: in the holy place shalt thou pour out a drink offering of strong drink unto the LORD. And the other lamb shalt thou offer at even: as the meal offering of the morning, and as the drink offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD.

⁹ And on the sabbath day two he-lambs of the first year without blemish, and two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mingled with oil, and the drink offering thereof: this is the burnt offering of every sabbath, beside the continual burnt offering, and the drink offering thereof.

¹¹ And in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, seven he-lambs of the first year without blemish; and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal offering, mingled with oil, for each bullock; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meal offering, mingled with oil, for the one ram; and a several tenth part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal offering unto every lamb; for a burnt offering of a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And their drink offerings shall be half an hin of wine for a bullock, and the third part of an hin for the ram, and the fourth part of an hin for a lamb: this is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year. And one he-goat for a sin offering unto the LORD; it shall be offered beside the continual burnt offering, and the drink offering thereof.

¹⁶ And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is the LORD's passover. And on the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. In the first day shall be an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: but ye shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt offering unto the LORD; two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven he-lambs of the first year: they shall

20 be unto you without blemish: and their meal offering, fine flour mingled with oil: three tenth parts shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth parts for the ram; a several tenth part shalt thou offer for every lamb of the seven lambs; and one he-goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you. Ye shall offer these beside the burnt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering. After this manner ye shall offer daily, for seven days, the ³ food of the offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: it shall be offered beside the continual burnt offering, and the drink offering thereof. And on the seventh day ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

²⁶ Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye offer a new meal offering unto the LORD in your feast of weeks, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: but ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; two young bullocks, one ram, seven he-lambs of the first year; and their meal offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for each bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, a several tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; one he-goat, to make atonement for you. Beside the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering thereof, ye shall offer them (they shall be unto you without blemish), and their drink offerings.

²⁹ And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing of trumpets unto you. And ye shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savour unto the LORD; one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs of the first year without blemish: and their meal offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for the ram, and one tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs: and one he-goat for a sin offering, to make atonement for you: beside the burnt offering of the new moon, and the meal offering thereof, and the continual burnt offering and the meal offering thereof, and their drink offerings, according unto their ordinance, for a sweet savour, an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

⁷ And on the tenth day of this seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall do no manner of work: but ye shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD for a sweet savour; one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs of the first year; they shall be unto you without blemish: and their meal offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three

tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, a several tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs: 10 one he-goat for a sin offering; beside the sin offering of atonement, and the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering thereof, and their drink offerings. 12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have an holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto 13 the LORD seven days: and ye shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD; thirteen young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the first year; 14 they shall be without blemish: and their meal offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth parts for each ram of the two 15 rams, and a several tenth part for every 16 lamb of the fourteen lambs: and one he-goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, the meal offering thereof, and the drink offering thereof. 17 And on the second day ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the first year without 18 blemish: and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance: 19 and one he-goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering thereof, and their drink offerings. 20 And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the 21 first year without blemish; and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, 22 after the ordinance: and one he-goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering thereof, and the drink offering thereof. 23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the 24 first year without blemish: their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after 25 the ordinance: and one he-goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, the meal offering thereof, and the drink offering thereof. 26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the 27 first year without blemish: and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, 28 after the ordinance: and one he-goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering thereof, and the drink offering thereof. 29 And on the sixth day eight bullocks,

two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the 30 first year without blemish: and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, 31 after the ordinance: and one he-goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, the meal offering thereof, and the drink offerings thereof. 32 And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs of the first 33 year without blemish: and their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after 34 the ordinance: and one he-goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, the meal offering thereof, and the drink offering thereof. 35 On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no 36 servile work: but ye shall offer a burnt offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savour unto the LORD: one bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs of 37 the first year without blemish: their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their 38 number, after the ordinance: and one he-goat for a sin offering; beside the continual burnt offering, and the meal offering thereof, and the drink offering thereof. 39 These ye shall offer unto the LORD in your set feasts, beside your vows, and your freewill offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meal offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for 40 your peace offerings. And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. 30 And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the 2 LORD hath commanded. When a man voweth a vow unto the LORD, or sweareth an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceedeth 8 out of his mouth. Also when a woman voweth a vow unto the LORD, and bindeth herself by a bond, being in 4 her father's house, in her youth; and her father heareth her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father holdeth his peace at her: then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath 5 bound her soul shall stand. But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth; none of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and the LORD shall forgive her, because her father dis- 6 allowed her. And if she be married to a husband, while her vows are upon her, or the rash utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul;

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7 and her husband hear it, and hold his peace at her in the day that he heareth it: then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. But if her husband disallow her in the day that he heareth it; then he shall make void her vow which is upon her, and the rash utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul: and the Lord shall forgive her. But the vow of a widow, or of her that is divorced, *even* every thing wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand against her. And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, and her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. But if her husband made them null and void in the day that he heard them; then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and the Lord shall forgive her. Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day; then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he hath established them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them. 15 But if he shall make them null and void after that he hath heard them; 16 then he shall bear her iniquity. These are the statutes, which the Lord commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter, being in her youth, in her father's house.

31 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people. And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm ye men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian, to execute the Lord's vengeance on Midian. Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye send to the war. So there were delivered, out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. And Moses sent them, a thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the vessels of the sanctuary and the trumpets for the alarm in this hand. And they warred against Midian, as the Lord commanded Moses; and they slew every male. 8 And they slew the kings of Midian with the rest of their slain; Evi, and

Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword. And the children of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey. And all their cities in the places wherein they dwelt, and all their encampments, they burnt with fire. And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of beast. And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and unto Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan at Jericho.

13 And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp. And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, which came from the service of the war. And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive? 16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against the Lord in the matter of Peor, and so the plague was among the congregation of the Lord. Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. But all the women children, that have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. And encamp ye without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any person, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, ye and your captives. And as to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats' hair, and all things made of wood, ye shall purify yourselves. And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war which went to the battle, This is the statute of the law which the Lord hath commanded Moses: howbeit the gold, and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead, every thing that may abide the fire, ye shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make to go through the water. And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

25 And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the fathers' houses

1 Or, *im-purity*

27 of the congregation: and divide the prey into two parts; between the men skilled in war, that went out to battle, 28 and all the congregation: and levy a tribute unto the LORD of the men of war that went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, *both* of the persons, and of the beeves, and of the asses, 29 and of the flocks: take it of their half, and give it unto Eleazar the priest, 30 for the LORD's heave offering. And of the children of Israel's half, thou shalt take one drawn out of every fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, and of the flocks, *even* of all the cattle, and give them unto the Levites, which keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD. And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as the LORD 32 commanded Moses. Now the prey, over and above the booty which the men of war took, was six hundred thousand and seventy thousand and 33 five thousand sheep, and threescore 34 and twelve thousand beeves, and threescore and one thousand asses, 35 and thirty and two thousand persons in all, of the women that had not 36 known man by lying with him. And the half, which was the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thousand and thirty thousand and seven thousand 37 and five hundred sheep: and the LORD's tribute of the sheep was six hundred and threescore and fifteen. 38 And the beeves were thirty and six thousand; of which the LORD's tribute 39 was threescore and twelve. And the asses were thirty thousand and five hundred; of which the LORD's tribute 40 was threescore and one. And the persons were sixteen thousand; of whom the LORD's tribute was thirty 41 and two persons. And Moses gave the tribute, which was the LORD's heave offering, unto Eleazar the priest, 42 as the LORD commanded Moses. And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided off from the men that 43 warred, (now the congregation's half was three hundred thousand and thirty thousand, seven thousand and 44 five hundred sheep, and thirty and six thousand beeves, and thirty thousand and five hundred asses, and 45 sixteen thousand persons;) even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, which kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD; as the LORD commanded Moses. 48 And the officers which were over the thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and the captains of 49 hundreds, came near unto Moses: and they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of

war which are under our charge, and 50 there lacketh not one man of us. And we have brought the LORD's oblation, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, ankle chains, and bracelets, signet-rings, earrings, and armlets, to make atonement for our souls before 51 the LORD. And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, even 52 all wrought jewels. And all the gold of the heave offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven 53 hundred and fifty shekels. (3 For the men of war had taken booty, every 54 man for himself.) And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tent of meeting, for a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

32 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was 2 a place for cattle; the children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the 3 congregation, saying, Ataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and 4 Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and 5 Sebam, and Nebo, and 6 Beon, the land which the LORD smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and 5 thy servants have cattle. And they said, If we have found grace in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession; bring us 6 not over Jordan. And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to the war, and shall ye sit 7 here? And wherefore discourage ye the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which 8 the LORD hath given them? Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from 9 Kadesh-barnea to see the land. For when they went up unto the valley of Eshcol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given 10 them. And the LORD's anger was kindled in that day, and he sware, 11 saying, Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: 12 save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun: because they have wholly followed 13 the LORD. And the LORD's anger was

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kindled against Israel, and he made them wander to and fro in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of the LORD, was consumed. And, behold, ye are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel. For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye shall destroy all this people. And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: but we ourselves will be ready armed to go before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fenced cities because of the inhabitants of the land. We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. For we will not inherit with them on the other side Jordan, and forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side Jordan eastward. And Moses said unto them, If ye will do this thing; if ye will arm yourselves to go before the LORD to the war, and every armed man of you will pass over Jordan before the LORD, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, and the land be subdued before the LORD: then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless towards the LORD, and towards Israel; and this land shall be unto you for a possession before the LORD. But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the LORD: and be sure your sin will find you out. Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth. And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead: but thy servants will pass over, every man that is armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord saith. So Moses gave charge concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over Jordan, every man that is armed to battle, before the LORD, and the land shall be subdued before you; then ye shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession: but if they will not pass over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan. And

the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD hath said unto thy servants, so will we do. We will pass over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us beyond Jordan. And Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto the half tribe of Manasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, and the kingdom of Og king of Baahan, the land, according to the cities thereof with their borders, even the cities of the land round about. And the children of Gad built Dibon, and At-
35 aroth, and Aroer; and Atroth-shophan, and Jazer, and Jogbehah; and Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran: fenced cities, and folds for sheep. And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim; and Nebo, and Baalmeon, (their names being changed,) and Sibmah: and gave other names unto the cities which they build. And the children of Machir the son of Manasseh went to Gilead, and took it, and dispossessed the Amorites which were therein. And Moses gave Gilead unto Machir the son of Manasseh; and he dwelt therein. And Jair the son of Manasseh went and took the towns thereof, and called them ¹Havvoth-jair. And Nobah went and took Kenath, and the ²villages thereof, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

33 These are the ³journeys of the children of Israel, ⁴when they went forth out of the land of Egypt by their hosts under the hand of Moses and Aaron. 2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD: and these are their journeys according to their goings out. And they journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with an high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians, while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, which the LORD had smitten among them: upon their gods also the LORD executed judgments. And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses, and pitched in Succoth. And they journeyed from Succoth, and pitched in Etham, which is in the edge of the wilderness. 7 And they journeyed from Etham, and turned back unto Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon: and 8 they pitched before Migdol. And they journeyed from before Hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness: and they went three days' journey in the

¹ That is, The towns of Jair

² Heb. daughter-towns.

³ Or, stages

⁴ Or, by which

wilderness of Etham, and pitched
 9 in Marah. And they journeyed from
 Marah, and came unto Elim: and in
 Elim were twelve springs of water,
 and threescore and ten palm trees;
 10 and they pitched there. And they jour-
 neyed from Elim, and pitched by the
 11 Red Sea. And they journeyed from
 the Red Sea, and pitched in the wild-
 12 erness of Sin. And they journeyed
 from the wilderness of Sin, and pitched
 13 in Dophkah. And they journeyed from
 14 Dophkah, and pitched in Alush. And
 they journeyed from Alush, and pitch-
 ed in Rephidim, where was no water
 15 for the people to drink. And they
 journeyed from Rephidim, and pitched
 16 in the wilderness of Sinal. And they
 journeyed from the wilderness of Sinal,
 17 and pitched in Kibroth-hattaavah. And
 they journeyed from Kibroth-hattaa-
 18 vah, and pitched in Hazeroth. And
 they journeyed from Hazeroth, and
 19 pitched in Rithmah. And they jour-
 neyed from Rithmah, and pitched in
 20 Rimmon-perez. And they journeyed
 from Rimmon-perez, and pitched in
 21 Libnah. And they journeyed from
 22 Libnah, and pitched in Rissah. And
 they journeyed from Rissah, and pitch-
 23 ed in Kehelathah. And they jour-
 neyed from Kehelathah, and pitched in
 24 mount Shepher. And they journeyed
 from mount Shepher, and pitched in
 25 Haradah. And they journeyed from
 Haradah, and pitched in Makheloth.
 26 And they journeyed from Makheloth,
 27 and pitched in Tahath. And they
 journeyed from Tahath, and pitched
 28 in Terah. And they journeyed from
 29 Terah, and pitched in Mithkah. And
 they journeyed from Mithkah, and
 30 pitched in Hashmonah. And they
 journeyed from Hashmonah, and pitch-
 31 ed in Moseroth. And they journeyed
 from Moseroth, and pitched in Bene-
 32 jaakan. And they journeyed from
 Bene-jaakan, and pitched in Hor-hag-
 33 gidgad. And they journeyed from Hor-
 haggidgad, and pitched in Jotbathah.
 34 And they journeyed from Jotbathah,
 35 and pitched in Abroah. And they
 journeyed from Abroah, and pitched
 36 in Ezion-geber. And they journeyed
 from Ezion-geber, and pitched in the
 wilderness of Zin (the same is Kadesh).
 37 And they journeyed from Kadesh, and
 pitched in mount Hor, in the edge of
 38 the land of Edom. And Aaron the
 priest went up into mount Hor at the
 commandment of the Lord, and died
 there, in the fortieth year after the
 children of Israel were come out of the
 land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on
 39 the first day of the month. And Aaron
 was an hundred and twenty and three
 years old when he died in mount Hor.
 40 And the Canaanite, the king of Arad,
 which dwelt in the South in the land

of Canaan, heard of the coming of
 41 the children of Israel. And they jour-
 neyed from mount Hor, and pitched in
 42 Zalmonah. And they journeyed from
 43 Zalmonah, and pitched in Punon. And
 they journeyed from Punon, and pitch-
 44 ed in Oboth. And they journeyed from
 Oboth, and pitched in Iye-abarim, in
 45 the border of Moab. And they jour-
 neyed from Iyim, and pitched in Dibon-
 46 gad. And they journeyed from Dibou-
 gad, and pitched in Almon-diblathaim.
 47 And they journeyed from Almon-dibla-
 thaim, and pitched in the mountains
 48 of Abarim, before Nebo. And they
 journeyed from the mountains of Ab-
 arim, and pitched in the plains of Moab
 49 by the Jordan at Jericho. And they
 pitched by Jordan, from Beth-jesh-
 imoth even unto Abel-shittim in the
 plains of Moab.
 50 And the Lord spake unto Moses in
 the plains of Moab by the Jordan
 51 at Jericho, saying, Speak unto the
 children of Israel, and say unto them,
 When ye pass over Jordan into the
 52 land of Canaan, then ye shall drive
 out all the inhabitants of the land
 from before you, and destroy all their
 figured stones, and destroy all their
 molten images, and demolish all their
 53 high places: and ye shall take posses-
 sion of the land, and dwell therein:
 for unto you have I given the land to
 54 possess it. And ye shall inherit the
 land by lot according to your families;
 to the more ye shall give the more in-
 heritance, and to the fewer thou shalt
 give the less inheritance: whosoever
 the lot falleth to any man, that shall
 be his; according to the tribes of your
 55 fathers shall ye inherit. But if ye will
 not drive out the inhabitants of the
 land from before you; then shall those
 which ye let remain of them be as
 pricks in your eyes, and as thorns in
 your sides, and they shall vex you in
 56 the land wherein ye dwell. And it
 shall come to pass, that as I thought to
 do unto them, so will I do unto you.
 34 And the Lord spake unto Moses,
 2 saying, Command the children of Is-
 rael, and say unto them, When ye
 come into the land of Canaan, (this is
 the land that shall fall unto you for an
 inheritance, even the land of Canaan
 3 according to the borders thereof,) then
 your south quarter shall be from the
 wilderness of Zin along by the side of
 Edom, and your south border shall be
 from the end of the Salt Sea eastward:
 4 and your border shall turn about south-
 ward of the ascent of Akkrabbim, and
 pass along to Zin: and the goings out
 thereof shall be southward of Kadesh-
 barnea; and it shall go forth to Hazar-
 5 addar, and pass along to Azmon: and
 the border shall turn about from Az-
 mon unto the brook of Egypt, and the

goings out thereof shall be at the sea.
 6 And for the western border, ye shall have the great sea ¹and the border thereof: this shall be your west
 7 border. And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall
 8 mark out for you mount Hor: from mount Hor ye shall mark out unto the entering in of Hamath; and the goings
 9 out of the border shall be at Zedad: and the border shall go forth to Ziphron, and the goings out thereof shall be at Hazar-enan: this shall be your north
 10 border. And ye shall mark out your east border from Hazar-enan to Sheph-
 11 am: and the border shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, on the east side of Ain; and the border shall go down, and shall reach unto the ²side
 12 of the sea of Chinnereth eastward: and the border shall go down to Jordan, and the goings out thereof shall be at the Salt Sea: this shall be your land according to the borders thereof round
 13 about. And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which the Lord hath commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the
 14 half tribe: for the tribe of the children of Reuben according to their fathers' houses, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to their fathers' houses, have received, and the half tribe of Manasseh have received, their
 15 inheritance: the two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, toward the sunrising.
 16 And the Lord spake unto Moses, say-
 17 ing, These are the names of the men which shall divide the land unto you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest,
 18 and Joshua the son of Nun. And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to
 19 divide the land for inheritance. And these are the names of the men: of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of
 20 Jephunneh. And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the son
 21 of Ammihud. Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon. And of the tribe of the children of Dan a
 22 prince, Bukki the son of Jogli. Of the children of Joseph: of the tribe of the children of Manasseh a prince,
 24 Hanniel the son of Ephod: and of the tribe of the children of Ephraim a prince, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan.
 25 And of the tribe of the children of Zebulun a prince, Elizaphan the son
 26 of Parnach. And of the tribe of the children of Issachar a prince, Paltiel
 27 the son of Azzan. And of the tribe of the children of Asher a prince,
 28 Ahihud the son of Shelomi. And of the tribe of the children of Naphtali a prince, Pedahel the son of Ammi-
 29 hud. These are they whom the Lord

¹ Or, for a border² Heb shoulder.

commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

35 And the Lord spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at
 2 Jericho, saying, Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and ³suburbs for the cities round about them shall
 3 ye give unto the Levites. And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and their suburbs shall be for their cattle, and for their substance, and for all
 4 their beasts. And the suburbs of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall be from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits
 5 round about. And ye shall measure without the city for the east side two thousand cubits, and for the south side two thousand cubits, and for the west side two thousand cubits, and for the north side two thousand cubits, the city being in the midst. This shall be to them the suburbs of the cities.
 6 And the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites, they shall be the six cities of refuge, which ye shall give for the manslayer to flee thither: and beside them ye shall give forty and two
 7 cities. All the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities: them *shall ye give* with
 8 their suburbs. And concerning the cities which ye shall give of the possession of the children of Israel, from the many ye shall take many; and from the few ye shall take few: every one according to his inheritance which he inheriteth shall give of his cities unto the Levites.
 9 And the Lord spake unto Moses, say-
 10 ing, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye pass over
 11 Jordan into the land of Canaan, then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you; that the manslayer which killeth any person ⁴unwittingly
 12 may flee thither. And the cities shall be unto you for refuge from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation
 13 for judgement. And the cities which ye shall give shall be for you six cities of
 14 refuge. Ye shall give three cities beyond Jordan, and three cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan; they shall
 15 be cities of refuge. For the children of Israel, and for the stranger and for the sojourner among them, shall these six cities be for refuge: that every one that killeth any person ⁴unwittingly
 16 may flee thither. But if he smote him with an instrument of iron, so that he died, he is a manslayer: the manslayer shall surely be put to death. And if he smote him with a stone in the hand, whereby a man may die, and he died,

³ Or, pasture lands⁴ Or, through error

he is a manslayer: the manslayer shall
 18 surely be put to death. Or if he smote
 him with a weapon of wood in the hand,
 whereby a man may die, and he died,
 he is a manslayer: the manslayer shall
 19 surely be put to death. The avenger
 of blood shall himself put the man-
 slayer to death: when he meeteth him,
 20 he shall put him to death. And if he
 thrust him of hatred, or hurried at him,
 21 lying in wait, so that he died; or in
 enmity smote him with his hand, that
 he died: he that smote him shall surely
 be put to death; he is a manslayer:
 the avenger of blood shall put the
 manslayer to death, when he meeteth
 22 him. But if he thrust him suddenly
 without enmity, or hurled upon him
 23 any thing without lying in wait, or
 with any stone, whereby a man may
 die, seeing him not, and cast it upon
 him, so that he died, and he was not
 his enemy, neither sought his harm:
 24 then the congregation shall judge be-
 tween the smiter and the avenger of
 blood according to these judgements:
 25 and the congregation shall deliver the
 manslayer out of the hand of the a-
 venger of blood, and the congregation
 shall restore him to his city of refuge,
 whither he was fled: and he shall dwell
 therein until the death of the high
 priest, which was anointed with the
 26 holy oil. But if the manslayer shall
 at any time go beyond the border of
 his city of refuge, whither he fleeth;
 27 and the avenger of blood find him
 without the border of his city of
 refuge, and the avenger of blood slay
 the manslayer; ¹he shall not be guilty
 28 of blood: because he should have re-
 mained in his city of refuge until the
 death of the high priest: but after the
 death of the high priest the manslayer
 shall return into the land of his pos-
 session. And these things shall be
 for a statute of judgement unto you
 throughout your generations in all
 30 your dwellings. Whoso killeth any
 person, the manslayer shall be slain
 at the mouth of witnesses: but one
 witness shall not testify against any
 31 person that he die. Moreover ye shall
 take no ransom for the life of a man-
 slayer, which is guilty of death: but
 32 he shall surely be put to death. And
 ye shall take no ransom for him that
 is fled to his city of refuge, that he
 should come again to dwell in the
 land, until the death of the priest.
 33 So ye shall not pollute the land
 wherein ye are: for blood, it polluteth
 the land: and no expiation can be made
 for the land for the blood that is shed
 therein, but by the blood of him that
 34 shed it. And thou shalt not defile the
 land which ye inhabit, in the midst of
 which I dwell: for I the Lord dwell
 in the midst of the children of Israel.

1 Or,
 there
 shall be
 no blood-
 guilti-
 ness for
 him

36 And the heads of the fathers' houses
 of the family of the children of Gilead,
 the son of Machir, the son of Manas-
 seh, of the families of the sons of Jo-
 seph, came near, and spake before
 Moses, and before the princes, the
 heads of the fathers' houses of the
 2 children of Israel: and they said, The
 Lord commanded my lord to give
 the land for inheritance by lot to the
 children of Israel: and my lord was
 commanded by the Lord to give the
 inheritance of Zelophehad our brother
 3 unto his daughters. And if they be
 married to any of the sons of the other
 tribes of the children of Israel, then
 shall their inheritance be taken away
 from the inheritance of our fathers,
 and shall be added to the inheritance
 of the tribe whereunto they shall be-
 long: so shall it be taken away from
 4 the lot of our inheritance. And when
 the jubile of the children of Israel shall
 be, then shall their inheritance be
 added unto the inheritance of the tribe
 whereunto they shall belong: so shall
 their inheritance be taken away from
 the inheritance of the tribe of our
 5 fathers. And Moses commanded the
 children of Israel according to the
 word of the Lord, saying, The tribe
 of the sons of Joseph speaketh right.
 6 This is the thing which the Lord doth
 command concerning the daughters of
 Zelophehad, saying, Let them marry
 to whom they think best; only to the
 family of the tribe of their father shall
 7 they marry. So shall no inheritance
 of the children of Israel remove from
 tribe to tribe: for the children of Is-
 rael shall cleave every one to the in-
 heritance of the tribe of his fathers.
 8 And every daughter, that possesseth
 an inheritance in any tribe of the
 children of Israel, shall be wife unto
 one of the family of the tribe of her
 father, that the children of Israel may
 possess every man the inheritance of
 9 his fathers. So shall no inheritance
 remove from one tribe to another
 tribe; for the tribes of the children
 of Israel shall cleave every one to his
 10 own inheritance. Even as the Lord
 commanded Moses, so did the daugh-
 11 ters of Zelophehad: for Mahlah, Tir-
 zah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and
 Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad,
 were married unto their father's bro-
 12 thers' sons. They were married into
 the families of the sons of Manasseh
 the son of Joseph, and their inheri-
 tance remained in the tribe of the family
 of their father.
 13 These are the commandments and
 the judgements, which the Lord com-
 manded by the hand of Moses unto the
 children of Israel in the plains of Moab
 by the Jordan at Jericho.

THE FIFTH BOOK OF MOSES,

COMMONLY CALLED

DEUTERONOMY.

¹ That is, the deep valley running North and South of the Dead Sea.
² Some ancient versions have, the Red Sea.

1 THESE be the words which Moses spake unto all Israel beyond Jordan in the wilderness, in the ¹Arabah over against ²Soph, and Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Di-zahab. It is eleven days' journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea. And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that the Lord had given him in commandment unto them; after he had smitten Sihon the king of the Amorites, which dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, which dwelt in Ashteroth, at Edrei: beyond Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying, The Lord our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mountain: turn you, and take your journey, and go to the hill country of the Amorites, and unto all the places high thereunto, in the Arabah, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and in the South, and by the sea shore, the land of the Canaanites, and Lebanon, as far as the great river, the river Euphrates. Behold, I have set the land before you: go in and possess the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them. And I spake unto you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you myself alone: the Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ye are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. The Lord, the God of your fathers, make you a thousand times so many more as ye are, and bless you, as he hath promised you! How can I myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden, and your strife? Take you wise men, and understanding, and known, according to your tribes, and I will make them heads over you. And ye answered me, and said, The thing which thou hast spoken is good for us to do. So I took the heads of your tribes, wise men, and known, and made them heads over you, captains of thousands, and captains of hundreds, and captains of

fifties, and captains of tens, and of sixers, according to your tribes. And I charged your judges at that time, saying, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously between a man and his brother, and the stranger that is with him. Ye shall not respect persons in judgement; ye shall hear the small and the great alike; ye shall not be afraid of the face of man; for the judgement is God's: and the cause that is too hard for you ye shall bring unto me, and I will hear it. And I commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do. And we journeyed from Horeb, and went through all that great and terrible wilderness which ye saw, by the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us; and we came to Kadesh-barnea. And I said unto you, Ye are come unto the hill country of the Amorites, which the Lord our God giveth unto us. Behold, the Lord thy God hath set the land before thee: go up, take possession, as the Lord, the God of thy fathers, hath spoken unto thee; fear not, neither be dismayed. And ye came near unto me every one of you, and said, Let us send men before us, that they may search the land for us, and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up, and the cities unto which we shall come. And the thing pleased me well: and I took twelve men of you, one man for every tribe: and they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, It is a good land which the Lord our God giveth unto us. Yet ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God: and ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because the Lord hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. Whither are we going up? our brethren have made our heart to melt, saying, The people is greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fenced up to

heaven; and moreover we have seen
 29 the sons of the Anakim there. Then
 I said unto you, Dread not, neither be
 30 afraid of them. The Lord your God
 who goeth before you, he shall fight
 for you, according to all that he did
 31 for you in Egypt before your eyes; and
 in the wilderness, where thou hast seen
 how that the Lord thy God bare thee,
 as a man doth bear his son, in all the
 way that ye went, until ye came unto
 32 this place. Yet ¹in this thing ye did
 33 not believe the Lord your God, who
 went before you in the way, to seek
 you out a place to pitch your tents in,
 in fire by night, to shew you by what
 way ye should go, and in the cloud by
 34 day. And the Lord heard the voice
 of your words, and was wroth, and
 35 sware, saying, Surely there shall not
 one of these men of this evil generation
 see the good land, which I sware to
 36 give unto your fathers, save Caleb the
 son of Jephunneh, he shall see it; and
 to him will I give the land that he
 hath trodden upon, and to his children:
 because he hath wholly followed the
 37 Lord. Also the Lord was angry with
 me for your sakes, saying, Thou also
 38 shalt not go in thither: Joshua the
 son of Nun, which standeth before
 thee, he shall go in thither: encourage
 thou him; for he shall cause Israel to
 39 inherit it. Moreover your little ones,
 which ye said should be a prey, and
 your children, which this day have no
 knowledge of good or evil, they shall
 go in thither, and unto them will I
 40 give it, and they shall possess it. But
 as for you, turn you, and take your
 journey into the wilderness by the way
 41 to the Red Sea. Then ye answered
 and said unto me, We have sinned
 against the Lord, we will go up and
 fight, according to all that the Lord
 our God commanded us. And ye girded
 on every man his weapons of war,
 and ²were forward to go up into the
 42 mountain. And the Lord said unto
 me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither
 fight; for I am not among you; lest
 ye be smitten before your enemies.
 43 So I spake unto you, and ye hearkened
 not; but ye rebelled against the
 commandment of the Lord, and were
 presumptuous, and went up into the
 44 mountain. And the Amorites, which
 dwelt in that mountain, came out against
 you, and chased you, as bees do,
 and beat you down in Seir, even
 45 unto Hormah. And ye returned and
 wept before the Lord; but the Lord
 hearkened not to your voice, nor gave
 46 ear unto you. So ye abode in Kadesh
 many days, according unto the days
 that ye abode there.
 2 Then we turned, and took our journey
 into the wilderness by the way to the
 Red Sea, as the Lord spake unto me:

¹ Or, for
all this
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² Or,
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it in
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and we compassed mount Seir many
 2 days. And the Lord spake unto me,
 3 saying, Ye have compassed this mountain
 long enough: turn you northward.
 4 And command thou the people, saying,
 Ye are to pass through the border of
 your brethren the children of Esau,
 which dwell in Seir; and they shall
 be afraid of you: take ye good heed
 5 unto yourselves therefore: contend
 not with them; for I will not give you
 of their land, no, not so much as for
 the sole of the foot to tread on: because
 I have given mount Seir unto Esau
 6 for a possession. Ye shall purchase
 food of them for money, that ye may
 eat; and ye shall also buy water of
 them for money, that ye may drink.
 7 For the Lord thy God hath blessed
 thee in all the work of thy hand: he
 hath known thy walking through this
 great wilderness: these forty years the
 Lord thy God hath been with thee;
 8 thou hast lacked nothing. So we passed
 by from our brethren the children of
 Esau, which dwell in Seir, from the
 way of the Arabah from Elath and
 from Ezion-geber.

And we turned and passed by the
 9 way of the wilderness of Moab. And
 the Lord said unto me, Vex not Moab,
 neither contend with them in battle:
 for I will not give thee of his land for
 a possession; because I have given Ar
 unto the children of Lot for a posses-
 10 sion. (The Emim dwelt therein afore-
 time, a people great, and many, and
 11 tall, as the Anakim: these also are
 accounted ³Rephaim, as the Anakim;
 but the Moabites call them Emim.
 12 The Horites also dwelt in Seir afore-
 time, but the children of Esau suc-
 ceeded them; and they destroyed them
 from before them, and dwelt in their
 stead; as Israel did unto the land of
 his possession, which the Lord gave
 13 unto them.) Now rise up, and get you
 over the brook Zered. And we went
 14 over the brook Zered. And the days
 in which we came from Kadesh-barnea,
 until we were come over the brook
 Zered, were thirty and eight years;
 until all the generation of the men of
 war were consumed from the midst of
 the camp, as the Lord sware unto
 15 them. Moreover the hand of the Lord
 was against them, to destroy them from
 the midst of the camp, until they were
 consumed.

16 So it came to pass, when all the men
 of war were consumed and dead from
 17 among the people, that the Lord spake
 18 unto me, saying, Thou art this day to
 19 pass over Ar, the border of Moab: and
 when thou comest nigh over against
 the children of Ammon, vex them not,
 nor contend with them: for I will not
 give thee of the land of the children
 of Ammon for a possession: because I

³ See
Gen. xiv.
5

have given it unto the children of Lot 20 for a possession. (That also is accounted a land of Rephaim: Rephaim dwelt therein aforetime; but the Ammonites 21 call them Zamzumim; a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but the Lord destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and 22 dwelt in their stead: as he did for the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this 23 day: and the Avvim which dwelt in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.) 24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the valley of Arnon: behold, I have given into thine hand Sihon the Amorite, king of Heshbon, and his land: begin to possess it, and contend 25 with him in battle. This day will I begin to put the dread of thee and the fear of thee upon the peoples that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thee. 26 And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, 27 saying, Let me pass through thy land: I will go ^{along} by the high way, I will neither turn unto the right hand 28 nor to the left. Thou shalt sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only let me pass through on my feet; 29 as the children of Esau which dwell in Seir, and the Moabites which dwell in Ar, did unto me; until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the Lord 30 our God giveth us. But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the Lord thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart ^{obstinate}, that he might deliver him into thy 31 hand, as at this day. And the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have begun to deliver up Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest 32 inherit his land. Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, 33 unto battle at Jahaz. And the Lord our God delivered him up before us; and we smote him, and his ^{sons}, and 34 all his people. And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed every ^{inhabited} city, with the women and the little ones; we left 35 none remaining: only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we had 36 taken. From Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, and from the city that is in the valley, even unto Gilead, there was not a city too high for us: the Lord our God

37 delivered up all before us: only to the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not near; all the side of the river Jabbok, and the cities of the hill country, and wheresoever the Lord our God forbade us.

3 Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, unto battle at Edrei.

2 And the Lord said unto me, Fear him not: for I have delivered him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites,

3 which dwelt at Heshbon. So the Lord our God delivered into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none

4 was left to him remaining. And we took all his cities at that time; there was not a city which we took not from them; threescore cities, all the region of Argob, the kingdom of Og in Bashan.

5 All these were cities fenced with high walls, gates, and bars; beside the ^{un-}

6 walled towns a great many. And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying every ^{inhabited} city, with

7 the women and the little ones. But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey unto ourselves.

8 And we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond Jordan, from the valley of Arnon unto mount

9 Hermon; (*which* Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion, and the Amorites call it

10 Senir;) all the cities of the ⁷ plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salecah and Edrei, cities of the king-

11 dom of Og in Bashan. (For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the Rephaim; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbah of the children of Ammon? nine cubits was the length thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it,

12 after the cubit of a man.) And this land we took in possession at that time: from Aroer, which is by the valley of Arnon, and half the hill country of Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gad-

13 ites: and the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half tribe of Manasseh; ^{all} the region of Argob, ^{even} all Bashan. (The same is called the land of

14 Rephaim. Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Macathites; and called them, even Bashan, ^{after his own name}, Havvoth-

15 jair, unto this day.) And I gave Gilead 16 unto Machir. And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the valley of Arnon,

6 Or, country towns

7 Or, table land

8 Or, all the region of Argob (All that Bashan is called)

9 Or, with

10 See Num. xxxii. 41.

1 Heb. by the way, by the way.

2 Heb. strong

3 Or, sons

4 Heb. destroyed, 5 Heb. city of men.

¹ Or, for
a border

the middle of the valley, ¹and the border *thereof*; even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the 17 children of Ammon; the Arabah also, and Jordan ¹and the border *thereof*, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the ²slopes of Pisgah eastward.

³ Or,
springs

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, The Lord your God hath given you this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all the men of 19 valour. But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle, (I know that ye have much cattle,) shall abide in your 20 cities which I have given you; until the Lord give rest unto your brethren, as unto you, and they also possess the land which the Lord your God giveth them beyond Jordan: then shall ye return every man unto his possession, 21 which I have given you. And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that the Lord your God hath done unto these two kings: so shall the Lord do unto all the kingdoms whither thou goest over. 22 Ye shall not fear them: for the Lord your God, he it is that fighteth for you.

23 And I besought the Lord at that time, 24 saying, O Lord God, thou hast begun to shew thy servant thy greatness, and thy strong hand: for what god is there in heaven or in earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to 25 thy mighty acts? Let me go over, I pray thee, and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mount- 26 ain, and Lebanon. But the Lord was wroth with me for your sakes, and hearkened not unto me: and the Lord said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. 27 Get thee up into the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold with thine eyes: for thou 28 shalt not go over this Jordan. But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him: for he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which 29 thou shalt see. So we abode in the valley over against Beth-peor.

4 And now, O Israel, hearken unto the statutes and unto the judgements, which I teach you, for to do them; that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which the Lord, the God of 2 your fathers, giveth you. Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which 3 I command you. Your eyes have seen what the Lord did because of Baal-peor: for all the men that followed

Baal-peor, the Lord thy God hath destroyed them from the midst of thee. 4 But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God are alive every one of you 5 this day. Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgements, even as the Lord my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the midst of the land 6 whither ye go in to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understand- 7 ing people. For what great nation is there, that hath ⁸a god so nigh unto them, as the Lord our God is when- 8 soever we call upon him? And what great nation is there, that hath statutes and judgements so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? 9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes saw, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but make them known unto thy children and thy children's 10 children; the day that thou stoodest before the Lord thy God in Horeb, when the Lord said unto me, Assemble me the people, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live upon the earth, and that they may 11 teach their children. And ye came near and stood under the mountaint; and the mountain burned with fire unto the heart of heaven, with dark- 12 ness, cloud, and thick darkness. And the Lord spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard the voice of words, but ye saw no form; only ye 13 heard a voice. And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even the ten ⁴commandments; and he wrote them upon 14 two tables of stone. And the Lord commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgements, that ye might do them in the land whither ye 15 go over to possess it. Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of form on the day that the Lord spake unto you in Horeb 16 out of the midst of the fire: lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image in the form of any figure, 17 the likeness of male or female, the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that 18 flieth in the heaven, the likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the 19 water under the earth: and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and wher thou seest the sun and the moon and the stars, even all the host of heaven, thou be drawn away and worship them, and serve them, which the

³ Or, God

⁴ Heb.
words

Lord thy God hath divided unto all the peoples under the whole heaven.
 20 But the Lord hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as at this day.
 21 Furthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and sware that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee
 22 for an inheritance: but I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that
 23 good land. Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image in the form of any thing which the Lord thy
 24 God hath forbidden thee. For the Lord thy God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.
 25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have been long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image in the form of any thing, and shall do that which is evil in the sight of the Lord thy God, to provoke him
 26 to anger: I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be
 27 destroyed. And the Lord shall scatter you among the peoples, and ye shall be left few in number among the nations, whither the Lord shall lead
 28 you away. And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear,
 29 nor eat, nor smell. But if from thence ye shall seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou search after him with all thy heart and with all thy
 30 soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, ¹in the latter days thou shalt return to the Lord thy God, and
 31 hearken unto his voice: for the Lord thy God is a merciful God; he will not fail thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers
 32 which he sware unto them. For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and from the one end of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been *any such thing* as this great thing is, or hath
 33 been heard like it? Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast
 34 heard, and live? Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of *another* nation, by ²temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by

a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the Lord your God did for you in Egypt before
 35 your eyes? Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the Lord he is God; there is none else beside
 36 him. Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he made thee to see his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire.
 37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out with his presence, with his great power, out
 38 of Egypt; to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as at
 39 this day. Know therefore this day, and lay it to thine heart, that the Lord he is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath: there is none
 40 else. And thou shalt keep his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days upon the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for ever.
 41 Thon Moses separated three cities beyond Jordan toward the sunrising; that the manslayer might flee thither, which slayeth his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in time past; and that fleeing unto one of these cities
 42 he might live: *namely*, Bezer in the wilderness, in the ³plain country, for the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead, for the Gadites; and Golan in Bashan, for the Manassites.
 44 And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel: these are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgements, which Moses spake unto the children of Israel, when they came forth out of Egypt;
 46 beyond Jordan, in the valley over against Beth-peor, in the land of Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel smote, when they came
 47 forth out of Egypt: and they took his land in possession, and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, which were beyond Jordan toward the sunrising; from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, even unto mount Sion (the
 49 same is Hermon), and all the Arabah beyond Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the Arabah, under the
 4 slopes of Pisgah.

5 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Hear, O Israel. the statutes and the judgements which I speak in your ears this day,

¹ Or, *U* in the latter days thou return

² Or, *trials* Or, *revelations*

³ Or, *tab's* land

⁴ Or, *springs*

that ye may learn them, and observe 2 to do them. The LORD our God made 3 a covenant with us in Horeb. The LORD made not this covenant without our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us 4 here alive this day. The LORD spake with you face to face in the mount out 5 of the midst of the fire, (I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to shew you the word of the LORD: for ye were afraid because of the fire, and went not up into the mount;) saying,

6 ¹ I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of ² bondage.

7 Thou shalt have none other gods ³ before me.

8 Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, the likeness of any form that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the 9 water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate

10 me; and shewing mercy unto ⁴ thousands, of them that love me and keep my commandments.

11 Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God ⁵ in vain: for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name ⁶ in vain.

12 Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as the LORD thy God commanded

13 thee. Six days shalt thou labour, and 14 do all thy work: but the seventh day is a sabbath unto the LORD thy God:

in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well

15 as thou. And thou shalt remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God brought thee out thence by a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the LORD thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

16 Honour thy father and thy mother, as the LORD thy God commanded thee: that thy days may be long, and that it may go well with thee, upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

17 Thou shalt do no murder.

18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

19 Neither shalt thou steal.

20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbour.

21 Neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's wife; neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his

ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

22 These words the LORD spake unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice: and he added no more. And he wrote them upon two tables of stone, and

23 gave them unto me. And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain did burn with fire, that ye came near unto me, even all the heads

24 of your tribes, and your elders; and ye said, Behold, the LORD our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth

25 speak with man, and he liveth. Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any

26 more, then we shall die. For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have,

27 and lived? Go thou near, and hear all that the LORD our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that the LORD our God shall speak unto thee; and

28 we will hear it, and do it. And the LORD heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and the LORD said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have

29 spoken. ⁶ Oh that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments

always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever! Go say to them, Return ye to

30 your tents. But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandment, and the statutes, and the judgements, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which

31 I give them to possess it. Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand

32 or to the left. Ye shall walk in all the way which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

33 Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the judgements, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it: that thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's

⁶ Or, Oh that they had such an heart as this always, to fear me, and keep all my commandments, that &c.

¹ See Ex. xx. 2.

² Heb. bond-men.
³ Or, beside me

⁴ See Ex. xx. 6.

⁵ Or, for vanity or false-hood

[Ver. 18 in Heb.]

son, all the days of thy life; and that 3 thy days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the LORD, the God of thy fathers, hath promised unto thee, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: ¹the LORD our God 5 is one LORD: and thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all 6 thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon 7 thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest 8 down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be for 9 frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land which he swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee; great and goodly cities, 11 which thou buildedst not, and houses full of all good things, which thou filledst not, and cisterns hewn out, which thou hewedst not, vineyards and olive trees, which thou plantedst not, 12 and thou shalt eat and be full; then beware lest thou forget the LORD, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 13 Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; and him shalt thou serve, and shalt 14 swear by his name. Ye shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples which are round about you; 15 for the LORD thy God in the midst of thee is a jealous God; lest the anger of the LORD thy God be kindled against thee, and he destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. 17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he 18 hath commanded thee. And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the LORD: that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which the 19 LORD swore unto thy fathers, to thrust out all thine enemies from before thee, as the LORD hath spoken.

20 When thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God hath 21 commanded you? then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh's bond-

men in Egypt; and the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand: 22 and the LORD shewed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his house, before 23 our eyes: and he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he swore unto 24 our fathers. And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as at 25 this day. And it shall be righteousness unto us, if we observe to do all this commandment before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

7 When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and shall ²cast out many nations before thee, the Hittite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations greater and mightier than 2 thou; and when the LORD thy God shall deliver them up before thee, and thou shalt smite them; then thou shalt ³utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, 8 nor shew mercy unto them: neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou 4 take unto thy son. For he will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and he will destroy thee quickly. 5 But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their ⁴pillars, and hew down their ⁵Asherim, and burn their 6 graven images with fire. For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, ⁶above all peoples that are upon the face 7 of the earth. The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest 8 of all peoples: but because the LORD loveth you, and because he would keep the oath which he swore unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

9 Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God; the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; and repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. 11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandment, and the statutes, and the

¹ Or, the LORD our God, the LORD is one
² Or, the LORD is our God, the LORD is one
³ Or, the LORD is our God, the LORD alone

² Heb. pluck off.

³ Heb. devote.

⁴ Or, obelisks
⁵ See Ex. xxxiv. 13.

⁶ Or, out of

judgements, which I command thee this day, to do them.

- 12 And it shall come to pass, because ye hearken to these judgements, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep with thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers: and he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy body and the fruit of thy ground, thy corn and thy wine and thine oil, the increase of thy kine and the young of thy flock, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. Thou shalt be blessed above all peoples: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. And the LORD will take away from thee all sickness; and he will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee, but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. And thou shalt consume all the peoples which the LORD thy God shall deliver unto thee; thine eye shall not pity them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee. If thou shalt say in thine heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them? thou shalt not be afraid of them: thou shalt well remember what the LORD thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; the great temptations which thine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched out arm, whereby the LORD thy God brought thee out: so shall the LORD thy God do unto all the peoples of whom thou art afraid. Moreover the LORD thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and ²hide themselves, perish from before thee. Thou shalt not be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God is in the midst of thee, a great God and a terrible. And the LORD thy God will cast out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them ³at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. But the LORD thy God shall deliver them up before thee, and shall discomfit them with a great discomfiture, until they be destroyed. And he shall deliver their kings into thine hand, and thou shalt make their name to perish from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them. The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the LORD thy God: and thou shalt not bring an abomination into thine house, and become

a devoted thing like unto it: thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

- 8 All the commandment which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD sware unto your fathers. And thou shalt remember all the way which the LORD thy God hath led thee these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble thee, to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or no. And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every thing that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. Thy raiment waxed not old upon thee, neither did thy foot swell, these forty years. And thou shalt consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee. And thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him. For the LORD thy God bringeth thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths, springing forth in valleys and hills; a land of wheat and barley, and vines and fig trees and pomegranates; a land of oil olives and honey; a land wherein thou shalt eat bread without scarceness, thou shalt not lack any thing in it; a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills thou mayest dig brass. And thou shalt eat and be full, and thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware lest thou forget the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgements, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage; who led thee through the great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents and scorpions, and thirsty ground where was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not; that he might humble thee, and that he might prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end: and thou say in thine

1 Or, trials.
See ch. iv. 34, and xxix. 3.

2 Or, hide themselves from thee, perish.

3 Or, quickly.

heart. My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth.
 18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God, for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth; that he may establish his covenant which he swore
 19 unto thy fathers, as at this day. And it shall be, if thou shalt forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day
 20 that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord maketh to perish before you, so shall ye perish; because ye would not hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God.
 9 Hear, O Israel: thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to
 2 heaven, a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the sons of
 3 Anak? Know therefore this day, that the Lord thy God is he which goeth over before thee as a devouring fire; he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thee: so shalt thou drive them out, and make them to perish quickly, as the Lord hath
 4 spoken unto thee. Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the Lord thy God hath thrust them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the Lord hath brought me in to possess this land: whereas for the wickedness of these nations the Lord doth drive
 5 them out from before thee. Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go in to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may establish the word which the Lord swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to
 6 Jacob. Know therefore, that the Lord thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for
 7 thou art a stiffnecked people. Remember, forget thou not, how thou provokedst the Lord thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou wentest forth out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have
 8 been rebellious against the Lord. Also in Horeb ye provoked the Lord to wrath, and the Lord was angry with
 9 you to have destroyed you. When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which the Lord made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water.
 10 And the Lord delivered unto me the two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written

according to all the words, which the Lord spake with you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. And it came to pass
 11 at the end of forty days and forty nights, that the Lord gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the
 12 covenant. And the Lord said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made
 13 them a molten image. Furthermore the Lord spake unto me, saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a
 14 stiffnecked people: let me alone, that I may destroy them, and blot out their name from under heaven: and I will make of thee a nation mightier and
 15 greater than they. So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two
 16 hands. And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the Lord your God; ye had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which the Lord had commanded you.
 17 And I took hold of the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes. And I fell down before the Lord, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water; because of all your sin which ye sinned, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke
 19 him to anger. For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the Lord was wroth against you to destroy you. But the Lord hearkened
 20 unto me that time also. And the Lord was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him: and I prayed for Aaron
 21 also the same time. And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out
 22 of the mount. And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah,
 23 ye provoked the Lord to wrath. And when the Lord sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of the Lord your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice.
 24 Ye have been rebellious against the Lord from the day that I knew you.
 25 So I fell down before the Lord the forty days and forty nights that I fell down; because the Lord had said he would destroy you. And I prayed unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance,

which thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand.
 27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to 28 their wickedness, nor to their sin: lest the land whence thou broughtest us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which he promised unto them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness.
 29 Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy great power and by thy stretched out arm.
 10 At that time the LORD said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of 2 wood. And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put 3 them in the ark. So I made an ark of acacia wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables 4 in mine hand. And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten ¹commandments, which the LORD spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and the LORD gave 5 them unto me. And I turned and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they be, as the LORD 6 commanded me. (And the children of Israel journeyed from ²Beeroth Benejaakan to Moserah: there Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office 7 in his stead. From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jothathah, a land of brooks 8 of water. At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this 9 day. Wherefore Levi hath no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; the LORD is his inheritance, according as the LORD thy God spake unto him.)
 10 And I stayed in the mount, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights: and the LORD hearkened unto me that time also; the LORD would not destroy 11 thee. And the LORD said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people; and they shall go in and possess the land, which I sware unto their fathers to give unto them.
 12 And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart

13 and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day
 14 for thy good? Behold, unto the LORD thy God belongeth the heaven, and the heaven of heavens, the earth, with 15 all that therein is. Only the LORD had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you ³above all peoples, as at 16 this day. Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more 17 stiffnecked. For the LORD your God, he is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the terrible, which regardeth not persons, 18 nor taketh reward. He doth execute the judgement of the fatherless and widow, and loveth the stranger, in 19 giving him food and raiment. Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were 20 strangers in the land of Egypt. Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve; and to him shalt thou cleave, and by his name shalt 21 thou swear. He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which 22 thine eyes have seen. Thy fathers went down into Egypt with threescore and ten persons; and now the LORD thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.
 11 Therefore thou shalt love the LORD thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his judgements, and his 2 commandments, alway. And know ye this day: for I *1* speak not with your children which have not known, and which have not seen the ⁴chastisement of the LORD your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his stretched out 3 arm, and his signs, and his works, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and 4 unto all his land; and what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how the LORD hath destroyed 5 them unto this day; and what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye 6 came unto this place; and what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel: but your eyes have seen all the great work of the LORD which he did.
 8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandment which I command thee this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go 9 over to possess it; and that ye may prolong your days upon the land, which the LORD sware unto your fathers to

¹ Heb. words

² Or, the wells of the children of Jaakan

³ Or, out of

⁴ Or, instruction

give unto them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt, from whence ye came out, where thou sowedst thy seed, and wateredst it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs: but the land, whither ye go over to possess it, is a land of hills and valleys, and drinketh water of the rain of heaven: a land which the Lord thy God ¹careth for; the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will give grass in thy fields for thy cattle, and thou shalt eat and be full. Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; and the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and ye perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth you.

18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul; and ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. And ye shall teach them your children, talking of them, when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt write them upon the door posts of thine house, and upon thy gates: that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, upon the land which the Lord sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. For if ye shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, to do it; to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the ²hinder sea shall be your border.

25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: the Lord your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of

you upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath spoken unto you.

26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; the blessing, if ye shall hearken unto the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: and the curse, if ye shall not hearken unto the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.

29 And it shall come to pass, when the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt set the blessing upon mount Gerizim, and the curse upon mount Ebal. Are they not beyond Jordan, behind the way of the going down of the sun, in the land of the Canaanites which dwell in the Arabah, over against Gilgal, beside the ³oaks of Moreh? For ye are to pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God giveth you, and ye shall possess it, and dwell therein. And ye shall observe to do all the statutes and the judgements which I set before you this day.

12 These are the statutes and the judgements, which ye shall observe to do in the land which the Lord, the God of thy fathers, hath given thee to possess it, all the days that ye live upon the earth. Ye shall surely destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: and ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their ⁴pillars, and burn their Asherim with fire; and ye shall hew down the graven images of their gods; and ye shall destroy their name out of that place.

4 Ye shall not do so unto the Lord your God. But unto the place which the Lord your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come: and thither ye shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill offerings, and the firstlings of your herd and of your flock: and there ye shall eat before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice in all that ye put your hand unto, ye and your households, wherein the Lord thy God hath blessed thee. Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes: for ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God

¹ Heb. *careth* after.

³ Or, *terebintals*

⁴ Or, *obelisks*

² That is, *western*.

10 giveth thee. But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the LORD your God causeth you to inherit, and he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that
 11 ye dwell in safety; then it shall come to pass that the place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there, thither shall ye bring all that I command you; your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows
 12 which ye vow unto the LORD: and ye shall rejoice before the LORD your God, ye, and your sons, and your daughters, and your menservants, and your maidservants, and the Levite that is within thy gates, forasmuch as he hath no portion nor inheritance
 13 with you. Take heed to thyself that thou offer not thy burnt offerings in
 14 every place that thou seest: but in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command
 15 thee. Notwithstanding thou mayest kill and eat flesh within all thy gates, after all the desire of thy soul, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the gazelle, and as of
 16 the hart. Only ye shall not eat the blood; thou shalt pour it out upon the
 17 earth as water. Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thine oil, or the firstlings of thy herd or of thy flock, nor any of thy vows which thou vowest, nor thy freewill offerings, nor
 18 the heave offering of thine hand: but thou shalt eat them before the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates: and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God in all that thou puttest thine
 19 hand unto. Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon thy land.
 20 When the LORD thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath promised thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh, because thy soul desireth to eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, after all
 21 the desire of thy soul. If the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to put his name there be too far from thee, then thou shalt kill of thy herd and of thy flock, which the LORD hath given thee, as I have commanded thee, and thou shalt eat within thy gates,
 22 after all the desire of thy soul. Even as the gazelle and as the hart is eaten, so thou shalt eat thereof: the

unclean and the clean shall eat thereof
 23 alike. Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou shalt not eat the life with
 24 the flesh. Thou shalt not eat it; thou shalt pour it out upon the earth as
 25 water. Thou shalt not eat it; that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the eyes of
 26 the LORD. Only thy holy things which thou hast, and thy vows, thou shalt take, and go unto the place which the
 27 LORD shall choose: and thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD thy God: and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD thy God, and thou
 28 shalt eat the flesh. Observe and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the eyes of the LORD thy God.

29 When the LORD thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest in to possess them, and thou possessest them, and dwellest in
 30 their land; take heed to thyself that thou be not ensnared ¹ to follow them, after that they be destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How do these nations serve their gods? ² even so
 31 will I do likewise. Thou shalt not do so unto the LORD thy God: for every abomination to the LORD, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters do they burn in the fire to their gods.
 32 What thing soever I command you, that shall ye observe to do: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

13 If there arise in the midst of thee a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give thee a sign or a wonder, and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them;
 8 thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or unto that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart
 4 and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him,
 5 and cleave unto him. And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken ³ rebellion against the LORD your God, which brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee

¹ Heb. after them.

² Or, that I also may do likewise

[Ch. xiii. 1 in Heb.]

³ Heb. turning aside.

out of the house of bondage, to draw thee aside out of the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

- 6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, which is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; of the gods of the peoples which are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: but thou shalt surely kill him; thine hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. And thou shalt stone him with stones, that he die; because he hath sought to draw thee away from the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is in the midst of thee.

- 12 If thou shalt hear tell concerning one of thy cities, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to dwell there, saying, 13 Certain base fellows are gone out from the midst of thee, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in the midst of thee; thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, ⁸destroying it utterly, and all that is therein and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof every whit, unto the Lord thy God: and it shall be an heap for ever; it shall not be built again. And there shall cleave nought of the devoted thing to thine hand: that the Lord may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers; when thou shalt hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of the Lord thy God.

- 14 Ye are the children of the Lord your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, ⁶above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth.

- 8 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. These are the beasts which ye shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, the hart, and the gazelle, and the roebuck, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the antelope, and the chamois. And every beast that parteth the hoof, and hath the hoof cloven in two, and ⁷cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that ye shall eat. 7 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that have the hoof cloven: the camel, and the hare, and the coney, because they chew the cud but part not the hoof, they are unclean unto you: and the swine, because he parteth the hoof but cheweth not the cud, he is unclean unto you: of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch.

- 9 These ye shall eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales shall ye eat: and whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye shall not eat; it is unclean unto you. 11 Of all clean birds ye may eat. But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the gier eagle, and the osprey; and the glede, and the falcon, and the kite after its kind; and every raven after its kind; and the ostrich, and the night hawk, and the seamew, and the hawk after its kind; the little owl, and the great owl, and the horned owl; and the pelican, and the vulture, and the cor-morant; and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat. And all winged creeping things are unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten. Of all clean fowls ye may eat.

- 21 Ye shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself: thou mayest give it unto the stranger that is within thy gates, that he may eat it: or thou mayest sell it unto a foreigner: for thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not see the kid in its mother's milk. 22 Thou shalt surely tithe all the increase of thy seed, that which cometh forth of the field year by year. And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place which he shall choose to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herd and of thy flock;

⁶ Or, out of

⁷ Heb. bringeth up.

⁸ See Lev. xl. 5.

¹ Or, in

² Heb. base of wickedness.

³ Heb. destroying it.

⁴ Or, as a whole burnt offering.
⁵ Or, measured.
Heb. tel.

⁹ See Lev. xi. 13, ac.

that thou mayest learn to fear the
 24 LORD thy God always. And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it, because the place is too far from thee, which the LORD thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the LORD thy God shall bless thee: then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt bestow the money for whatsoever thy soul desireth, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul asketh of thee: and thou shalt eat there before the LORD thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou
 27 and thine household: and the Levite that is within thy gates, thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee.
 28 At the end of every three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase in the same year, and shalt
 29 lay it up within thy gates: and the Levite, because he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hand which thou doest.
 15 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he hath lent unto his neighbour; he shall not exact it of his neighbour and his brother; because the LORD's release hath been proclaimed. Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it: but whatsoever of thine is with thy brother thine hand shall ¹release. Howbeit there shall be no poor with thee; (for the LORD will surely bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it;)
 5 if only thou diligently hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all this commandment which I command thee this day. For the LORD thy God will bless thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over thee.
 7 If there be with thee a poor man, one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates in thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thine heart, nor shut thine hand from thy poor brother: but thou shalt surely open thine hand unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need in that which he wanteth.
 9 Beware that there be not a base

thought in thine heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou give him nought; and he cry unto the LORD against thee, and it be sin unto thee.
 10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thine heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him: because that for this thing the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thy work, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto.
 11 For the poor shall never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt surely open thine hand unto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poor, in thy land.
 12 If thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee. And when thou lettest him go free from thee, thou shalt not let him go empty: thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy threshing-floor, and out of thy vinepress: as the LORD thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him.
 15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and the LORD thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing to-day. And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go out from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee; then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy ²servant for ever. And also unto thy ³maidservant thou shalt do likewise. It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou lettest him go free from thee; for to the double of the hire of an hireling hath he served thee six years: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all that thou doest.
 19 All the firstling males that are born of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto the LORD thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thine ox, nor shear the firstling of thy flock. Thou shalt eat it before the LORD thy God year by year in the place which the LORD shall choose, thou and thy household.
 21 And if it have any blemish, as if it be lame or blind, any ill blemish whatsoever, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean shall eat it alike, as the gazelle, and as the hart. Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it out upon the ground as water.
 16 Observe the month of Abib, and keep the passover unto the LORD thy God: for in the month of Abib the LORD thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by 2 night. And thou shalt sacrifice the pass-

1 Or, release: even when there &c.

2 Or, bondman
 3 Or, bondmaid

over unto the LORD thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to cause his name to dwell there. Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. And there shall be no leaven seen with thee in all thy borders seven days; neither shall any of the flesh, which thou sacrificest the first day at even, remain all night until the morning. Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee: but at the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to cause his name to dwell in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover at even, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents. Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread: and on the seventh day shalt be a solemn assembly to the LORD thy God; thou shalt do no work therein. Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: from the time thou beginnest to put the sickle to the standing corn shalt thou begin to number seven weeks. And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give, according as the LORD thy God blesseth thee: and thou shalt rejoice before the LORD thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are in the midst of thee, in the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there. And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes. Thou shalt keep the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in from thy threshing-floor and from thy winepress: and thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates. Seven days shalt thou keep a feast unto the LORD thy God in the place which the LORD shall choose: because the LORD thy God shall bless thee in all thine increase,

and in all the work of thine hands, and thou shalt be altogether joyful. 16 Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the LORD empty: every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD thy God which he hath given thee. 17 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which the LORD thy God giveth thee, according to thy tribes: and they shall judge the people with righteous judgement. Thou shalt not wrest judgement; thou shalt not respect persons: neither shalt thou take a gift; for a gift doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. That which is altogether just shalt thou follow, that thou mayest live, and inherit the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. 21 Thou shalt not plant thee an Asherah of any kind of tree beside the altar of the LORD thy God, which thou shalt make thee. Neither shalt thou set thee up a pillar; which the LORD thy God hateth. 17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the LORD thy God an ox, or a sheep, wherein is a blemish, or any evil-favouredness: for that is an abomination unto the LORD thy God. 2 If there be found in the midst of thee, within any of thy gates which the LORD thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that doeth that which is evil in the sight of the LORD thy God, in transgressing his covenant, and hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, or the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded; and it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it, then shalt thou inquire diligently, and behold, if it be true, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in Israel; then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, which have done this evil thing, unto thy gates, even the man or the woman; and thou shalt stone them with stones, that they die. At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is to die be put to death; at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. The hand of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So thou shalt put away the evil from the midst of thee. 8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgement, between blood and blood, between plea and plea,

³ Heb. according to the gift of his hand.

⁶ Or, cause.
⁷ Heb. Justice.

⁸ Or, oblation.

¹ Or, north.

² See Lev. xiii. 36.

³ Or, after the measure of the ear.

⁴ Heb. booths.

and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates: then shalt thou arise, and get thee up unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose; and thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days: and thou shalt inquire; and they shall shew thee the sentence of judgement: and thou shalt do according to the tenor of the sentence, which they shall shew thee from that place which the Lord shall choose; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they shall teach thee: according to the tenor of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgement which they shall tell thee, thou shalt do: thou shalt not turn aside from the sentence which they shall shew thee, to the right hand, nor to the left. And the man that doeth presumptuously, in not hearkening unto the priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 When thou art come unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein; and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like as all the nations that are round about me; thou shalt in any wise set him king over thee, whom the Lord thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee: thou mayest not put a foreigner over thee, which is not thy brother. Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses: forasmuch as the Lord hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold. And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book, out of that which is before the priests the Levites: and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them: that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.

¹ Or, and 18 The priests the Levites, ¹ *even* all the

tribe of Levi, shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of the Lord made by fire, and his inheritance. And they shall have no inheritance among their brethren: the Lord is their inheritance, as he hath spoken unto them. And this shall be the priests' due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep, that they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw.

4 The firstfruits of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him. For the Lord thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, him and his sons for ever.

6 And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourneth, and come with all the desire of his soul unto the place which the Lord shall choose; then he shall minister in the name of the Lord his God, as all his brethren the Levites do, which stand there before the Lord. They shall have like portions to eat, beside that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

9 When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found with thee any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one that useth divination, one that practiseth augury, or an enchanter, or a sorcerer, or a charmer, or a consulter with a familiar spirit, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearken unto them that practise augury, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do. The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken; according to all that thou desiredst of the Lord thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. And the Lord said unto me, They have well said that which they have spoken. I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. And it shall come to pass, that

whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him. But the prophet, which shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.

11 And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken: the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him.

12 When the Lord thy God shall cut off the nations, whose land the Lord thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses; thou shalt separate three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it. Thou shalt prepare thee the way, and divide the borders of thy land, which the Lord thy God causeth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every manslayer may flee thither. And this is the case of the manslayer, which shall flee thither and live: whose killeth his neighbour unawares, and hated him not in time past; as when a man goeth into the forest with his neighbour to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbour, that he die; he shall flee unto one of these cities and live: lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and smite him mortally; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past.

7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt separate three cities for thee. And if the Lord thy God enlarge thy border, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers; if thou shalt keep all this commandment to do it, which I command thee this day, to love the Lord thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, beside these three:

10 that innocent blood be not shed in the midst of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee. But if any man hate his neighbour, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him mortally that he die; and he flee into one of these cities: then the elders of his city shall send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that

13 he may die. Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away the innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

14 Thou shalt not remove thy neighbour's landmark, which they of old time have set, in thine inheritance which thou shalt inherit, in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it.

15 One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall a matter be established. If an unrighteous witness rise up against any man to testify against him of wrong doing;

17 then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before the Lord, before the priests and the judges which shall be in those days; and the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and hath testified falsely against his brother;

19 then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to do unto his brother: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such

21 evil in the midst of thee. And thine eye shall not pity; life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

20 When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, thou shalt not be afraid of them: for the Lord thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land

2 of Egypt. And it shall be, when ye draw nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, and shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye draw nigh this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint; fear not, nor tremble, neither be ye affrighted at them; for the Lord your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle,

6 and another man dedicate it. And what man is there that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not used the fruit thereof? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her. And the officers

7 thereof. And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her. And the officers

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4 Or, the blood of the innocent

5 Or, rebellion See ch. xiii. 5.

1 Heb. worm.
2 Or, the tree

3 Or, the blood of an innocent man

6 See ch. xxviii. 30, and Lev. xix. 21-25.

shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren's heart melt as his heart.

9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall appoint captains of hosts at the head of the people.

10 When thou drawest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace

11 unto it. And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that is found therein shall become tributary unto thee, and shall

12 serve thee. And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege

13 it: and when the Lord thy God delivereth it into thine hand, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge

14 of the sword: but the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take for a prey unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which the Lord thy God hath

15 given thee. Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities

16 of these nations. But of the cities of these peoples, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breath-

17 eth: but thou shalt utterly destroy them; the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee: that they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so should ye sin against the Lord your God.

19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by wielding an axe against them; for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down; for is the tree of the field man, that it should be besieged of thee? Only the trees which thou knowest that they be not trees for meat, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it fall.

21 If one be found slain in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath smitten him:

2 then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about

3 him that is slain: and it shall be, that the city which is nearest unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take an heifer of the herd, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath

4 not drawn in the yoke; and the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a valley with running water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall break the heifer's neck there in the

5 valley: and the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them the Lord thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the Lord; and according to their word shall every controversy and every

6 stroke be: and all the elders of that city, who are nearest unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the

7 valley: and they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. Forgive,

8 O Lord, thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and suffer not innocent blood to remain in the midst of thy people Israel. And the blood shall be

9 forgiven them. So shalt thou put away the innocent blood from the midst of thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the eyes of the Lord.

10 When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies, and the Lord thy God delivereth them into thine hands, and thou carriest them away

11 captive, and seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and thou hast a desire unto her, and wouldest take

12 her to thee to wife; then thou shalt bring her home to thine house; and she shall shave her head, and pare

13 her nails; and she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thine house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband,

14 and she shall be thy wife. And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not deal with her as a slave, because thou hast humbled her.

15 If a man have two wives, the one beloved, and the other hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the first-

16 born son be hers that was hated; then it shall be, in the day that he causeth his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved the firstborn before the son of the hated, which is the firstborn:

17 but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the hated, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath: for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and though they chasten him, will not

19 hearken unto them: then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him,

1 Or, subject to task-work

2 Heb. devote.

3 Or, as a chattel

4 Or, during the life time of

and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; 20 and they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son is stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; he is a riotous liver, and a drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree; 23 his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt surely bury him the same day; for he that is hanged is ¹accursed of God; that thou defile not thy land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

22 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely bring 2 them again unto thy brother. And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it home to thine house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it 3 to him again. And so shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his garment; and so shalt thou do with every lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found: thou mayest not hide thyself.

4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fallen down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

5 A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment: for whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the 7 dam with the young: thou shalt in any wise let the dam go, but the young thou mayest take unto thyself; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days.

8 When thou buildest a new house, then thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thine house, if any man fall from 9 thence. Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with two kinds of seed: lest the ²whole fruit be ³forfeited, the seed which thou hast sown, and the increase of the vineyard.

10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and 11 an ass together. Thou shalt not wear a mingled stuff, wool and linen together.

12 Thou shalt make thee ⁴fringes upon

the four borders of thy vesture, where-with thou coverest thyself.

13 If any man take a wife, and go in 14 unto her, and hate her, and lay shameful things to her charge, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came nigh to her, I found not in her the 15 tokens of virginity: then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of 16 the city in the gate: and the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, 17 and he hateth her; and, lo, he hath laid shameful things to her charge, saying, I found not in thy daughter the tokens of virginity; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city.

18 And the elders of that city shall take 19 the man and chastise him; and they shall amerce him in an hundred *shekels* of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath brought up an evil name upon a virgin of Israel: and she shall be his wife; he may not put her away all his days. 20 But if this thing be true, that the tokens of virginity were not found in 21 the damsel: then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones that she die: because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to an husband, then they shall both of them die, the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away the evil from Israel.

23 If there be a damsel that is a virgin betrothed unto an husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her;

24 then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones that they die; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so thou shalt put away the evil from the midst of thee.

25 But if the man find the damsel that is betrothed in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only that lay with her shall die:

26 but unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth him, even so is this matter: for he found her in the field; the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her.

¹ Heb.
the curse
of God.

² Heb.
Jahm.
³ Heb.
ruined.
created.

⁴ Or,
twisted
threads.

(Ch. xliii.
in Heb.)¹ Heb.
Arum-
muk-
rain.² Or,
sword³ Heb.
naked-
ness of
any
thing.

28 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, which is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and 29 they be found; then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he hath humbled her; he may not put her away all his days.

30 A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

23 He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the assembly of the LORD.

2 A bastard shall not enter into the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation shall none of his enter into the assembly of the LORD.

3 An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation shall none belonging to them enter into the assembly of the LORD for ever: because

4 they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of ¹Mesopotamia, to curse

5 thee. Nevertheless the LORD thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; but the LORD thy God turned the curse into a blessing unto thee, because the 6 LORD thy God loved thee. Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

7 Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast

8 a stranger in his land. The children of the third generation that are born unto them shall enter into the assembly of the LORD.

9 When thou goest forth in camp against thine enemies, then thou shalt 10 keep thee from every evil thing. If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of that which

chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall 11 not come within the camp: but it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall bathe himself in water: and when the sun is down, he shall come within

12 the camp. Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou 13 shalt go forth abroad: and thou shalt have a ²paddle among thy weapons; and it shall be, when thou sittest down

abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which 14 cometh from thee: for the LORD thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy: that he see no

³unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his master a servant which is escaped 16 from his master unto thee: he shall dwell with thee, in the midst of thee, in the place which he shall choose with- in one of thy gates, where it liketh him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

17 There shall be no ⁴harlot of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a ⁵sodomite of the sons of Israel.

18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the wages of a dog, into the house of the LORD thy God for any vow: for even both these are an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

19 Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of any thing that is 20 lent upon usury: unto a foreigner thou mayest lend upon usury; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon usury: that the LORD thy God may bless thee in all that thou puttest thine hand unto, in the land whither thou goest in to possess it.

21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not be slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would 22 be sin in thee. But if thou shalt forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee.

23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt observe and do; according as thou hast vowed unto the LORD thy God, a freewill offering, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 When thou comest into thy neighbour's vineyard, then thou mayest eat grapes thy fill at thine own pleasure; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel.

25 When thou comest into thy neighbour's standing corn, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn.

24 When a man taketh a wife, and marieth her, then it shall be, if she find no favour in his eyes, because he hath found some unseemly thing in her, that he shall write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, 2 and send her out of his house. And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man's wife.

3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, which took her to be his wife; 4 her former husband, which sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is abomination before the LORD: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

5 When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not go out in the host, neither

⁴ Heb.
bed-
shek.
See Gen.
xxxviii.
21.
⁵ Heb.
bedshek.

shall he be charged with any business : he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife which he hath taken. No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone to pledge : for he taketh a man's life to pledge.

7 If a man be found stealing any of his brethren of the children of Israel, and he deal with him as a slave, or sell him; then that thief shall die: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do. Remember what the Lord thy God did unto Miriam, by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt.

10 When thou dost lend thy neighbour any manner of loan, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge.

11 Thou shalt stand without, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring forth the pledge without unto thee. And if he be a poor man, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge: thou shalt surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless thee: and it shall be righteousness unto thee before the Lord thy God.

14 Thou shalt not oppress an hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy strangers that are in thy land within thy gates: in his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it; for he is poor, and setteth his heart upon it: lest he cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin unto thee.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 Thou shalt not wrest the judgement of the stranger, nor of the fatherless; nor take the widow's raiment to pledge: but thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and the Lord thy God redeemed thee thence: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou reapest thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow: that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thine hands.

20 When thou beatest thine olive tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it after

thee: it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow.

22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

25 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgement, and the judges judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked; and it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten,

that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his wickedness, by number. Forty stripes he may give him, he shall not exceed: lest, if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should seem vile unto thee.

4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn.

5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no son, the wife of the dead shall not marry without unto a stranger: her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of an husband's brother unto her. And it shall be, that the firstborn which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not blotted out of Israel.

7 And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then his brother's wife shall go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of an husband's brother unto me. Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand, and say, I like not to take

her; then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto the man that doth not build up his brother's house. And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

11 When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near for to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets: then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall have no pity.

13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. Thou shalt not have in thine house divers measures, a great and a small. A perfect and just weight shalt thou have; a perfect and just measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. For all

that do such things, *even* all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the LORD thy God.

17 Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt; how he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. Therefore it shall be, when the LORD thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget.

26 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein;

2 that thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which thou shalt bring in from thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee; and thou shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there. And thou shalt come unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto the LORD thy God, that I am come unto the land which the LORD swore unto our fathers for to give us.

4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thine hand, and set it down before the altar of the LORD thy God.

5 And thou shalt answer and say before the LORD thy God, A ¹ Syrian ² ready to perish was my father, and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there, few in number; and he became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous:

6 and the Egyptians evil entreated us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard

7 bondage: and we cried unto the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice, and saw our affliction,

8 and our toil, and our oppression: and the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great

9 terribleness, and with signs, and with wonders: and he hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

10 And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground, which thou, O LORD, hast given me. And thou shalt set it down before the LORD thy God, and worship before the LORD

11 thy God: and thou shalt rejoice in all the good which the LORD thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thine house, thou, and the Levite, and the stranger that is in the midst of thee.

12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithe of thine increase in the

third year, which is the year of tithing, then thou shalt give it unto the Levite, to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within

18 thy gates, and be filled; and thou shalt say before the LORD thy God, I have put away the hallowed things out of mine house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandment which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed any of thy commandments, neither have I forgotten

14 them: I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I put away thereof, being unclean, nor given thereof for the dead: I have hearkened to the voice of the LORD my God, I have done according to all that thou hast

15 commanded me. Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the ground which thou hast given us, as thou swarest unto our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.

16 This day the LORD thy God commandeth thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with

17 all thy soul. Thou hast avouched the LORD this day to be thy God, and that thou shouldest walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgements, and hearken

18 unto his voice: and the LORD hath avouched thee this day to be a peculiar people unto himself, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all

19 his commandments; and to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, ³ in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

27 And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandment which I command you this day. And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaister

3 them with plaister: and thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over; that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of thy fathers, hath

4 promised thee. And it shall be when ye are passed over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaister them with

5 plaister. And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt lift up no iron

¹ Heb. Aram-cum.
² Or, wandering
Or, lost

³ Or, for a praise, and for a name, and for an honour

¹ Heb.
wholes.

6 tool upon them. Thou shalt build the altar of the Lord thy God of ¹unhewn stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord thy God: 7 and thou shalt sacrifice peace offerings, and shalt eat there; and thou shalt 8 rejoice before the Lord thy God. And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly. 9 And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Keep silence, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become the people of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the Lord thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day. 11 And Moses charged the people the 12 same day, saying, These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are passed over Jordan; Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin: 13 and these shall stand upon mount Ebal for the curse; Reuben, Gad, and Asher, 14 and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. And the Levites shall answer, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice, 15 Cursed be the man that maketh a graven or molten image, an abomination unto the Lord, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and setteth it up in secret. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen. 16 Cursed be he that setteth light by his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. 17 Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen. 18 Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen. 19 Cursed be he that wresteth the judgement of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen. 20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife; because he hath uncovered his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. 21 Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. And all the people shall say, Amen. 22 Cursed be he that lieth with his sister, the daughter of his father, or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. 23 Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law. And all the people shall say, Amen. 24 Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour in secret. And all the people shall say, Amen. 25 Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen. 26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not the

words of this law to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

28 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all 2 the nations of the earth: and all these blessings shall come upon thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and 4 blessed shalt thou be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, 5 and the young of thy flock. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy kneading- 6 trough. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou 7 be when thou goest out. The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thee: they shall come out against thee one way, and shall flee before thee 8 seven ways. The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy barns, and in all that thou puttest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy 9 God giveth thee. The Lord shall establish thee for an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee; if thou shalt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his 10 ways. And all the peoples of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be 11 afraid of thee. And the Lord shall make thee plenteous for good, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 12 The Lord shall open unto thee his good ²treasure the heaven to give the rain of thy land in its season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, 13 and thou shalt not borrow. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou shalt hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe 14 and to do *them*; and shalt not turn aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand, or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them. 15 But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and over- 16 take thee. Cursed shalt thou be in the

² Or,
treasury

city, and cursed shalt thou be in the 17 field. Cursed shall be thy basket and 18 thy kneadingtrough. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, the increase of thy kine, 19 and the young of thy flock. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou 20 goest out. The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, discomfiture, and rebuke, in all that thou puttest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the evil of thy doings, whereby thou 21 hast forsaken me. The LORD shall make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest in to 22 possess it. The LORD shall smite thee with consumption, and with fever, and with inflammation, and with fiery heat, and with ¹the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. 23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is 24 under thee shall be iron. The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and shalt flee seven ways before them: and thou shalt be ²tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth. 25 And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air, and unto the beasts of the earth, and there shall be none to 26 fray them away. The LORD shall smite thee with the boil of Egypt, and with the ³emerods, and with the scurvy, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not 27 be healed. The LORD shall smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and 28 with astonishment of heart: and thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled 29 alway, and there shall be none to save thee. Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her: thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein: thou shalt plant a vineyard, and shalt not ⁴use the fruit 30 thereof. Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to save thee. 31 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day: and there shall be nought in the power of thine hand. 32 The fruit of thy ground, and all thy

labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be 33 only oppressed and crushed alway: so that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 34 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore boil, whereof thou canst not be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of 35 thy head. The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which thou hast not known, thou nor thy fathers; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood 36 and stone. And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a by-word, among all the peoples whither 37 the LORD shall lead thee away. Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather little in; for the 38 locust shall consume it. Thou shalt plant vineyards and dress them, but thou shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worm 39 shall eat them. Thou shalt have olive trees throughout all thy borders, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast its fruit. 40 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be thine; for they shall 41 go into captivity. All thy trees and the fruit of thy ground shall the locust 42 possess. The stranger that is in the midst of thee shall mount up above thee higher and higher; and thou shalt come 43 down lower and lower. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt 44 be the tail. And all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hast hearkened not unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which he commanded 45 thee: and they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy 46 seed for ever: because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, by reason 47 of the abundance of all things: therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed 48 thee. The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; a nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young: 49 and he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy ground, until thou be destroyed: which also shall not leave thee corn, wine, or oil, the increase of thy kine, or the young

¹ Or, according to some ancient versions, drought

² Or, a terror unto

³ Or, tumours Or, plague boils

⁴ See ch. xx. 6, and Lev. xix. 22-23.

of thy flock, until he have caused thee
52 to perish. And he shall besiege thee
in all thy gates, until thy high and
fenced walls come down, wherein thou
trustedst, throughout all thy land:
and he shall besiege thee in all thy
gates throughout all thy land, which
the LORD thy God hath given thee.
53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine
own body, the flesh of thy sons and
of thy daughters which the LORD thy
God hath given thee; in the siege
and in the straitness, wherewith thine
54 enemies shall straiten thee. The man
that is tender among you, and very
delicate, his eye shall be evil toward
his brother, and toward the wife of
his bosom, and toward the remnant
of his children which he hath re-
55 maining: so that he will not give
to any of them of the flesh of his
children whom he shall eat, because
he hath nothing left him; in the siege
and in the straitness, wherewith thine
enemy shall straiten thee in all thy
56 gates. The tender and delicate woman
among you, which would not adventure
to set the sole of her foot upon the
ground for delicateness and tenderness,
her eye shall be evil toward the hus-
band of her bosom, and toward her son,
57 and toward her daughter; and toward
her young one that cometh out from
between her feet, and toward her
children which she shall bear; for she
shall eat them for want of all things
secretly: in the siege and in the strait-
ness, wherewith thine enemy shall
58 straiten thee in thy gates. If thou wilt
not observe to do all the words of this
law that are written in this book, that
thou mayest fear this glorious and
fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;
59 then the LORD will make thy plagues
wonderful, and the plagues of thy
seed, even great plagues, and of long
continuance, and sore sicknesses, and
60 of long continuance. And he will bring
upon thee again all the diseases of
Egypt, which thou wast afraid of;
61 and they shall cleave unto thee. Also
every sickness, and every plague, which
is not written in the book of this law,
them will the LORD bring upon thee,
62 until thou be destroyed. And ye shall
be left few in number, whereas ye
were as the stars of heaven for multi-
tude; because thou didst not hearken
unto the voice of the LORD thy God.
63 And it shall come to pass, that as the
LORD rejoiced over you to do you
good, and to multiply you; so the
LORD will rejoice over you to cause
you to perish, and to destroy you; and
ye shall be plucked from off the land
64 whither thou goest in to possess it. And
the LORD shall scatter thee among all
peoples, from the one end of the earth
even unto the other end of the earth;

and there thou shalt serve other gods,
which thou hast not known, thou nor
65 thy fathers, even wood and stone. And
among these nations shalt thou find
no ease, and there shall be no rest for
the sole of thy foot: but the LORD
shall give thee there a trembling heart,
and failing of eyes, and pining of soul:
66 and thy life shall hang in doubt before
thee; and thou shalt fear night and
day, and shalt have none assurance of
67 thy life: in the morning thou shalt
say, Would God it were even! and at
even thou shalt say, Would God it
were morning! for the fear of thine
heart which thou shalt fear, and for the
sight of thine eyes which thou shalt
68 see. And the LORD shall bring thee
into Egypt again with ships, by the
way whereof I said unto thee, Thou
shalt see it no more again: and there
ye shall sell yourselves unto your
enemies for bondmen and for bond-
women, and no man shall buy you.
29 These are the words of the covenant
which the LORD commanded Moses to
make with the children of Israel in
the land of Moab, beside the covenant
which he made with them in Horeb.
2 And Moses called unto all Israel, and
said unto them, Ye have seen all that
the LORD did before your eyes in the
land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto
all his servants, and unto all his land;
3 the great temptations which thine eyes
saw, the signs, and those great won-
4 ders: but the LORD hath not given you
an heart to know, and eyes to see, and
5 ears to hear, unto this day. And I
have led you forty years in the wilder-
ness: your clothes are not waxen old
upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen
6 old upon thy foot. Ye have not eaten
bread, neither have ye drunk wine or
strong drink: that ye might know that
7 I am the LORD your God. And when
ye came unto this place, Sihon the
king of Heshbon, and Og the king
of Bashan, came out against us unto
8 battle, and we smote them: and we
took their land, and gave it for an
inheritance unto the Reubenites, and
to the Gadites, and to the half tribe
9 of the Manassites. Keep therefore
the words of this covenant, and do them,
that ye may prosper in all that ye do.
10 Ye stand this day all of you before
the LORD your God; your heads, your
tribes, your elders, and your officers,
11 even all the men of Israel, your little
ones, your wives, and thy stranger that
is in the midst of thy camps, from the
hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of
12 thy water: that thou shouldest enter
into the covenant of the LORD thy God,
and into his oath, which the LORD thy
13 God maketh with thee this day: that he
may establish thee this day unto himself
for a people, and that he may be unto

[Ch.
xxvii. 29
in Heb.]

[Ch. xix.
1 in
Heb.]

* See ch.
iv. 34.

* Or, deal
wisely

1 Or,
after
birth

thee a God, as he spake unto thee, and as he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; but with him that standeth here with us this day before the Lord our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day: (for ye know how we dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the midst of the nations through which ye passed; and ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:) lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the Lord our God, to go to serve the gods of those nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth ¹gall and wormwood; and it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this ²curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of mine heart, ³to destroy the moist with the dry: the Lord will not pardon him, but then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curse that is written in this book shall lie upon him, and the Lord shall blot out his name from under heaven. And the Lord shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the law. And the generation to come, your children that shall rise up after you, and the foreigner that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses wherewith the Lord hath made it sick; *and that* the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and a burning, *that* it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboiim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: even all the nations shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger? Then men shall say, Because they forsook the covenant of the Lord, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt; and went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and whom he had not given unto them: therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curse that is written in this book: and the Lord rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another

land, as at this day. The secret things belong unto the Lord our God: but the things that are revealed belong unto us and to our children for ever, that we may do all the words of this law.

30 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee, and shalt return unto the Lord thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; that then the Lord thy God will ⁴turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the peoples, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. If any of thine outcasts be in the uttermost parts of heaven, from thence will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: and the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. 6 And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live. And the Lord thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee. And thou shalt return and obey the voice of the Lord, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day. 9 And the Lord thy God will make thee plenteous in all the work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, for good: for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers: if thou shalt obey the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if thou turn unto the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul. 11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too ⁵hard for thee, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it? But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. 15 See, I have set before thee this day

⁵ Or, *ye* turn to

¹ Heb. *rosh*, a poisonous herb.

² Or, *ow*, and so *vv.* 20, 21.

³ Or, *to add drunkenness to thirst*

⁴ Heb. *divided*.

⁵ Or, *so* *easy* *just*

16 life and good, and death and evil; in that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgements, that thou mayest live and multiply, and that the LORD thy God may bless thee in the land whither thou goest in to possess it. But if thine heart turn away, and thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them; I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish; ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go in to possess it. I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I have set before thee life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed: to love the LORD thy God, to obey his voice, and to cleave unto him: for ¹he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

31 And Moses went and spake these words unto all Israel. And he said unto them, I am an hundred and twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: and the LORD hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan.

3 The LORD thy God, he will go over before thee; he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as the LORD hath spoken. And the LORD shall do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites, and unto their land; whom he destroyed. And the LORD shall deliver them up before you, and ye shall do unto them according unto all the commandment which I have commanded you. Be strong and of a good courage, fear not, nor be affrighted at them: for the LORD thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.

7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt go with this people into the land which the LORD hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it.

8 And the LORD, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

9 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and unto all the 10 elders of Israel. And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the set time of the year

Or, thus

of release, in the feast of tabernacles, 11 when all Israel is come to appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose, thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and thy stranger that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law; and that their children, which have not known, may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

14 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tent of meeting, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tent of meeting. And the LORD appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud: and the pillar of cloud stood over the door of the Tent.

16 And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the strange gods of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them. Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall come upon them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us? And I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evil which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach thou it the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, flowing with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and despise me, and break my covenant. And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are come upon them, that this song shall testify before them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I sware. So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it the children of Israel.

28 And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of

Or, by

a good courage: for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee.

24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord, saying, Take this book of the law, and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against the Lord; and how much more after my death? Assemble unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do that which is evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were finished.

32 Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak;

And let the earth hear the words of my mouth:

2 My doctrine shall drop as the rain, My speech shall distil as the dew; As the small rain upon the tender grass,

And as the showers upon the herb:

3 For I will proclaim the name of the Lord:

Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 The Rock, his work is perfect; For all his ways are judgement: A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, Just and right is he.

5 They have ¹dealt corruptly with him, they are not his children, ²it is their blemish;

They are a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus requite the Lord, O foolish people and unwise? Is not he thy father that hath ³bought thee?

He hath made thee, and established thee.

7 Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations:

Ask thy father, and he will shew thee; Thine elders, and they will tell thee.

8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,

When he separated the children of men,

He set the bounds of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel.

9 For the Lord's portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land, And in the waste howling wilderness;

He compassed him about, he cared for him,

He kept him as the apple of his eye:

11 As an eagle that stirreth up her nest,

That fluttereth over her young,

⁴He spread abroad his wings, he took them,

He bare them on his pinions:

12 The Lord alone did lead him, And there was no strange god with him.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, And he did eat the increase of the field;

And he made him to suck honey out of the rock,

And oil out of the flinty rock;

14 Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, With fat of lambs,

And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats,

With the fat of kidneys of wheat; And of the blood of the grape thou drankest wine.

15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: Thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art become sleek:

Then he forsook God which made him, And lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

16 They moved him to jealousy with strange gods,

With abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 They sacrificed unto demons, ^{which were} no God,

To gods whom they knew not, To new gods that came up of late,

Whom your fathers dreaded not.

18 Of the Rock that ⁵begat thee thou art unmindful,

And hast forgotten God that gave thee birth.

19 And the Lord saw it, and abhorred them,

Because of the provocation of his sons and his daughters.

20 And he said, I will hide my face from them,

I will see what their end shall be: For they are a very froward generation,

Children in whom is no faith.

21 They have moved me to jealousy with that which is not God;

They have provoked me to anger with their vanities:

⁴ Or, *spread-
eth
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beareth
them as
her
pinions*

⁵ Or, *beget*

¹ Or, *corrupted them-
selves,
they &c.*
² Or, *but
a blot
upon
them*

³ Or, *possessed
Or,
gotten*

And I will move them to jealousy with those which are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, And burneth unto the lowest ¹ pit, And devoureth the earth with her increase, And setteth on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will heap mischiefs upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them:

24 *They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with ² burning heat And bitter destruction;* And the teeth of beasts will I send upon them,

With the poison of crawling things of the dust.

25 Without shall the sword bereave, And in the chambers terror; *It shall destroy both young man and virgin,* The suckling with the man of gray hairs.

26 I said, I would scatter them afar, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men:

27 Were it not that I feared the provocation of the enemy, Lest their adversaries should misdeem, Lest they should say, Our hand is exalted, And the LORD hath not done all this.

28 For they are a nation void of counsel, And there is no understanding in them.

29 Oh that they were wise, that they understood this, That they would consider their latter end!

30 How should one chase a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight, Except their Rock had sold them, And the LORD had delivered them up?

31 For their rock is not as our Rock, Even our enemies themselves being judges.

32 For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, And of the fields of Gomorrah: Their grapes are grapes of ³ gall, Their clusters are bitter:

33 Their wine is the poison of dragons, And the cruel venom of asps.

34 Is not this laid up in store with me, Sealed up ⁴ among my treasures?

35 Vengeance is mine, and recompence, At the time when their foot shall slide: For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things that are to come upon them shall make haste.

36 For the LORD shall judge his people, And repent himself for his servants; When he seeth that *their* power is gone,

And there is none *remaining*, shut up or left at large.

37 And he shall say, Where are their gods,

The rock in which they ⁵ trusted; 38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, And drank the wine of their drink offering?

Let them rise up and help you, Let them be your protection.

39 See now that I, even I, am he, And there is no god with me: I kill, and I make alive; I have wounded, and I heal: And there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, And say, As I live for ever,

41 If I whet ⁶ my glittering sword, And mine hand take hold on judgment;

I will render vengeance to mine adversaries, And will recompense them that hate me.

42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, And my sword shall devour flesh; With the blood of the slain and the captives,

⁷ From ⁸ the head of the leaders of the enemy.

43 ⁹ Rejoice, O ¹⁰ ye nations, with his people:

For he will avenge the blood of his servants, And will render vengeance to his adversaries, And will make expiation for his land, for his people.

44 And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea the son of Nun.

45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel: and he said unto them, Set your heart unto all the words which I testify unto you this day; which ye shall command your children, to observe to do all the words

47 of this law. For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing ye shall prolong your days upon the land, whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

48 And the LORD spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession: and die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people; as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and

51 was gathered unto his people: because ye trespassed against me in the midst of the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah of Kadesh, in the wilderness of

¹ Heb. Sheol.

² Heb. burning heat. See Hab. iii. 2.

³ See ch. xiii. 48.

⁴ Heb. in my treasures.

⁵ Or, took refuge.

⁶ Heb. the lighting of my sword.

⁷ Or, From the beginning of revenges upon the enemy.

⁸ Or, the hairy head of the enemy.

⁹ Or, Praise his deeds, ye nations, his people.

¹⁰ Or, ye nations, his people.

Zin; because ye sanctified me not in
52 the midst of the children of Israel. For
thou shalt see the land before thee; but
thou shalt not go thither into the land
which I give the children of Israel.

33 And this is the blessing, wherewith
Moses the man of God blessed the
children of Israel before his death.
2 And he said,

The Lord came from Sinai,
And rose from Seir unto them;
He shined forth from mount Paran,
And he came from the ten thousands
of ¹holy ones:

At his right hand ²was a fiery law
unto them.

3 Yea, he loveth the ³peoples;
All ⁴his saints are in thy hand.
And they sat down at thy feet;
Every one ⁵shall receive of thy
words.

4 Moses commanded us a law,
An inheritance for the assembly of
Jacob.

5 And ⁶he was king in Jeshurun,
When the heads of the people were
gathered,
All the tribes of Israel together.

6 Let Reuben live, and not die;
⁷Yet let his men be few.

7 And this is the blessing of Judah:
and he said,
Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah,
And bring him in unto his people:

⁸With his hands he contended ⁹for
himself;

And thou shalt be an help against
his adversaries.

8 And of Levi he said,
Thy Thummim and thy Urim are
with ¹⁰thy godly one,
Whom thou didst prove at Massah,
With whom thou didst strive at the
waters of Meribah;

9 Who said of his father, and of his
mother, I have not seen him;
Neither did he acknowledge his
brethren,

Nor knew he his own children:
For they have observed thy word,
And keep thy covenant.

10 They shall teach Jacob thy judge-
ments,

And Israel thy law:
They shall put incense ¹¹before thee,
And whole burnt offering upon thine
altar.

11 Bless, Lord, his substance,
And accept the work of his hands:
Smite through the loins of them that
rise up against him,
And of them that hate him, that
they rise not again.

12 Of Benjamin he said,
The beloved of the Lord shall dwell
in safety by him;
He covereth him all the day long,
And he dwelleth between his shoul-
ders.

13 And of Joseph he said,
Blessed of the Lord be his land;
For the precious things of heaven,
for the dew,
And for the deep that coucheth be-
neath,

14 And for the precious things of the
fruits of the sun,
And for the precious things of the
growth of the moons,

15 And for the chief things of the
ancient mountains,
And for the precious things of the
everlasting hills,

16 And for the precious things of the
earth and the fulness thereof,
And the good will of him that dwelt
in the bush:

Let the blessing come upon the head
of Joseph,

And upon the crown of the head
of him ¹²that was separate from
his brethren.

17 ¹³The firstling of his bullock, majes-
ty is his;
And his horns are the horns of the
¹⁴wild-ox:

With them he shall ¹⁵push the peo-
ples all of them, even the ends of
the earth:

And they are the ten thousands of
Ephraim,

And they are the thousands of
Manasseh.

18 And of Zebulun he said,
Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out;
And, Issachar, in thy tents.

19 They shall call the peoples unto the
mountain;
There shall they offer sacrifices of
righteousness:

For they shall suck the abundance
of the seas,
And the hidden treasures of the
sand.

20 And of Gad he said,
Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad:
He dwelleth as a lioness,
And teareth the arm, yea, the crown
of the head.

21 And he ¹⁶provided the first part for
himself,
For there was ¹⁷the lawgiver's por-
tion reserved;

And he came ¹⁸with the heads of the
people,

He executed the justice of the Lord,
And his judgements with Israel.

22 And of Dan he said,
Dan is a lion's whelp,
That leapeth forth from Bashan.

23 And of Naphtali he said,
O Naphtali, satisfied with favour,
And full with the blessing of the
Lord:

Possess thou the ¹⁹west and the
south.

24 And of Asher he said,
Blessed be Asher ²⁰with children;

¹² Or, that is prince among
¹³ Or, his grunting bullock
¹⁴ See Num. xiii. 2.
¹⁵ Or, gore

¹⁶ Or, chose Heb. new.
¹⁷ Or, a ruler's portion
¹⁸ Or, to

¹⁹ Or, sea

²⁰ Or, above sons

¹ Heb. holiness.
² Or, was fire, a law
Or, as other-
wise read, severe
strengths for them

³ Or, tribes
⁴ Or, their holy ones
⁵ Or, received
⁶ Or, there was a king
⁷ Or, And let not his men

⁸ Or, Let his hands be sufficient for him
⁹ Or, for them

¹⁰ Or, him whom thou loved

¹¹ Heb. in thy nostrils.

- Let him be acceptable unto his brethren,
And let him dip his foot in oil.
25 Thy ¹ bars shall be iron and brass:
And as thy days, so shall thy ² strength be.
26 There is none like unto God, O Jeshurun,
Who rideth upon the heaven for thy help,
And in his excellency on the skies.
27 The eternal God is *thy* dwelling place,
And underneath are the everlasting arms:
And he thrust out the enemy from before thee,
And said, Destroy.
28 And Israel dwelleth in safety,
The fountain of Jacob alone,
In a land of corn and wine;
Yea, his heavens drop down dew.
29 Happy art thou, O Israel:
Who is like unto thee, a people saved by the Lord,
The shield of thy help,
And that is the sword of thy excellency!
And thine enemies shall ³ submit themselves unto thee;
And thou shalt tread upon their high places.
34 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And the Lord shewed him ² all the land of Gilead, unto Dan; and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim

and Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the ⁴ hinder sea; and the South, and the Plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, unto Zoar. And the Lord said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. So Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the word ⁶ of the Lord. And ⁵ he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day.
7 And Moses was an hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated.
8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping in the mourning for Moses were ended. And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him: and the children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as the Lord commanded Moses.
10 And there hath not arisen a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom ¹¹ the Lord knew face to face; in all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, ¹² and to all his land; and in all the mighty hand, and in all the great terror, which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel.

⁴ That is, coast-
ern.

⁵ Or,
he was
buried.

¹ Or,
shield.
² Or, rest
Or,
security.
³ Or,
yield.
⁴ Or,
obedi-
ence.

THE

BOOK OF JOSHUA.

1 Now it came to pass after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you have I given it, as I spake unto ⁴ Moses. From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be

5 your border. There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will ⁶ not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage: for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land which I sware unto their fathers ⁷ to give them. Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest ⁸ have good success whithersoever thou goest. This book of the law shall not depart out of thy

¹ Or, de-
sire.

1 Or,
don't
wisely

mouth, but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, Pass through the midst of the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God giveth you to possess it.

12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh,

13 spake Joshua, saying, Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying, The Lord your God giveth you rest, and

14 will give you this land. Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall abide in the land which Moses gave you beyond Jordan; but ye shall pass over before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valour, and shall

15 help them, until the Lord have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which the Lord your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and possess it, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you beyond Jordan toward the sun-

16 rising. And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou hast commanded us we will do, and whithersoever thou

17 sendest us we will go. According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only the Lord thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. Whosoever he be that shall rebel against thy commandment, and shall not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

2 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men as spies secretly, saying, Go view the land, and Jericho. And they went, and came into the house of an harlot whose name was

2 Rahab, and lay there. And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither to-night of the children of Israel to

3 search out the land. And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the

4 land. And the woman took the two men, and hid them; and she said, Yea, the men came unto me, but I

5 wist not whence they were: and it came to pass about the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: whither the men went I wot not: pursue after them quickly; for ye shall overtake

6 them. But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in

7 order upon the roof. And the men pursued after them the way to Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they which pursued after them were gone

8 out, they shut the gate. And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; and she said unto the men, I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land

10 melt away before you. For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, unto Sihon

and to Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. And as soon as we had heard it, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more spirit in any man, because of you: for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and on

11 earth beneath. Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the Lord, since I have dealt kindly with you, that ye also will deal kindly with my father's

13 house, and give me a true token: and that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will

14 deliver our lives from death. And the men said unto her, Our life ²for yours, if ye utter not this our business; and it shall be, when the Lord giveth us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly

15 with thee. Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, lest the pursuers light upon you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers be returned: and afterward may ye go your way.

17 And the men said unto her, We will be guiltless of this thine oath which thou hast made us to swear. Behold,

when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt gather unto thee into the house thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all

19 thy father's household. And it shall be, that whosoever shall go out of the doors of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be guiltless: and whosoever shall be with thee in the house, his blood

² Heb.
instead
of you to
die.

shall be on our head, if any hand be
 20 upon him. But if thou utter this our
 business, then we will be guiltless of
 thine oath which thou hast made us to
 21 swear. And she said, According unto
 your words, so be it. And she sent
 them away, and they departed: and
 she bound the scarlet line in the
 22 window. And they went, and came
 unto the mountain, and abode there
 three days, until the pursuers were
 returned: and the pursuers sought
 them throughout all the way, but found
 23 them not. Then the two men returned,
 and descended from the mountain,
 and passed over, and came to Joshua
 the son of Nun; and they told him all
 24 that had befallen them. And they said
 unto Joshua, Truly the Lord hath
 delivered into our hands all the land;
 and moreover all the inhabitants of
 the land do melt away before us.

3 And Joshua rose up early in the morn-
 ing, and they removed from Shittim,
 and came to Jordan, he and all the
 children of Israel; and they lodged
 2 there before they passed over. And it
 came to pass after three days, that the
 officers went through the midst of the
 3 camp; and they commanded the people,
 saying, When ye see the ark of the
 covenant of the Lord your God, and
 the priests the Levites bearing it, then
 ye shall remove from your place, and
 4 go after it. Yet there shall be a space
 between you and it, about two thousand
 cubits by measure: come not near unto
 it, that ye may know the way by which
 ye must go; for ye have not passed this
 5 way heretofore. And Joshua said unto
 the people, Sanctify yourselves: for
 to-morrow the Lord will do wonders
 6 among you. And Joshua spake unto
 the priests, saying, Take up the ark of
 the covenant, and pass over before
 the people. And they took up the ark
 of the covenant, and went before the
 7 people. And the Lord said unto Joshua,
 This day will I begin to magnify thee
 in the sight of all Israel, that they
 may know that, as I was with Moses,
 8 so I will be with thee. And thou shalt
 command the priests that bear the ark
 of the covenant, saying, When ye are
 come to the brink of the waters of
 Jordan, ye shall stand still in Jordan.
 9 And Joshua said unto the children
 of Israel, Come hither, and hear the
 10 words of the Lord your God. And
 Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know
 that the living God is among you,
 and that he will without fail drive
 out from before you the Canaanite,
 and the Hittite, and the Hivite,
 and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and
 11 the Amorite, and the Jebusite. Be-
 hold, the ark of the covenant of the
 Lord of all the earth passeth over
 12 before you into Jordan. Now there-

fore take you twelve men out of the
 tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man.
 13 And it shall come to pass, when the
 soles of the feet of the priests that
 bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of
 all the earth, shall rest in the waters
 of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan
 shall be cut off, even the waters that
 come down from above; and they
 14 shall stand in one heap. And it came
 to pass, when the people removed
 from their tents, to pass over Jordan,
 the priests that bare the ark of the
 15 covenant being before the people; and
 when they that bare the ark were
 come unto Jordan, and the feet of
 the priests that bare the ark were
 dipped in the brink of the water, (for
 Jordan overfloweth all its banks all
 16 the time of harvest,) that the waters
 which came down from above stood,
 and rose up in one heap, a great way
 1 off, at Adam, the city that is beside
 Zarethan: and those that went down
 toward the sea of the ²Arabah, even
 the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off: and
 the people passed over right against
 17 Jericho. And the priests that bare
 the ark of the covenant of the Lord
 stood firm on dry ground in the midst
 of Jordan, and all Israel passed over
 on dry ground, until all the nation
 were passed clean over Jordan.
 4 And it came to pass, when all the
 nation were clean passed over Jordan,
 that the Lord spake unto Joshua,
 2 saying, Take you twelve men out of
 the people, out of every tribe a man,
 3 and command ye them, saying, Take
 you hence out of the midst of Jordan,
 out of the place where the priests' feet
 stood firm, twelve stones, and carry
 them over with you, and lay them
 down in the lodging place, where ye
 4 shall lodge this night. Then Joshua
 called the twelve men, whom he had
 prepared of the children of Israel, out
 5 of every tribe a man: and Joshua said
 unto them, Pass over before the ark
 of the Lord your God into the midst
 of Jordan, and take you up every man
 of you a stone upon his shoulder, ac-
 cording unto the number of the tribes
 6 of the children of Israel: that this
 may be a sign among you, that when
 your children ask in time to come,
 saying, What mean ye by these stones?
 7 then ye shall say unto them, Because
 the waters of Jordan were cut off be-
 fore the ark of the covenant of the
 Lord; when it passed over Jordan,
 the waters of Jordan were cut off: and
 these stones shall be for a memorial
 unto the children of Israel for ever.
 8 And the children of Israel did so as
 Joshua commanded, and took up twelve
 stones out of the midst of Jordan, as
 the Lord spake unto Joshua, accord-
 ing to the number of the tribes of the

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 reading
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 2 See
 Deut.
 1. 1.

children of Israel; and they carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them 9 down there. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there, unto this 10 day. For the priests which bare the ark stood in the midst of Jordan, until every thing was finished that the Lord commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people 11 hastened and passed over. And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of the Lord passed over, and the priests, in 12 the presence of the people. And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them: 13 about forty thousand ready armed for war passed over before the Lord unto 14 battle, to the plains of Jericho. On that day the Lord magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And the Lord spake unto Joshua, 16 saying, Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come 17 up out of Jordan. Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye 18 up out of Jordan. And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the Lord were come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the priests' feet were lifted up unto the dry ground, that the waters of Jordan returned unto their place, and went over all its banks, as aforesaid.

19 And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on the east border 20 of Jericho. And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did 21 Joshua set up in Gilgal. And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What 22 mean these stones? then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel 23 came over this Jordan on dry land. For the Lord your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were passed 24 over: that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty; that they may fear the Lord your God for ever.

5 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, which were beyond Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, which were by the sea, heard how that the Lord

had dried up the waters of Jordan from before the children of Israel, until ²we were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

2 At that time the Lord said unto Joshua, Make thee knives of flint, and circumcise again the children of Israel

3 the second time. And Joshua made him knives of flint, and circumcised the children of Israel at ⁴the hill of the foreskins. And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: all the people that came forth out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came forth out of Egypt.

5 For all the people that came out were circumcised: but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, 6 they had not circumcised. For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the nation, even the men of war which came forth out of Egypt, were consumed, because they hearkened not unto the voice of the Lord: unto whom the Lord swore that he would not let them see the land which the Lord swore unto their fathers that he would give us, a land

7 flowing with milk and honey. And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them did Joshua circumcise: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them 8 by the way. And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the nation, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were 9 whole. And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of that place was called ⁴Gilgal, unto this day.

10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the passover on the fourteenth day of the month at 11 even in the plains of Jericho. And they did eat of the ⁶old corn of the land on the morrow after the passover, unleavened cakes and parched 12 corn, in the selfsame day. And the manna ceased on the morrow, after they had eaten of the ⁶old corn of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

13 And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, there stood a man over against him with his sword drawn in his hand. And Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries?

14 And he said, Nay; but as ⁶captain of the host of the Lord am I now come.

² Another reading is, they.

³ Or, Gibeah ha-areloth

⁴ That is, Rolling.

⁵ Or, provender (i.e., corn)

¹ So with a change of vowel-points. The pointing of the text is irregular.

⁶ Or, prince

And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant?

- 15 And the captain of the LORD's host said unto Joshua, Put off thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua ¹did so. (Now Jericho ¹was straitly shut up because of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came ²in.) And the LORD said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thine hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the ³mighty men of valour. And ye shall compass the city, all the men of war, going about the city once. Thus shalt ⁴thou do six days. And seven priests shall bear seven ²trumpets of rams' horns before the ark: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And it shall be, that when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down ³flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before ⁶him. And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the ⁷LORD. And ⁴they said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the city, and let the armed men pass on before the ark ⁸of the LORD. And it was so, that when Joshua had spoken unto the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD passed on, and blew with the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of the ⁹LORD followed them. And the armed men went before the priests that blew the trumpets, and the rearward went after the ark, *the priests* blowing with the trumpets as they went. And Joshua commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you ¹¹shout; then shall ye shout. So he caused the ark of the LORD to compass the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp. ¹²And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark ¹³of the LORD. And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on continually, and blew with the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; and the rearward came after the ark of the LORD, *the priests* blowing with the trumpets as they ¹⁴went. And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into ¹⁵the camp: so they did six days. And it came to pass on the seventh day,

- that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven ¹⁶times. And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for the LORD hath given ¹⁷you the city. And the city shall be ⁶devoted, even it and all that is therein, to the LORD: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the ¹⁸messengers that we sent. And ye, in any wise keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest when ye have devoted it, ye take of the devoted thing; so should ye make the camp of Israel ¹⁹accursed, and trouble it. But all the silver, and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are holy unto the LORD: they shall come into the treasury of the ²⁰LORD. So the people shouted, and *the priests* blew with the trumpets: and it came to pass, when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, that the people shouted with a great shout, and the wall fell down ³flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the ²¹city. And they ⁷utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, both young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of ²²the sword. And Joshua said unto the two men that had spied out the land, Go into the harlot's house, and bring out thence the woman, and all that ²³she hath, as ye sware unto her. And the young men the spies went in, and brought out Rahab, and her father, and her mother, and her brethren, and all that she had, all her ⁸kindred also they brought out; and they set them without the camp of Israel. ²⁴And they burnt the city with fire, and all that was therein: only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels of brass and of iron, they put into the treasury ²⁵of the house of the LORD. But Rahab the harlot, and her father's household, and all that she had, did Joshua save alive; and she dwelt in the midst of Israel, unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua ²⁶sent to spy out Jericho. And Joshua charged them with an oath at that time, saying, Cursed be the man before the LORD, that riseth up and buildeth this city Jericho: with the loss of his firstborn shall he lay the foundation thereof, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up the gates of it. ²⁷So the LORD was with Joshua; and his fame was in all the land. ⁷And the children of Israel committed a trespass in the devoted thing: for Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah,

¹ Heb. and the gates and walls shall be.

² Or, jubilee (trumpets).

³ Heb. in its place.

⁴ Another reading is, he.

⁵ See Lev. xxvii. 24. Dent. xx. 17.

⁶ Heb. devoted.

⁷ Heb. devoted.

⁸ Heb. families.

of the tribe of Judah, took of the devoted thing: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel.

- 2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and spake unto them, saying, Go up and spy out the land. And the men went up and spied out Ai. And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him, Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite Ai; make not all the people to toil thither: for 4 they are but few. So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and they fled before the men 5 of Ai. And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: and they chased them from before the gate even unto ¹Shebarim, and smote them at the going down: and the hearts of the people melted, and became as water. 6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the Lord until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust 7 upon their heads. And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord God, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? would that we had been content and dwelt beyond 8 Jordan! Oh Lord, what shall I say, after that Israel hath turned their 9 backs before their enemies! For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear of it, and shall compass us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do for thy 10 great name? And the Lord said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore art thou 11 thus fallen upon thy face? Israel hath sinned; yea, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: yea, they have even taken of the devoted thing; and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have even put 12 it among their own stuff. Therefore the children of Israel cannot stand before their enemies, they turn their backs before their enemies, because they are become ²accursed: I will not be with you any more, except ye destroy the 13 devoted thing from among you. Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to-morrow: for thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, There is a devoted thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the 14 devoted thing from among you. In the morning therefore ye shall be brought near by your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which the Lord taketh shall come near by families; and the family which the Lord shall take shall come near by households; and the household which the Lord shall take shall

15 come near man by man. And it shall be, that he that is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath: because he hath transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

- 16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah 17 was taken: and he brought near the ³family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites: and he brought near the family of the Zerahites ⁴man by man; and Zabdi was taken: and he brought near his household man by man; and Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of 19 the tribe of Judah, was taken. And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord, the God of Israel, and ⁵make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou 20 hast done; hide it not from me. And Achan answered Joshua, and said, Of a truth I have sinned against the Lord, the God of Israel, and thus and 21 thus have I done: when I saw among the spoil a goodly ⁶Babylonish mantle, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them; and, behold, they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent, and the silver 22 under it. So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the 23 silver under it. And they took them from the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel; and they laid them 24 down before the Lord. And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the mantle, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them up unto the valley 25 of Achor. And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? The Lord shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones; and they burned them with fire, and stoned them 26 with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones, unto this day; and the Lord turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of ⁷Achor, unto this day.

- 8 And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai: see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his 2 people, and his city, and his land: and thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle

¹ Or, the quarries

² See ch. vi. 18.

³ According to some ancient authorities, families.

⁴ According to some ancient authorities, by households.

⁵ Or, give praises

⁶ Heb. mantle of Shinar.

⁷ That is, From Achor.

thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: set thee an ambush for the city behind it. So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valour, and sent them forth by night.

4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city: go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready:

5 and I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city: and it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we

6 will flee before them; and they will come out after us, till we have drawn them away from the city: for they will say, They flee before us, as at the

7 first; so we will flee before them: and ye shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city: for the

8 Lord your God will deliver it into your hand. And it shall be, when ye have seized upon the city, that ye shall set the city on fire; according to the word of the Lord shall ye do:

9 see, I have commanded you. And Joshua sent them forth: and they went to the ambushment, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

10 And Joshua rose up early in the morning, and mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before

11 the people to Ai. And all the people, *even the men of war* that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ai: now there was a valley be-

12 tween him and Ai. And he took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the

13 west side of ¹ the city. ² So they set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers in wait that were on the west of the city; and Joshua ³ went that night into the

14 midst of the vale. And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hastened and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, ⁴ at the time appointed, before the Arabah; but he wist not that there was an am-

15 bush against him behind the city. And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by

16 the way of the wilderness. And all the people that were in ¹ the city were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and

17 were drawn away from the city. And there was not a man left in Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pur-

18 sued after Israel. And the Lord said unto Joshua, Stretch out the javelin

that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thine hand. And Joshua stretched out the javelin that

19 was in his hand toward the city. And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it; and they

20 hastened and set the city on fire. And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven, and they had no ⁵ power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon

21 the pursuers. And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended, then they turned

22 again, and slew the men of Ai. And the other came forth out of the city against them; so they were in the midst of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side: and they smote them, so that they let none of them

23 remain or escape. And the king of Ai they took alive, and brought him

24 to Joshua. And it came to pass, when Israel had made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they pursued them, and they were all fallen by the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all Israel returned

unto Ai, and smote it with the edge 25 of the sword. And all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of

26 Ai. For Joshua drew not back his hand, wherewith he stretched out the javelin, until he had ⁶ utterly destroyed

27 all the inhabitants of Ai. Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of the Lord

28 which he commanded Joshua. So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it an

29 heap for ever, even a desolation, unto this day. And the king of Ai he hanged on a tree until the eventide:

and at the going down of the sun Joshua commanded, and they took his carcass down from the tree, and cast it at the entering of the gate of the city, and raised thereon a great heap

of stones, unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto the Lord, the God of Israel, in mount Ebal,

31 as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of ⁷ unhewn stones, upon which no man had lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings

unto the Lord, and sacrificed peace 32 offerings. And he wrote there upon ⁸ the stones a copy of the law of Moses, ⁹ which he wrote, in the presence of the

33 children of Israel. And all Israel, and

⁵ Heb. *annde*.

⁶ Heb. *destroyed*.

⁷ Or, *round* Heb. *ref.*

⁸ Heb. *whole*.

⁹ See *Dout.* xxvii. 2-4.

¹⁰ Or, *which he wrote in* *Dr.*

¹ Another reading in *Al.*
² Or, *do the people set all* *Dr.*
³ Some MSS. read, *that night in.*
⁴ Or, *to the place appointed.*

their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side the ark and on that side before the priests the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger as the homeborn; half of them in front of mount Gerizim, and half of them in front of mount Ebal; as Moses the servant of the LORD had ¹commanded, that they should bless the people of

34 Israel first of all. And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the

35 law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the strangers that ²were conversant among them.

9 And it came to pass, when all the kings which were beyond Jordan, in the hill country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the great sea in front of Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard

2 thereof; that they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord.

3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto

4 Jericho and to Ai, they also did work wilily, and went and ³made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine-skins,

5 old and rent and bound up; and old shoes and clouted upon their feet, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry

6 and was become mouldy. And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We are come from a far country: now therefore make ye a covenant with

7 us. And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a

8 covenant with you? And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and

9 from whence come ye? And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of the LORD thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that

10 he did in Egypt, and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond Jordan, to Sihon king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan,

11 which was at Ashtaroth. And our elders and all the inhabitants of our country spake to us, saying, Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: and now

12 make ye a covenant with us. This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came

forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and is become mouldy:

13 and these wine-skins, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they be rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very

14 long journey. And the men took of their provision, and asked not counsel at the

15 mouth of the LORD. And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation swore

16 unto them. And it came to pass at the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbours,

17 and that they dwelt among them. And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kiriath-

18 jearim. And the children of Israel smote them not, because the princes of the congregation had sworn unto them by the LORD, the God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured a-

19 gainst the princes. But all the princes said unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD, the God of Israel: now therefore we

20 may not touch them. This we will do to them, and let them live; lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which

21 we swore unto them. And the princes said unto them, Let them live: so they became hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation; as the princes had spoken unto them.

22 And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell

23 among us? Now therefore ye are cursed, and there ⁴shall never fail to be of you bondmen, both hewers of wood and drawers of water for the

24 house of my God. And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it was certainly told thy servants, how that the LORD thy God commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you; therefore we were sore afraid for our lives because of

25 you, and have done this thing. And now, behold, we are in thine hand: as it seemeth good and right unto thee to

26 do unto us, do. And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, that they slew them not. And Joshua made them that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

10 Now it came to pass, when Adonizedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had ⁵utterly destroyed it; as he had done

¹ Or, commanded at the first, that they should bless the people of Israel.

² Heb. walked.

³ Another reading, followed by most ancient versions, is, took them provisions. See ver. 12.

⁴ Heb. shall not be cut off from you.

⁵ Heb. utterly destroyed.

to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them; that they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, Come up unto me, and help me, and let us smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped against Gibeon, and made war against it. And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants: come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the hill country are gathered together against us. So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hands; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. Joshua therefore came upon them suddenly; for he went up from Gilgal all the night. And the Lord discomfited them before Israel, and he slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them by the way of the ascent of Beth-horon, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, while they were in the going down of Beth-horon, that the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with the hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword.

12 Then spake Joshua to the Lord in the day when the Lord delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel; and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; And thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajijalon.

13 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, Until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies.

Is not this written in the book of Jashar? And the sun stayed in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go

14 down about a whole day. And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the Lord fought for Israel.

15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

16 And these five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah.

17 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah. And Joshua said,

Roll great stones unto the mouth of the cave, and set men by it for to keep

19 them: but stay not ye; pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them; suffer them not to enter into their cities: for the Lord your God hath delivered them into your hand.

20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of slaying them with a very great slaughter, till they were consumed, and the remnant which remained of them had entered into the fenced

21 cities, that all the people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah in peace: none moved his tongue against

22 any of the children of Israel. Then said Joshua, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring forth those five kings

23 unto me out of the cave. And they did so, and brought forth those five kings unto him out of the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish,

24 the king of Eglon. And it came to pass, when they brought forth those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the men of Israel, and said unto the chiefs of the men of war which went with him, Come near, put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, and put their feet

25 upon the necks of them. And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed; be strong and of good courage: for thus shall the Lord do to all your

26 enemies against whom ye fight. And afterward Joshua smote them, and put them to death, and hanged them on five trees: and they were hanging upon

27 the trees until the evening. And it came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, that Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein they had hidden themselves, and laid great stones on the mouth of the cave, unto this very day.

28 And Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof; he utterly destroyed them and all the souls that were therein, he left none remaining: and he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done unto the king of Jericho.

29 And Joshua passed from Makke-

³ Heb. whetted.

¹ Heb. be-
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⁴ Heb.
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dah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah: and the Lord delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining in it; and he did unto the king thereof as he had done unto the king of Jericho.

31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought 32 against it: and the Lord delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel, and he took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horem king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 And Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, unto Eglon; and they encamped against it, and fought 35 against it; and they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein he 1 utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and 37 they fought against it: and they took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Eglon; but he 1 utterly destroyed it, and all the souls that were therein.

38 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Debir; and fought 39 against it: and he took it, and the king thereof, and all the cities thereof; and they smote them with the edge of the sword, and 1 utterly destroyed all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining: as he had done to Hebron, so he did to Debir, and to the king thereof; as he had done also to Libnah, and to the king thereof.

40 So Joshua smote all the land, the hill country, and the South, and the lowland, and the slopes, and all their kings; he left none remaining: but he 1 utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded. And Joshua smote them from Kadesh-barnea even unto Gaza, and all the country of Goshen, even 42 unto Gibeon. And all these kings and their land did Joshua take at one time, because the Lord, the God of 43 Israel, fought for Israel. And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

11 And it came to pass, when Jabin king of Hazor heard thereof, that he sent to Jobab king of Madon, and

to the king of Shimron, and to the 2 king of Achshaph, and to the kings that were on the north, in the hill country, and in the Arabah south of Chinneroth, and in the lowland, and 3 in 2 the heights of Dor on the west, to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill country, and the Hivite under 4 Hermon in the land of Mizpah. And they went out, they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea shore in multitude, with horses and chariots 5 very many. And all these kings met together; and they came and pitched together at the waters of Merom, to 6 fight with Israel. And the Lord said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them: for to-morrow at this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hough their horses, 7 and burn their chariots with fire. So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell 8 upon them. And the Lord delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they smote them, and chased them unto great Zidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until 9 they left them none remaining. And Joshua did unto them as the Lord bade him: he houghed their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 And Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor beforetime was the head of all those 11 kingdoms. And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, 2 utterly destroying them: there was none left that breathed: 12 and he burnt Hazor with fire. And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and he smote them with the edge of the sword, and 1 utterly destroyed them; as Moses the servant of the Lord commanded. But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did 14 Joshua burn. And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any 15 that breathed. As the Lord commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua: and so did Joshua; 4 he left nothing undone of all that the Lord commanded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the hill country, and all the South, and all the land of Goshen, and the lowland, and the Arabah, and the hill

3 Or.
Napheth
Dor

1 Heb.
involved.

2 Heb.
devoting.

4 Heb. he
removed
nothing.

¹ Or, the bare mountains

country of Israel, and the lowland of the same; from ¹mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and smote them, and put them to death.

18 Joshua made war a long time with all 19 those kings. There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: they took all in battle.

20 For it was of the Lord to ²harden their hearts, to come against Israel in battle, that he might ³utterly destroy them, that they ⁴might have no favour, but that he might destroy them, as the Lord commanded Moses.

21 And Joshua came at that time, and cut off the Anakim from the hill country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anab, and from all the hill country of Judah, and from all the hill country of Israel: Joshua ⁵utterly destroyed them with their cities. There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Gath, and in Ashdod, did some remain.

22 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord spake unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

12 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land beyond Jordan toward the sunrise, from the valley of Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the 2 Arabah eastward: Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, and ⁶the city that is in the middle of the valley, and half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, the 3 border of the children of Ammon; and the Arabah unto the sea of Chinneroth, eastward, and unto the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and on the 4 south, under the slopes of Pisgah: and the border of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, who dwelt 5 at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, and ruled in mount Hermon, and in Salecah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half Gilead, the border of Sihon 6 king of Heshbon. Moses the servant of the Lord and the children of Israel smote them: and Moses the servant of the Lord gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh.

7 And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the children of Israel smote beyond Jordan westward, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto ⁷mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir; and Joshua

gave it unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions;

8 in the hill country, and in the lowland, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the South; the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, 9 and the Jebusite: the king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Beth-el, one; the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one;

11 the king of Jarmuth, one; the king of Lachish, one; the king of Eglon, one; 13 the king of Gezer, one; the king of Debir, one; the king of Geder, one; 14 the king of Hormah, one; the king of Arad, one; the king of Libnah, one;

16 the king of Adullam, one; the king of Makkedah, one; the king of Beth-el, one; 17 the king of Tappuah, one; the king of 18 Hopher, one; the king of Aphek, one; 19 the king of Lasharon, one; the king of Madon, one; the king of Hazor, one;

20 the king of Shimron-meron, one; the 21 king of Achshaph, one; the king of Taanach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; 22 the king of Kedesh, one; the king of 23 Jokneam in Carmel, one; the king of Dor in ⁸the height of Dor, one; the king 24 of ⁹Goiim in Gilgal, one; the king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty and one.

13 Now Joshua was old and well stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old and well stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much 2 land to be possessed. This is the land that yet remaineth: all the regions of the Philistines, and all the Geshurites; from ¹⁰the Shihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the border of Ekron northward, which is counted to the Canaanites: the five lords of the Philistines; the Gazites, and the Ashdodites, the Ashkelonites, the Gittites, and the 4 Ekronites; ¹¹also the Avvim, on the south: all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongeth to the Zidonians, unto Aphek, to the border of the 5 Amorites: and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto the entering in of Hamath:

6 all the inhabitants of the hill country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim, even all the Zidonians; them will I drive out from before the children of Israel: only allot thou it unto Israel for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee. Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Manasseh. With him the Reubenites and the Gadites received their inheritance, which Moses gave them, beyond Jordan eastward, even as Moses the servant of the Lord gave them; from Aroer, that is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the ¹²plain

² Heb. made strong.

³ Heb. devote.

⁴ Or, might not have favour

⁵ Heb. devoted.

⁶ See Deut. ii. 26

⁸ Or, Na phath dor
⁹ Or, nations

¹⁰ Commonly called, the brook of Egypt. See Num. xxxiv. 5.
¹¹ Or, also the Avvim: from the south, all &c.

⁷ See ch. xi. 17.

¹² Or, table land

10 of Medeba unto Dibon; and all the cities of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, unto the
 11 border of the children of Ammon; and Gilead, and the border of the Geshurites and Maacathites, and all mount Hermon, and all Bashan unto Salecah;
 12 all the kingdom of Og in Bashan, which reigned in Ashtaroth and in Edrei (the same was left of the remnant of the Rephaim); for these did Moses smite, and drove them out. Nevertheless the children of Israel drove not out the Geshurites, nor the Maacathites: but Geshur and Maacath dwell in the
 14 midst of Israel, unto this day. Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave none inheritance; the offerings of the Lord, the God of Israel, made by fire are his inheritance, as he spake unto him.
 15 And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of Reuben according to their
 16 families. And their border was from Aroer, that is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, and the city that is in the middle of the valley, and all the ¹plain
 17 by Medeba; Heshbon, and all her cities that are in the ¹plain; Dibon, and
 18 Bamoth-baal, and Beth-baal-meon; and Jahaz, and Kedemoth, and Mephaath;
 19 and Kiriathaim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-shahar in the mount of the valley;
 20 and Beth-peor, and the ²slopes of
 21 Pisgah, and Beth-jeshimoth; and all the cities of the ¹plain, and all the kingdom of Sihon king of the Amorites, which reigned in Heshbon, whom Moses smote with the chiefs of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the princes of Sihon, that dwell
 22 in the land. Balaam also the son of Beor, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among
 23 the rest of their slain. And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border thereof. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, the cities and the villages thereof.
 24 And Moses gave unto the tribe of Gad, unto the children of Gad, ac-
 25 cording to their families. And their border was Jazer, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Aroer that
 26 is before Rabbah; and from Heshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Mahanaim unto the
 27 border of ²Debir; and in the valley, Beth-haram, and Beth-nimrah, and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sihon king of Heshbon,
 28 ⁴Jordan and the border thereof, unto the uttermost part of the sea of Chinnereth beyond Jordan eastward. This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities and the villages thereof.
 29 And Moses gave inheritance unto the

half tribe of Manasseh: and it was for the half tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families.
 30 And their border was from Mahanaim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of Og king of Bashan, and all ⁵the towns of Jair, which are in Bashan, threescore cities:
 31 and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even for the half of the children of Machir according to their families.
 32 These are the inheritances which Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho,
 33 eastward. But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave none inheritance: the Lord, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as he spake unto them.
 14 And these are the inheritances which the children of Israel took in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distrib-
 24 unto them, by the lot of their inheritance, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes,
 3 and for the half tribe. For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half tribe beyond Jordan: but unto the Levites he gave none inheritance among them. For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Manasseh and Ephraim: and they gave no portion unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with the ⁶suburbs thereof for their cattle and for their
 5 substance. As the Lord commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.
 6 Then the children of Judah drew nigh unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the Lord spake unto Moses the man of God concerning me and con-
 7 cerning thee in Kadesh-barnea. Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in mine heart.
 8 Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the
 9 Lord my God. And Moses sware on that day, saying, Surely the land whereon thy foot hath trodden shall be an inheritance to thee and to thy children for ever, because thou hast wholly
 10 followed the Lord my God. And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he spake, these forty and five years, from the time that the Lord spake this word unto Moses, while Israel walked in the wilderness: and now, lo, I am this day fourscore and
 11 five years old. As yet I am as strong

⁵ See Num. xxxii. 41.

¹ Or, table land

² Or, springs

⁶ Or, pasture lands

³ Or, Libnah

⁴ Or, having Jordan for a border

this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, and to go out and to come in.

12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakim were there, and cities great and fenced: it may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as the Lord spake. And Joshua blessed him; and he gave Hebron unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance. Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, unto this day; because that he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel. Now the name of Hebron beforetime was ¹Kiriath-arba; which Arba was the greatest man among the Anakim. And the land had rest from war.

15 And the lot for the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families was unto the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin southward, at the uttermost part of the south. And their south border was from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the ²bay that looked southward: and it went out southward of the ascent of Akrahblim, and passed along to Zin, and went up by the south of Kadesh-barnea, and passed along by Hezron, and went up to Addar, and turned about to Karka: and it passed along to Azmon, and went out at the brook of Egypt; and the goings out of the border were at the sea: this shall be your south border. And the east border was the Salt Sea, even unto the end of Jordan. And the border of the north quarter was from the ³bay of the sea at the end of Jordan: and the border went up to Beth-hoglah, and passed along by the north of Beth-arabah; and the border went up to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben: and the border went up to Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is over against the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the river: and the border passed along to the waters of En-shemesh, and the goings out thereof were at En-rogel: and the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the ⁴side of the Jebusite southward (the same is Jerusalem): and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the uttermost part of the vale of Rephaim northward: and the border was drawn from the top of the mountain unto the fountain of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border was drawn to Baal-oh (the same is Kiriath-jearim): and the border turned about from Baalah

¹ That is, The city of Arba.

² Heb. tongue.

³ Heb. about-der.

westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim on the north (the same is Chessalon), and went down to Beth-shennesh, and passed along by Timnah: and the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward: and the border was drawn to Shik-keron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel: and the goings out of the border were at the sea.

12 And the west border was to the great sea, and the border thereof. This is the border of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

13 And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a portion among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of the Lord to Joshua, even ¹Kiriath-arba, which Arba was the father of Anak (the same is Hebron).

14 And Caleb drove out thence the three sons of Anak, Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmi, the children of Anak. And he went up thence against the inhabitants of Debir: now the name of Debir beforetime was Kiriath-sepher. And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kiriath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give.

17 Achsah my daughter to wife. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. And it came to pass, when she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted down from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldst thou? And she said, Give me a ⁴ blessing; for that thou hast ⁵ set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the border of Edom in the South were 22 Kabzeel, and Eder, and Jagur; and 23 Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah; and 24 Kedesh, and Hazor, and Ithnan; Ziph, 25 and Telem, and Bealoth; and Hazor-hadattah, and Kerioth-bezron (the 26 same is Hazor); Amam, and Shema, 27 and Moladah; and Hazar-gaddah, and 28 Heshmon, and Beth-pelet; and Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Biziothiah; 29 Baalah, and Iim, and Ezem; and 30 Eltolad, and Chesil, and Hormah; 31 and Ziklag, and Madmannah, and San-32 sannah; and Lebaoth, and Shilhim, and Ain, and Rimmon: all the cities are twenty and nine, with their villages.

33 In the lowland, Eshtaol, and Zo-34 rah, and Ashnah; and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam; 35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, Socoh, and 36 Azekah; and Shaaraim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederotaim; fourteen cities with their villages.

⁴ Or, present
⁵ Or, give me the land of the South

¹ Or.
Lahmas

² Heb.
*laugh-
tern.*

37 Zenan, and Hadashah, and Migdal-
38 gad; and Dilan, and Mizpeh, and
39 Joktheel; Lachish, and Bozkath, and
40 Eglon; and Cabbon, and ¹Lahmam,
41 and Chithlish; and Gederoth, Beth-
dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah;
sixteen cities with their villages.
42 Libnah, and Ether, and Ashan;
43 and Iphtah, and Ashnah, and Nezib;
44 and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mare-
shah; nine cities with their villages.
45 Ekron, with her ²towns and her
46 villages: from Ekron even unto the
sea, all that were by the side of Ash-
dod, with their villages.
47 Ashdod, her towns and her villages;
Gaza, her towns and her villages;
unto the brook of Egypt, and the great
sea, and the border *thereof*.
48 And in the hill country, Shamir, and
49 Jattir, and Socoh; and Dannah, and
Kiriath-sannah (the same is Debir);
50 and Anab, and Eshtemoth, and Anim;
51 and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh;
eleven cities with their villages.
52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshan; and
53 Janim, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphe-
54 kah; and Humtah, and Kiriath-arba
(the same is Hebron), and Zior; nine
cities with their villages.
55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Jutah;
56 and Jezreel, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah;
57 Kain, Gibeah, and Timnah; ten cities
with their villages.
58 Hallul, Beth-zur, and Gedor; and
59 Maarath, and Beth-anoth, and Eltekon;
six cities with their villages.
60 Kiriath-baal (the same is Kiriath-
jearim), and Rabbah; two cities with
their villages.
61 In the wilderness, Beth-arabah, Mid-
62 din, and Secacah; and Nibshan, and
the City of Salt, and En-gedi; six cities
with their villages.
63 And as for the Jebusites, the inhabit-
ants of Jerusalem, the children of
Judah could not drive them out: but
the Jebusites dwelt with the children
of Judah at Jerusalem, unto this day.
16 And the lot for the children of
Joseph went out from the Jordan at
Jericho, at the waters of Jericho on
the east, even the wilderness, going
up from Jericho through the hill
2 country to Beth-el; and it went out
from Beth-el to Luz, and passed
along unto the border of the Archites
3 to Ataroth; and it went down west-
ward to the border of the Japhletites,
unto the border of Beth-horon the
nether, even unto Gezer: and the
goings out thereof were at the sea.
4 And the children of Joseph, Manasseh
and Ephraim, took their inheritance.
5 And the border of the children of
Ephraim according to their families
was *thus*: even the border of their in-
heritance eastward was Ataroth-addar,
6 unto Beth-horon the upper; and the

border went out westward at Mich-
methath on the north; and the border
turned about eastward unto Taanath-
shiloh, and passed along it on the east
7 of Janoah; and it went down from
Janoah to Ataroth, and to Naarah,
and reached unto Jericho, and went out
8 at Jordan. From Tappuah the border
went along westward to the brook of
Kanan; and the goings out thereof were
at the sea. This is the inheritance of
the tribe of the children of Ephraim ac-
9 cording to their families; together with
the cities which were separated for the
children of Ephraim in the midst of the
inheritance of the children of Manas-
seh, all the cities with their villages.
10 And they drave not out the Canaan-
ites dwelt in the midst of Ephraim,
unto this day, and became servants to
do taskwork.
17 And *this* was the lot for the tribe
of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn
of Joseph. As for Machir the first-
born of Manasseh, the father of Gilead,
because he was a man of war, there-
2 fore he had Gilead and Bashan. And
the lot was for the rest of the child-
ren of Manasseh according to their
families; for the children of Abiezer,
and for the children of Helek, and for
the children of Asriel, and for the
children of Shechem, and for the
children of Hephher, and for the child-
ren of Shemida: these were the male
children of Manasseh the son of Joseph
3 according to their families. But Zelo-
phead, the son of Hephher, the son of
Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of
Manasseh, had no sons, but daughters:
and these are the names of his daugh-
ters, Mahlah, and Noah, Hoglah, Mil-
4 cah, and Tirzah. And they came near
before Eleazar the priest, and before
Joshua the son of Nun, and before the
princes, saying, The Lord commanded
Moses to give us an inheritance among
our brethren: therefore according to
the commandment of the Lord he gave
them an inheritance among the brethren
5 of their father. And there fell
ten ²parts to Manasseh, beside the
land of Gilead and Bashan, which is
6 beyond Jordan; because the daugh-
ters of Manasseh had an inheritance
among his sons: and the land of
Gilead belonged unto the rest of the
7 sons of Manasseh. And the border of
Manasseh was from Asher to Mich-
methath, which is before Shechem;
and the border went along to the right
hand, unto the inhabitants of En-tap-
8 puah. The land of Tappuah belonged
to Manasseh: but Tappuah on the
border of Manasseh belonged to the
9 children of Ephraim. And the bor-
der went down unto the brook of
Kanan, southward of the brook: these

³ Heb.
lines.

cities belonged to Ephraim among the cities of Manasseh: and the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and the goings out thereof were
 10 at the sea: southward it was Ephraim's, and northward it was Manasseh's, and the sea was his border; and they reached to Asher on the north, and to
 11 Issachar on the east. And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Bethshean and her ¹towns, and Ibleam and her towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and her towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and her towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and her
 12 towns, even the three ²heights. Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.
 13 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxen strong, that they put the Canaanites to taskwork, and did not utterly drive them out.
 14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one ³part for an inheritance, seeing I am a great people, forasmuch as hitherto the Lord
 15 hath blessed me? And Joshua said unto them, If thou be a great people, get thee up to the forest, and cut down for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim; since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for thee. And the children of Joseph
 16 said, The hill country ⁴is not enough for us: and all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, both they who are in Bethshean and her towns, and they who are in the
 17 valley of Jezreel. And Joshua spake unto the house of Joseph, even to Ephraim and to Manasseh, saying, Thou art a great people, and hast great power:
 18 thou shalt not have one lot only: but the hill country shall be thine; for though it is a forest, thou shalt cut it down, and the goings out thereof shall be thine: for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they be strong.
 18 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the tent of meeting there: and the
 2 land was subdued before them. And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes, which had not
 3 yet divided their inheritance. And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long are ye slack to go in to possess the land, which the Lord, the God of your fathers, hath given
 4 you? Appoint for you three men for each tribe: and I will send them, and they shall arise, and walk through the land, and describe it according to their inheritance; and they shall come

¹ Heb. *desc. towns*.

² See ch. xi. 2, xii. 11.

³ Heb. *line*.

⁴ Heb. *is not enough for us*.

5 unto me. And they shall divide it into seven portions: Judah shall abide in his border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall abide in their border
 6 on the north. And ye shall describe the land into seven portions, and bring the description hither to me: and I will cast lots for you here before the
 7 Lord our God. For the Levites have no portion among you; for the priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance: and Gad and Reuben and the half tribe of Manasseh have received their inheritance beyond Jordan eastward, which Moses the servant of the Lord
 8 gave them. And the men arose, and went: and Joshua charged them that went to describe the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and describe it, and come again to me, and I will cast lots for you here before the
 9 Lord in Shiloh. And the men went and passed through the land, and described it by cities into seven portions in a book, and they came to Joshua unto the
 10 camp at Shiloh. And Joshua cast lots for them in Shiloh before the Lord: and there Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel according to their divisions.
 11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the border of their lot went out between the children of
 12 Judah and the children of Joseph. And their border on the north quarter was from Jordan; and the border went up to the ⁵side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hill country westward; and the goings out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven.
 13 And the border passed along from thence to Luz, to the ⁶side of Luz (the same is Beth-el), southward; and the border went down to Ataroth-addar, by the mountain that lieth on the south
 14 of Beth-horon the nether. And the border was drawn and turned about on the west quarter southward, from the mountain that lieth before Beth-horon southward; and the goings out thereof were at Kiriath-baal (the same is Kiriath-jearim), a city of the children of Judah: this was the west quarter.
 15 And the south quarter was from the uttermost part of Kiriath-jearim, and the border went out westward, and went out to the fountain of the waters
 16 of Nephtoi: and the border went down to the uttermost part of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is in the vale of Rephaim northward; and it went down to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite southward,
 17 and went down to En-rogel; and it was drawn on the north, and went out at En-shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which is over against the ascent

⁵ Heb. *shoulder*.

of Adummim; and it went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben; 18 and it passed along to the side over against the Arabah northward, and went 19 down unto the Arabah: and the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward: and the goings out of the border were at the north ¹ bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of Jordan: this was the south border.

20 And Jordan was the border of it on the east quarter. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the borders thereof round about, 21 according to their families. Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and 22 Emek-keziz; and Beth-arabah, and 23 Zemaraim, and Beth-el; and Avvim, 24 and Parah, and Ophrah; and Chephar-ammoni, and Ophni, and Geba; twelve 25 cities with their villages: Gibeon, and 26 Ramah, and Beeroth; and Mizpeh, and 27 Chephirah, and Mozah; and Rekem, 28 and Irpeel, and Taralah; and Zelah, Eleph, and the Jebusite (the same is Jerusalem), Gibeath, and Kiriath; fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

19 And the second lot came out for Simeon, even for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was in the midst of the inheritance of the children of 2 Judah. And they had for their inheritance Beer-sheba, or Sheba, and Moladah; and Hazar-shual, and Balah, and 4 Ezem; and Eltolad, and Bethul, and 5 Hormah; and Ziklag, and Beth-marcbaboth, and Hazar-susah; and Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuhen; thirteen cities 7 with their villages: Ain, Rimmon, and Ether, and Ashan; four cities with their 8 villages: and all the villages that were round about these cities to Baalath-beer, Ramah of the South. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families.

9 Out of the ² part of the children of Judah was the inheritance of the children of Simeon: for the portion of the children of Judah was too much for them: therefore the children of Simeon had inheritance in the midst of their inheritance.

10 And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid: and their border went up westward, even to Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth; and it reached to the brook that is 12 before Jokneam; and it turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor; and it went out to Deberath, and went up 13 to Japhia; and from thence it passed

along eastward to Gath-hepher, to Ethkazin; and it went out at Rimmon 14 which stretcheth unto Neah; and the border turned about it on the north to Hannathon: and the goings out there- 15 of were at the valley of Iphtah-el; and Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve 16 cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 The fourth lot came out for Issachar, even for the children of Issachar according to their families. And their border was unto Jezreel, and Chesul- 19 loth, and Shunem; and Hapharaim, 20 and Shion, and Anaharath; and Rab- 21 bith, and Kishion, and Ebez; and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-had- 22 dah, and Beth-pazzez; and the border reached to Tabor, and Shahazumah, and Beth-shemesh; and the goings out of their border were at Jordan: sixteen 23 cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

24 And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to 25 their families. And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Ach- 26 shaph; and Allammelech, and Amad, and Mishal; and it reached to Carmel 27 westward, and to Shihor-libnath; and it turned toward the sunrising to Beth- 28 dragon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iphtah-el northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; and it went out 29 to Cabul on the left hand, and Ebron, and Rehob, and Hammon, and Kanah, 29 even unto great Zidon; and the border turned to Ramah, and to ³ the fenced city of Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea ⁴ by the region of Achzib: 30 Ummah also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty and two cities with their vil- 31 lages. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

32 The sixth lot came out for the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali according to their families.

33 And their border was from Heleph, from the ⁵ oak in Zaanannim, and Adami-nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakkum; and the goings out thereof were at Jordan: 34 and the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and went out from thence to Hukkok; and it reached to Zebulun on the south, and reached to Asher on the west, and to Judah at Jordan 35 toward the sunrising. And the fenced cities were Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, 36 Rakkath, and Chinnereth; and Ada- 37 mah, and Ramah, and Hazor; and 38 Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor; and

¹ Heb. tongue.

² Heb. line.

³ Or, the city of Mish-
sar Zor, &c.
that is, the
fortress of Tyre.

⁴ Or, from Mish-
to Achzib.

⁵ Or, oak, or
terran-
bush of
Zaanannim.

Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh; nineteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.

40 The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, 42 and Ir-shemesh; and Shaalabbin, and 43 Aijalon, and Ithlah; and Elon, and 44 Timnah, and Ekron; and Eltekeh, and 45 Gibbethon, and Bealath; and Jehud, and Bene-berak, and Gath-rimmon; 46 and Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the 47 border over against ¹Joppa. And the border of the children of Dan went out ²beyond them: for the children of Dan went up and fought against ³Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father.

48 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

49 So they made an end of distributing the land for inheritance by the borders thereof; and the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of 50 Nun in the midst of them: according to the commandment of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath-serah in the hill country of Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance by lot in Shiloh before the LORD, at the door of the tent of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the land.

20 And the LORD spake unto Joshua, 2 saying, Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Assign you the cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by the hand 3 of Moses: that the manslayer that killeth any person ⁴unwittingly and unawares may flee thither: and they shall be unto you for a refuge from the avenger of 4 blood. And he shall flee unto one of those cities, and shall stand at the entering of the gate of the city, and declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city; and they shall ⁵take him into the city unto them, and give him a place, that he may dwell among them.

5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he smote his neighbour unawares, and 6 hated him not beforetime. And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgement, until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the

manslayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled.

7 And they ⁶set apart Kedesh in ⁷Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (the same is Hebron) in the hill country of Judah.

8 And beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness in the ⁸plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh.

9 These were the appointed cities for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any person ⁹unwittingly might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

21 Then came near the heads of fathers' houses of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of fathers' houses of the tribes of the children of

2 Israel; and they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the ¹⁰suburbs thereof for our

3 cattle. And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of the LORD, these cities with their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, which were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of the Simeonites, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Merari according to their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by

9 the hand of Moses. And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which

10 are here mentioned by name: and they were for the children of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, who were of

⁶ Heb. *unwittingly*.
⁷ Heb. *Galil*.

⁸ Or. *valley*
land

⁹ Or. *pasture*
lands

¹ Heb. *Joppa*.

² Or. *from*
them:
and so.

³ In
Josh. 18,
and 19.

⁴ Or. *through*
error.

⁵ Heb. *gather*.

¹ Heb.
Anok.

the children of Levi: for theirs was the 11 first lot. And they gave them Kiriath-arba, *which Arba was the father of* ¹Anak, (the same is Hebron,) in the hill country of Judah, with the suburbs 12 thereof round about it. But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13 And unto the children of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with her suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Libnah with her suburbs; 14 and Jattir with her suburbs, and Esh-temoa with her suburbs; and Holon with her suburbs, and Debir with her 16 suburbs; and Ain with her suburbs, and Juttah with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with her suburbs; nine cities 17 out of those two tribes. And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with her 18 suburbs, Geba with her suburbs; Anathoth with her suburbs, and Almon with 19 her suburbs; four cities. All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the children of Kohath, they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim.

21 And they gave them Shechem with her suburbs in the hill country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the manslayer, 22 and Gezer with her suburbs; and Kibzaim with her suburbs, and Beth-horon 23 with her suburbs; four cities. And out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with her suburbs, Gibbethon with her sub- 24 urbs; Ajalon with her suburbs, Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; four cities.

25 And out of the half tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs; two cities.

26 All the cities of the families of the rest of the children of Kohath were ten with their suburbs.

27 And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half tribe of Manasseh *they gave* Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer; and Be-esl- 28 terah with her suburbs; two cities. And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with her suburbs, Daberath with her 29 suburbs; Jarmuth with her suburbs, Engannim with her suburbs; four 30 cities. And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with her suburbs, Abdon with 31 her suburbs; Helkath with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs; four 32 cities. And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Hammoth-dor with her suburbs, and Kartan with her suburbs; three 33 cities. All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 And unto the families of the children

of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with her suburbs, and Kartah with her 35 suburbs, Dimnah with her suburbs, Nahalal with her suburbs; four cities.

36 ²And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with her suburbs, and Jahaz 37 with her suburbs, Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her sub- 38 urbs; four cities. And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, the city of refuge for the man- slayer, and Mahanaim with her sub- 39 urbs; Heshbon with her suburbs, Jazer with her suburbs; four cities in all.

40 *All these were* the cities of the children of Merari according to their families, even the rest of the families of the Le- vites; and their lot was twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the children of Israel were forty and eight cities 42 with their suburbs. These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus it was with all these cities.

43 So the Lord gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and 44 dwelt therein. And the Lord gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; the Lord de- livered all their enemies unto their 45 hand. There failed not aught of any good thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of 2 Manasseh, and said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and have hearkened unto my voice in all that I 3 commanded you: ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the com- 4 mandment of the Lord your God. And now the Lord your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he spake unto them: therefore now turn ye, and get you unto your tents, unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you beyond 5 Jordan. Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord com- 6 manded you, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto him, and to serve him with all your 6 heart and with all your soul. So Joshua blessed them, and sent them away: and they went unto their tents.

7 Now to the one half tribe of Ma- nasseh Moses had given inheritance in Bashan: but unto the other half gave Joshua among their brethren

² Verses 36, 37 are not in the Masoretic text, but are found in very many MSS and in the ancient versions. See also 1 Chr vi. 73, 74.

beyond Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them away unto their tents, he blessed them, and spake unto them, saying, Return with much wealth unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren.

9 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

10 And when they came unto the region about Jordan, that is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by Jordan, a great altar to see to. And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh have built an altar in the forefront of the land of Canaan, in the region about Jordan, on the side that pertaineth to the children of Israel. And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up against them to war.

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13 And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest;

14 and with him ten princes, one prince of a fathers' house for each of the tribes of Israel; and they were every one of them head of their fathers' houses

15 among the ¹thousands of Israel. And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying, Thus saith the whole congregation of the LORD, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that ye have builded you an altar, to rebel this day against the LORD? Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves unto this day, although there came a plague upon the congregation

17 of the LORD, that ye must turn away this day from following the LORD? and it will be, seeing ye rebel to-day against the LORD, that to-morrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. Howbeit, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of the LORD, wherein

the LORD's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against the LORD, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar besides the altar of the LORD our God.

20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the devoted thing, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of Israel? and that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Manasseh answered, and spake unto the heads of the ¹thousands of Israel,

22 ^aThe LORD, the God of gods, the LORD, the God of gods, he knoweth, and Israel he shall know; if it be in rebellion, or if in trespass against the

23 LORD, (save thou us not this day,) that we have built us an altar to turn away from following the LORD; or if to offer thereon burnt offering or meal offering, or if to offer sacrifices of peace offerings thereon, let the LORD himself

24 require it; and if we have not rather out of carefulness done this, and of purpose, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with

25 the LORD, the God of Israel? for the LORD hath made Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no portion in the LORD: so shall your children make our children cease from

26 fearing the LORD. Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice:

27 but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of the LORD before him with our burnt offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our peace offerings; that your children may not say to our children in time to come, Ye have no portion in

28 the LORD. Therefore said we, It shall be, when they so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we shall say, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD, which our fathers made, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between

29 us and you. God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD, and turn away this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offering, for meal offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of the LORD our God that is before his tabernacle.

30 And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel which were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them well.

31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben,

^a Or, God, even God, the LORD
Heb. El Elohim Jehovah.

¹ Or, families

and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we know that the LORD is in the midst of us, because ye have not committed this trespass against the LORD: now have ye delivered the children of Israel
 32 out of the hand of the LORD. And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them
 33 word again. And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and spake no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and the children of Gad dwelt. And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar
 1 Ed: For, said they, it is a witness between us that the LORD is God.

23 And it came to pass after many days, when the LORD had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, and Joshua was old and well
 2 stricken in years; that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said unto them,
 3 I am old and well stricken in years: and ye have seen all that the LORD your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for the LORD your God,
 4 he it is that hath fought for you. Behold, I have allotted unto you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea toward the going
 5 down of the sun. And the LORD your God, he shall thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as the LORD your God spake unto
 6 you. Therefore be ye very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the
 7 right hand or to the left; that ye come not among these nations, these that remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow down yourselves unto them: but cleave unto the LORD your God, as ye have done
 9 unto this day. For the LORD hath driven out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you, no man hath stood before you unto
 10 this day. One man of you shall chase a thousand: for the LORD your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he spake
 11 unto you. Take good heed therefore unto yourselves, that ye love the LORD
 12 your God. Else if ye do in any wise go back, and cleave unto the remnant

1 That is, Witness.

2 Or, with chased

of these nations, even these that remain among you, and make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and
 13 they to you: know for a certainty that the LORD your God will no more drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a snare and a trap unto you, and a scourge in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you.
 14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth: and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not one thing hath failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you, not one thing
 15 hath failed thereof. And it shall come to pass, that as all the good things are come upon you of which the LORD your God spake unto you, so shall the LORD bring upon you all the evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD
 16 your God hath given you. When ye transgress the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down yourselves to them; then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which he hath given unto you.
 24 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented themselves
 2 before God. And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt of old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods.
 3 And I took your father Abraham from beyond the River, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac.
 4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob and Esau: and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; and Jacob and his children
 5 went down into Egypt. And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did in the midst thereof: and afterward I brought
 6 you out. And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and with
 7 horsemen unto the Red Sea. And when they cried out unto the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt: and ye dwelt in the wilderness many
 8 days. And I brought you into the land of the Amorites, which dwelt beyond

Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, and ye possessed their land; and I destroyed them from before you. Then Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, arose and fought against Israel; and he sent and called Balaam the son of Beor to curse you: but I would not hearken unto Balaam; therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his hand. And ye went over Jordan, and came unto Jericho: and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Girgashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered them into your hand. And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites; not with thy sword, nor with thy bow.

13 And I gave you a land whereon thou hadst not laboured, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell therein; of vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat. Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD, to serve other gods; for the LORD our God, he it is that brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and that did those great signs in our sight, and preserved us in all the way wherein we went, and among all the peoples through the midst of whom we passed: and the LORD drove out from before us all the peoples, even the Amorites which dwell in the land: therefore we also will serve the LORD; for he is our God. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye cannot serve the LORD; for he is a holy God; he is a jealous God; he will not forgive

20 your transgression nor your sins. If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you evil, and consume you, after that he hath done you good. And the people said unto Joshua, Nay; but we will serve the LORD. And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye have chosen you the LORD, to serve him. And they said, We are witnesses. Now therefore put away, said he, the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart unto the LORD, the God of Israel.

24 And the people said unto Joshua, The LORD our God will we serve, and unto his voice will we hearken. So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem.

26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak that was by the sanctuary of the LORD. And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness against us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness against you, lest ye deny your God. So Joshua sent the people away, every man unto his inheritance.

29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being an hundred and ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of the LORD, that he had wrought for Israel. And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in the parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for an hundred pieces of money: and they became the inheritance of the children of Joseph.

33 And Eleazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill country of Ephraim.

Heb.
house-
bondage.

¹ Or, *for*

² See
Gen.
xxxiii. 19.

⁴ Or,
Gibeah
of Phine-
has

THE BOOK OF JUDGES.

1 AND it came to pass after the death of Joshua, that the children of Israel asked of the Lord, saying, Who shall go up for us first against the Canaan-ites, to fight against them? And the Lord said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand.

3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaan-ites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. And Judah went up; and the Lord delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they smote of them in Bezek ten thousand men. And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek: and they fought against him, and they smote the Canaanites and the Perizzites. But Adoni-bezek fled; and they pursued after him, and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his great toes. And Adoni-bezek said, Threescore and ten kings, having their thumbs and their great toes cut off, gathered *their meat* under my table: as I have done, so God hath required me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

8 And the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites that dwelt in the hill country, and in the South, and in the lowland. ¹And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: (now the name of Hebron beforetime was Kiriath-arba:) and they smote Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir. (Now the name of Debir beforetime was Kiriath-sepher.) And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kiriath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. And it came to pass, when she came *unto him*, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she lighted down from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldst thou? And she said unto him, Give me a ²blessing; for that thou hast

³set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

16 And the children of the Kenite, Moses' ⁴brother in law, went up out of ⁵the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt with the people. And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they smote the Canaan-ites that inhabited Zephath, and ⁶utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called ⁷Hormah. Also Judah took Gaza with the border thereof, and Ashkelon with the border thereof, and Ekron with the border thereof. And the Lord was with Judah; and he drave out *the inhabitants* of the hill country; for he could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had 20 chariots of iron. And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses had spoken: and he drave out thence the three sons of Anak. And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem: but the Jebusites dwelt with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem, unto this day.

22 And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el: and the Lord was with them. And the house of Joseph sent to spy out Beth-el. (Now the name of the city beforetime was Luz.) And the watchers saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, Shew us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will deal kindly with thee.

25 And he shewed them the entrance into the city, and they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man go and all his family.

26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz: which is the name thereof unto this day.

27 And Manasseh did not drive out *the inhabitants* of Beth-shean and her ⁸towns, nor of Taanach and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and her towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and her towns: but the Canaanites would dwell in that land.

28 And it came to pass, when Israel was

³ Or, given me the land of the South

⁴ Or, father in law
⁵ See Dent. xxxiv. 3

⁶ Heb. devoted.

⁷ See Num. xxi. 3

¹ See Josh. xv. 13-19.

² Or, present

⁸ Heb. drought-tore.

3 Now these are the nations which the Lord left, to prove Israel by them, even as many as had not known all the wars of Canaan: only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as beforetime knew nothing thereof; namely, the five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Zidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath. And they were for to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites; the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite: and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons, and served their gods.

7 And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God, and served the Baalim and the Asheroth. Therefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. And when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised up a saviour to the children of Israel, who saved them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. And the spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel; and he went out to war, and the Lord delivered Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand: and his hand prevailed against Cushan-rishathaim. And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

12 And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and smote Israel, and they possessed the city of palm trees.

14 And the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

15 But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a saviour, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a man left-handed: and the children of Israel sent a present by him unto Eglon the king of Moab.

16 And Ehud made him a sword which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he girded it under his raiment upon his right thigh. And he offered the present

unto Eglon king of Moab: now Eglon was a very fat man. And when he had made an end of offering the present, he sent away the people that bare the present. But he himself turned back from the quarries that were by Gilgal, and said, I have a secret errand unto thee, O king. And he said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. And Ehud came unto him; and he was sitting by himself alone in his summer parlour. And Ehud said, I have a message from God unto thee. And he arose out of his seat. And Ehud put forth his left hand, and took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly: and the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade, for he drew not the sword out of his belly; and it came out behind.

23 Then Ehud went forth into the porch, and shut the doors of the parlour upon him, and locked them. Now when he was gone out, his servants came; and they saw, and behold, the doors of the parlour were locked; and they said, Surely he covereth his feet in his summer chamber. And they tarried till they were ashamed: and, behold, he opened not the doors of the parlour; therefore they took the key, and opened them: and, behold, their lord was fallen down dead on the earth.

26 And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirah. And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the hill country of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the hill country, and he before them. And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the Lord hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan against the Moabites, and suffered not a man to pass over. And they smote of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, every lusty man, and every man of valour; and there escaped not a man. So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest four-score years.

31 And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which smote of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also saved Israel.

4 And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, when Ehud was dead. And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host was Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles. And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years

1 Or, the Canaanites, the Hittites &c.

2 See Ex. xxxiv. 12.

3 Heb. Aram-ne-haraim.

4 Heb. Aram.

5 Or, grassy images

6 Heb. upper chamber of cooling.

7 Or, As went out into the winter-chamber

8 Or, fenced Moab

9 Or, nations

he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

4 Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that 5 time. And she ¹dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el in the hill country of Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to 6 her for judgement. And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphtali, and said unto him, Hath not the Lord, the God of Israel, commanded, *saying*, Go and draw unto mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7 And I will draw unto thee to the river Kishon Sisera, the captain of Jabin's army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into 8 thine hand. And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go: but if thou wilt not go with me, I will 9 not go. And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honour; for the Lord shall sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh; and there went up ten thousand men at his feet: 11 and Deborah went up with him. Now Heber the Kenite had severed himself from ²the Kenites, even from the children of Hobab the ³brother in law of Moses, and had pitched his tent as far as the ⁴oak in ⁵Zaanannim, which is 12 by Kedesh. And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up 13 to mount Tabor. And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the ⁶Gentiles, unto the river Kishon. 14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Up; for this is the day in which the Lord hath delivered Sisera into thine hand: is not the Lord gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, 15 and ten thousand men after him. And the Lord discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera lighted down from his chariot, 16 and fled away on his feet. But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the ⁶Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; there was not a man left. 17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet to the tent of Jael the wife of Heber the Kenite: for there was peace between Jabin the king of Hazor and the 18 house of Heber the Kenite. And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And he turned in unto her into the tent, and she covered him with

19 a rug. And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered 20 him. And he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man 21 here? that thou shalt say, No. Then Jael Heber's wife took a tent-pin, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the pin into his temples, and it pierced through into the ground; for he was ⁷in a deep sleep; 22 so he swooned and died. And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou 23 seekest. And he came unto her; and, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the tent-pin was in his temples. So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan 24 before the children of Israel. And the hand of the children of Israel prevailed more and more against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan. 5 Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying, 2 For that the leaders took the lead in Israel, For that the people offered themselves willingly, Bless ye the Lord. 3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, *even* I, will sing unto the Lord; I will sing praise to the Lord, the God of Israel. 4 Lord, when thou wentest forth out of Seir, When thou marchest out of the field of Edom, The earth trembled, the heavens also dropped, Yea, the clouds dropped water. 5 The mountains ⁸flowed down at the presence of the Lord, Even yon Sinai at the presence of the Lord, the God of Israel. 6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, In the days of Jael, ⁹the high ways were unoccupied, And the travellers walked through ¹⁰byways. 7 ¹¹The rulers ceased in Israel, they ceased, Until that I Deborah arose, That I arose a mother in Israel. 8 They chose new gods; Then was war in the gates: Was there a shield or spear seen Among forty thousand in Israel? 9 My heart is toward the governors of Israel, ¹²That offered themselves willingly among the people: Bless ye the Lord.

⁷ Or, in a deep sleep and security; so he died

⁸ Or, quaked

⁹ Or, the caravans ceased

¹⁰ Heb. crooked ways.

¹¹ Or, The villages were unoccupied

¹² Or, Ye that offered yourselves willingly among the people, bless ye the Lord &c.

¹ Or, sat

³ Heb. Kain. See Num. xiv. 22.

⁴ Or, father in law

⁵ Or, Terah

⁶ See Josh. xiv. 22.

⁶ Or, nations

	10	Tell of it, ye that ride on white asses, Ye that sit on rich carpets, And ye that walk by the way.	24	Blessed ¹² above women shall Jael be, The wife of Heber the Kenite, Blessed shall she be ¹² above women in the tent.	¹² Or, of
¹ Or, Because of the voice of the archers there let them rehearse	11	¹ Far from the noise of archers, in the places of drawing water, There shall they rehearse the righteous acts of the Lord, Even the righteous acts ² of his rule in Israel. Then the people of the Lord went down to the gates.	25	He asked water, and she gave him milk; She brought him butter in a lordly dish.	
² Or, towards his villages	12	Awake, awake, Deborah; Awake, awake, utter a song: Arise, Barak, and lead thy captivity captive, thou son of Abinoam.	26	She put her hand to the ¹³ nail, And her right hand to the workmen's hammer; And with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote through his head, Yea, she pierced and struck through his temples.	¹³ Or, tent-pin
³ Or, Then made he a remnant to have dominion over the nobles and the people: the Lord made me have dominion over the mighty	13	³ Then came down a remnant of the nobles ⁴ and the people; The Lord came down for me ⁵ against the mighty.	27	At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay: At her feet he bowed, he fell: Where he bowed, there he fell down ¹⁴ dead.	¹⁴ Or, overpowered
⁴ Or, as out-lier-wise read, the people of the Lord came down for me against (or, among) the mighty	14	Out of Ephraim came down ⁶ they whose root is in Amalek; After thee, Benjamin, among thy peoples; Out of Machir came down ⁷ governors, And out of Zebulun they that handle ⁸ the marshal's staff.	28	Through the window she looked forth, and cried, The mother of Sisera cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why tarry the ¹⁵ wheels of his chariots?	¹⁵ Heb. steps.
⁵ Or, among	15	And ⁹ the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; As was Issachar, so was Barak; Into the valley they rushed forth at his feet. By the watercourses of Reuben There were great resolves of heart.	29	Her wise ladies answered her, ¹⁰ Yea, she returned answer to herself,	¹⁶ Or, (Yet she repeat-eth her words unto herself.)
⁶ See ch. xii. 14.	16	Why satest thou among the sheepfolds, To hear the pipings for the flocks? At the watercourses of Reuben There were great searchings of heart.	30	Have they not found, have they not divided the spoil? A damsel, two damsels to every man; To Sisera a spoil of ¹⁷ divers colours, A spoil of ¹⁷ divers colours of embroidery, Of ¹⁷ divers colours of embroidery on both sides, on the necks of the spoil?	¹⁷ Or, good garments
⁷ Or, law-givers	17	Gilead abode beyond Jordan: And Dan, why did he remain in ships? Asher sat still at the ¹⁰ haven of the sea, And abode by his creeks.	31	So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord: But let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.	
⁸ Or, the staff of the scribe	18	Zebulun was a people that jeopardied their lives unto the death, And Naphtali, upon the high places of the field.		⁶ And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: and because of Midian the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and the caves, and the strong holds. And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east; they came up against them; and they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance in Israel, neither	
⁹ Or, my princes in Issachar	19	The kings came and fought; Then fought the kings of Canaan, In Taanach by the waters of Megiddo: They took no gain of money.		5 sheep, nor ox, nor ass. For they came up with their cattle and their tents, they came in as locusts for multitude; both they and their camels were without number: and they came into the land to destroy it. And Israel was brought very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried unto the Lord.	
¹⁰ Or, thou hast ridden down strength	20	They fought from heaven, The stars in their courses fought against Sisera.			
	21	The river Kishon swept them away, That ancient river, the river Kishon. O my soul, ¹¹ march on with strength.			
	22	Then did the horsehoofs stamp By reason of the pransings, the pransings of their strong ones.			
	23	Curse ye Meroz, said the angel of the Lord, Curse ye bitterly the inhabitants thereof; Because they came not to the help of the Lord, To the help of the Lord ¹² against the mighty.			

7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of Midian, that the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of Israel: and he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land; and I said unto you, I am the LORD your God; ye shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not hearkened unto my voice.

11 And the angel of the LORD came, and sat under the ¹oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of

13 valour. And Gideon said unto him, Oh my lord, if the LORD be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? but now the LORD hath cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Midian.

14 And the LORD ²looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and save Israel from the hand of Midian: have I not I sent thee? And he said unto him, Oh Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my ³family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in

16 my father's house. And the LORD said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as

17 one man. And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy sight, then shew me a sign that it is thou that

18 talkest with me. Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my ⁴present, and lay it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until

19 thou come again. And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of meal: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him

20 under the ¹oak, and presented it. And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. Then the angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there went up fire out of the rock, and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of the

22 LORD departed out of his sight. And Gideon saw that he was the angel of the

LORD; and Gideon said, Alas, O Lord God! forasmuch as I have seen the

23 angel of the LORD face to face. And the LORD said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die.

24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it ⁵Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

25 And it came to pass the same night, that the LORD said unto him, Take thy father's bullock, ⁶even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the ⁷Asherah that

26 is ⁸by it: and build an altar unto the LORD thy God upon the top of this strong hold, ⁹in the orderly manner, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt offering with the wood of the Asherah which thou shalt cut down.

27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had spoken unto him: and it came to pass, because he feared his father's household and the men of the city, so that he could not do it by day, that he did it

28 by night. And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah was cut down that was ⁹by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built.

29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing.

30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die: because he hath broken down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut

31 down the Asherah that was ⁹by it. And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye plead for Baal? or will ye save him? he that will plead for him,

32 let him be put to death ¹¹whilst it is yet morning: if he be a god, let him plead for himself, because one hath

32 broken down his altar. Therefore on that day he called him ¹²Jerubbaal, saying, Let Baal plead against him, because he hath broken down his altar.

33 Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east assembled themselves together; and they passed over, and pitched in the

34 valley of Jezreel. But the spirit of the LORD ¹³came upon Gideon; and he blew a trumpet; and Abiezer was gathered

35 together after him. And he sent messengers throughout all Manasseh; and they also were gathered together after him: and he sent messengers unto Asher, and unto Zebulun, and unto Naphtali; and they came up to meet

36 them. And Gideon said unto God, If thou wilt save Israel by mine hand, as

37 thou hast spoken, behold, I will put a fleece of wool on the threshing-floor; if

⁴ That is, The LORD to peace.

⁵ Or, and

⁷ See Ex. xxiv. 13.

⁸ Or, upon

⁹ Or, with that pertaining to it

¹ Or, trench

² Or, turned towards

³ Heb. sheaves

⁴ Or, offering

¹⁰ Or, shall be put to death: let be till morning: / Or

¹¹ Or, before morning

¹² That is, Let Baal plead.

¹³ Heb. clothed himself with.

there be dew on the fleece only, and it be dry upon all the ground, then shall I know that thou wilt save Israel by 38 mine hand, as thou hast spoken. And it was so: for he rose up early on the morrow, and pressed the fleece together, and wringed the dew out of the 39 fleece, a bowlful of water. And Gideon said unto God, Let not thine anger be kindled against me, and I will speak but this once: let me prove, I pray thee, but this once with the fleece; let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. 40 And God did so that night: for it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

7 Then Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and pitched beside the spring of ¹Harod: and the camp of Midian was on the north side of them, ²by the hill of Moreh, in the valley.

2 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand, lest Israel vannt themselves against me, saying, Mine own 3 hand hath saved me. Now therefore go to, proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and trembling, let him return and ³depart from mount Gilead. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and there remained ten thousand.

4 And the Lord said unto Gideon, The people are yet too many; bring them down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I say unto thee, This shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whomsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, 5 the same shall not go. So he brought down the people unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gideon, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as a dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that boweth down upon his knees 6 to drink. And the number of them that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men: but all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water.

7 And the Lord said unto Gideon, By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thine hand: and let all the people go every man unto his place. 8 ⁴So the people took victuals in their hand, and their trumpets: and he sent all the men of Israel every man unto his tent, but retained the three hundred men: and the camp of Midian was beneath him in the valley.

9 And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get thee down ⁵into the camp; for I have

10 delivered it into thine hand. But if thou fear to go down, go thou with Purah thy servant down to the camp: 11 and thou shalt hear what they say; and afterward shall thine hands be strengthened to go down ⁶into the camp. Then went he down with Purah his servant unto the outermost part of the armed 12 men that were in the camp. And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like locusts for multitude; and their camels were without number, as the sand which is upon the sea 13 shore for multitude. And when Gideon was come, behold, there was a man that told a dream unto his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and, lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian, and came unto the tent, and smote it that it fell, and turned it upside down, that the tent 14 lay along. And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else save the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel: into his hand God hath delivered Midian, and all the host.

15 And it was so, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, and the interpretation thereof, that he worshipped; and he returned into the camp of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the host of Midian. 16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put into the hands of all of them trumpets, and empty pitchers, with torches within 17 the pitchers. And he said unto them, Look on me, and do likewise: and, behold, when I come to the outermost part of the camp, it shall be that, as I 18 do, so shall ye do. When I blow the trumpet, I and all that are with me, then blow ye the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, and say, For the Lord and for Gideon.

19 So Gideon, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the outermost part of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch, when they had but newly set the watch: and they blew the trumpets, and brake in pieces the 20 pitchers that were in their hands. And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands to blow withal: and they cried, ⁷The sword of 21 the Lord and of Gideon. And they stood every man in his place round about the camp: and all the host ran; and they shouted, and ⁸put them to 22 fight. And they blew the three hundred trumpets, and the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, and against all the host: and the host fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the ⁹border of Abel-meholah, by Tab- 23 bath. And the men of Israel were

¹ That is, Trembling. See ver. 3.

² Or, from the hill of Moreh onwards in the valley

³ Or, go round about

⁴ According to some ancient versions, So they took the victuals of the people.

⁵ Or, against

⁶ Or, A sword for us.

⁷ Another reading is, And.

⁸ Heb. 120.

gathered together out of Naphtali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, 24 and pursued after Midian. And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill country of Ephraim, saying, Come down against Midian, and take before them the waters, as far as Beth-barah, ¹even Jordan. So all the men of Ephraim were gathered together, and took the waters as far as Beth-barah, ¹even 25 Jordan. And they took the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian: and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond Jordan.

8 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with Midian? And they did chide with him sharply.

2 And he said unto them, What have I now done in comparison of you? Is not the gleanings of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi-

3 ezer? God hath delivered into your hand the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison of you? Then their ²anger was abated toward him, when he had

4 said that. And Gideon came to Jordan, ³and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint,

5 yet pursuing. And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they be faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna,

6 the kings of Midian. And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thine army?

7 And Gideon said, Therefore when the Lord hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into mine hand, then I will ⁴tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilder-

8 ness and with briers. And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them in like manner: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth

9 had answered. And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the host of the children of the east: for there fell an hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword.

11 And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host; for

12 the host was secure. And Zebah and Zalmunna fled; and he pursued after them; and he took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and ⁵dis-

13 comfited all the host. And Gideon the

son of Joash returned from the battle 14 from the ascent of Heres. And he caught a young man of the men of Succoth, and inquired of him: and he ⁶described for him the princes of Succoth, and the elders thereof, seventy and seven men.

15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom ye did taunt me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thine hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that

16 are weary? And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he ⁷taught

17 the men of Succoth. And he brake down the tower of Penuel, and slew

18 the men of the city. Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one resembled

19 the children of a king. And he said, They were my brethren, the sons of my mother: as the Lord liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not

20 slay you. And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword: for he feared, because he was yet a youth.

21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took the crescents that were on their camels' necks.

22 Then the men of Israel said unto Gideon, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast saved us out of the hand

23 of Midian. And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: the Lord shall

24 rule over you. And Gideon said unto them, I would desire a request of you, that ye would give me every man the ⁸earrings of his spoil. (For they had golden earrings, because they were

25 Ishmaelites.) And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the earrings of his spoil.

26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred *shekels* of gold; beside the crescents, and the pendants, and the purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were

27 about their camels' necks. And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went a whoring after it there: and it became a snare unto Gideon, and to his

28 house. So Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, and they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

29 And Jerubbaal the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house.

⁶ Or, wrote down

⁷ Some ancient authorities read, thrashed. See ver. 7.

⁸ Or, nose-rings

¹ Or, and also

² Heb. spirit.

³ Or, to pass

⁴ Heb. thresh.

⁵ Heb. terrified.

30 And Gideon had threescore and ten sons of his body begotten: for he had many
31 wives. And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, and
32 he ¹called his name Abimelech. And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and went a whoring after the Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. And the children of Israel remembered not the Lord their God, who had delivered them out of the hand of all their enemies on every
35 side: neither shewed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, *who is* Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

9 And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother's brethren, and spake with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is better for you, that all the sons of Jerubbaal, which are threescore and ten persons, rule over you, or that one rule over you? remember also that I am your
3 bone and your flesh. And his mother's brethren spake of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words: and their hearts inclined to follow Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother.

4 And they gave him threescore and ten *pieces* of silver out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light fellows, which followed
5 him. And he went unto his father's house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being threescore and ten persons, upon one stone: but Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself.

6 And all the men of Shechem assembled themselves together, and all ²the house of Millo, and went and made Abimelech king, by the ³oak of

7 the ⁴pillar that was in Shechem. And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood in the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Harken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken
8 unto you. The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive tree, Reign
9 thou over us. But the olive tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, ⁵wherewith by me they honour God
and man, and go to wave to and fro

10 over the trees? And the trees said to the fig tree, Come thou, and reign over
11 us. But the fig tree said unto them, Should I leave my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to wave to and fro over

12 the trees? And the trees said unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us. And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my wine, which cheereth God and man, and go to wave to and fro over the trees?

14 Then said all the trees unto the ⁶bramble, Come thou, and reign over us. And the ⁶bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and put your trust in my shadow: and if not, let fire come out of the ⁶bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon.

16 Now therefore, if ye have dealt truly and uprightly, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands; (for my father fought for you, and ⁷adventured his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian:

18 and ye are risen up against my father's house this day, and have slain his sons, threescore and ten persons, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, the son of his maidservant, king over the men of Shechem, because he is your

19 brother;) if ye then have dealt truly and uprightly with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye in Abimelech, and let him also rejoice in

20 you: but if not, let fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men of Shechem, and the house of Millo; and let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Millo, and
21 devour Abimelech. And Jotham ran away, and fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his brother.

22 And Abimelech was prince over Israel ²³three years. And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech:

24 that the violence done to the threescore and ten sons of Jerubbaal might come, and that their blood might be laid upon Abimelech their brother, which slew them, and upon the men of Shechem, which strengthened his hands to slay his brethren. And the men of Shechem set liers in wait for him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem: and the men of Shechem put their trust in him. And they went out into the field, and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and ⁸held festival, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and
28 cursed Abimelech. And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the son of Jerubbaal? and Zebul his officer? serve ye the men of Hamor the father of Shechem:

¹ Heb. av.

⁶ Or. thorns

⁷ Heb. cast his life for them.

² Or. Beth-millo
³ Or. tree-branch
⁴ Or. garriem

⁵ Or. which God and man honour in me

⁸ Or. offered a sacrifice offering

29 but why should we serve him? And would to God this people were under my hand! then would I remove Abimelech. And he said ¹to Abimelech, Increase thine army, and come out.

30 And when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of Gaal the son of

31 Ebed, his anger was kindled. And he sent messengers unto Abimelech ²craftily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren are come to Shechem; and, behold, they ³constrain the city to take part against thee.

32 Now therefore, up by night, thou and the people that is with thee, and lie

33 in wait in the field: and it shall be, that in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, thou shalt rise early, and set upon the city: and, behold, when he and the people that is with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do to them ⁴as thou shalt find occasion.

34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait against

35 Shechem in four companies. And Gaal the son of Ebed went out, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that were with him, from the

36 ambushment. And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the tops of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men.

37 And Gaal spake again and said, See, there come people down by the ⁵middle of the land, and one company cometh by the way of ⁶the oak of Meonenim.

38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, that thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? is not this the people that thou hast despised? go out now, I pray,

39 and fight with them. And Gaal went out before the men of Shechem, and

40 fought with Abimelech. And Abimelech chased him, and he fled before him, and there fell many wounded, even unto the entering of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul drave out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem.

42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the

43 field; and they told Abimelech. And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field; and he looked, and, behold, the people came forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and

44 smote them. And Abimelech, and the companies that were with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entering of the gate of the city: and the two companies rushed upon all that were

45 in the field, and smote them. And Abimelech fought against the city all

that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that was therein: and he beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard thereof, they entered into the hold of the house of ⁷El-berith.

47 And it was told Abimelech that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took ⁸an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it up, and laid it on his shoulder: and he said unto the people that were with him, What ye have seen me do, make haste, and do as I have done.

49 And all the people likewise cut down every man his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put them to the hold, and set the hold on fire upon them; so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

50 Then went Abimelech to Thebez, and encamped against Thebez, and

51 took it. But there was a strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut themselves in, and gat them up to the roof of the tower.

52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and went hard unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. And a certain woman cast an upper millstone upon Abimelech's

54 head, and brake his skull. Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and kill me, that men say not of me, A woman slew him. And his young man thrust him through,

55 and he died. And when the men of Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed every man unto his place.

56 Thus God required the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren: and all the wickedness of the men of Shechem did God requite upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbabai.

10 And after Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in the hill country of Ephraim. And he judged Israel twenty and three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 And after him arose Jair, the Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty and two years. And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called ⁹Havvoth-jair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. And Jair died, and was buried in Kamon.

6 And the children of Israel again

¹ Or, of

² Or, in Purmah

³ Or, oppress the city on thy account

⁴ Heb. as thine hand shall find

⁵ Heb. novel

⁶ That is, the upper part of the hill

⁷ See ch. viii. 32.

⁸ Heb. the axes.

⁹ That is, The towns of Jair. See Num. xxxii. 41.

did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baalim, and the Ashtaroth, and the gods of ¹ Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook the LORD, and served him not. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the children of Ammon. And they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel that year: eighteen years *oppressed they* all the children of Israel that were beyond Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. And the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed. And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against thee, even because we have forsaken our God, and have served the Baalim. And the LORD said unto the children of Israel, *Did not I save you from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines?* The Zidonians also, and the Amalekites, and the ² Maonites, did oppress you; and ye cried unto me, and I saved you out of their hand. Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will save you no more. Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them save you in the time of your distress. And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; only deliver us, we pray thee, this day. And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.

Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpah. And the people, the princes of Gilead, said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valour, and he was the son of an harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. And Gilead's wife bare him sons; and when his wife's sons grew up, they drove out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father's house; for thou art the son of another woman. Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain fellows to Jephthah, and they went out with him.

And it came to pass after a while, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. And it was so, that when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob: and they said unto Jephthah, Come and be our chief, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, Did not ye hate me, and drive me out of my father's house? and why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore are we turned again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight with the children of Ammon, and thou shalt be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight with the children of Ammon, and the LORD deliver them before me, shall I be your head? And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, The LORD shall be a witness between us; surely according to thy word so will we do. Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them: and Jephthah spake all his words before the LORD in Mizpah.

And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come unto me to fight against my land? And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when he came up out of Egypt, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and unto Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably. And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon: and he said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah: Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon: but when they came up from Egypt, and Israel walked through the wilderness unto the Red Sea, and came to Kadesh; then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land: but the king of Edom hearkened not. And in like manner he sent unto the king of Moab: but he would not: and Israel abode in Kadesh. Then he walked through the wilderness, and compassed the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and they pitched on the other side of Arnon; but they came not within the border of Moab, for Arnon was the border of Moab.

And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him,

¹ Heb.
Syria.

² The
Sept. has,
Midian-
ites.

³ Heb.
Heshbon.

Let us pass, we pray thee, through
 20 thy land unto my place. But Sihon
 trusted not Israel to pass through his
 border: but Sihon gathered all his
 people together, and pitched in Jahaz,
 21 and fought against Israel. And the
 LORD, the God of Israel, delivered Sihon
 and all his people into the hand of Is-
 rael, and they smote them: so Israel
 possessed all the land of the Amorites,
 22 the inhabitants of that country. And
 they possessed all the border of the
 Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jab-
 bok, and from the wilderness even un-
 23 to Jordan. So now the LORD, the God
 of Israel, hath dispossessed the Amor-
 ites from before his people Israel, and
 24 shouldest thou possess them? Will not
 thou possess that which Chemosh thy
 god giveth thee to possess? So whom-
 soever the LORD our God hath dis-
 possessed from before us, them will we
 25 possess. And now art thou any thing
 better than Balak the son of Zippor,
 king of Moab? did he ever strive
 against Israel, or did he ever fight
 26 against them? While Israel dwelt in
 Heshbon and her ¹towns, and in Aroer
 and her ¹towns, and in all the cities
 that are along by the side of Arnon,
 three hundred years; wherefore did
 ye not recover them within that time?
 27 I therefore have not sinned against
 thee, but thou doest me wrong to war
 against me: the LORD, the Judge, be
 judge this day between the children
 of Israel and the children of Ammon.
 28 Howbeit the king of the children of
 Ammon hearkened not unto the words
 of Jephthah which he sent him.
 29 Then the spirit of the LORD came up-
 on Jephthah, and he passed over Gilead
 and Manasseh, and passed over Mizpeh
 of Gilead, and from Mizpeh of Gilead
 he passed over unto the children of Am-
 30 mon. And Jephthah vowed a vow unto
 the LORD, and said, If thou wilt indeed
 deliver the children of Ammon into
 31 mine hand, then it shall be, that ²what-
 soever cometh forth of the doors of my
 house to meet me, when I return in
 peace from the children of Ammon, it
 shall be the LORD's, and I will offer it
 32 up for a burnt offering. So Jephthah
 passed over unto the children of Am-
 mon to fight against them; and the
 LORD delivered them into his hand.
 33 And he smote them from Aroer until
 thou come to Minnith, even twenty
 cities, and unto ³Abel-cheramim, with
 a very great slaughter. So the child-
 ren of Ammon were subdued before
 the children of Israel.
 34 And Jephthah came to Mizpah unto
 his house, and, behold, his daughter
 came out to meet him with timbrels
 and with dances: and she was his
 only child; beside her he had neither
 35 son nor daughter. And it came to

pass, when he saw her, that he rent his
 clothes, and said, Alas, my daughter!
 thou hast brought me very low, and
 thou art one of them that trouble me:
 for I have opened my mouth unto the
 36 LORD, and I cannot go back. And she
 said unto him, My father, thou hast
 opened thy mouth unto the LORD; do
 unto me according to that which hath
 proceeded out of thy mouth; foras-
 much as the LORD hath taken venge-
 37 of the children of Ammon. And she
 said unto her father, Let this thing be
 done for me: let me alone two months,
 that I may depart and go down upon
 the mountains, and bewail my virginity,
 38 I and my companions. And he said,
 Go. And he sent her away for two
 months: and she departed, she and her
 companions, and bewailed her virginity
 39 upon the mountains. And it came to
 pass at the end of two months, that
 she returned unto her father, who did
 with her according to his vow which
 he had vowed: and she had not known
 man. And it was ⁴a custom in Israel,
 40 that the daughters of Israel went yearly
 to ⁵celebrate the daughter of Jephthah
 the Gileadite four days in a year.
 12 And the men of Ephraim were
 gathered together, and passed ⁶north-
 ward; and they said unto Jephthah,
 Wherefore passedst thou over to fight
 against the children of Ammon, and
 didst not call us to go with thee?
 we will burn thine house upon thee
 2 with fire. And Jephthah said unto
 them, I and my people were at great
 strife with the children of Ammon;
 and when I called you, ye saved me
 3 not out of their hand. And when I
 saw that ye saved me not, I put my
 life in my hand, and passed over a-
 gainst the children of Ammon, and the
 LORD delivered them into my hand:
 wherefore then are ye come up unto
 me this day, to fight against me?
 4 Then Jephthah gathered together all
 the men of Gilead, and fought with
 Ephraim: and the men of Gilead
 smote Ephraim, because they said, Ye
 are fugitives of Ephraim, ye Gilead-
 ites, in the midst of Ephraim, and in
 5 the midst of Manasseh. And the Gilead-
 ites took the fords of Jordan ⁷against
 the Ephraimites: and it was so, that
 when any of the fugitives of Ephraim
 said, Let me go over, the men of
 Gilead said unto him, Art thou an
 6 Ephraimite? If he said, Nay; then
 said they unto him, Say now Shib-
 boleth; and he said Sibboleth; for he
 could not frame to pronounce it right;
 then they laid hold on him, and slew
 him at the fords of Jordan: and there
 fell at that time of Ephraim forty and
 two thousand.
 7 And Jephthah judged Israel six

¹ Heb.
daugh-
ters.

² (Heb.
what-
ever)

³ That is,
The
maiden
of time-
guards.

⁴ Or, an
ordin-
ance
⁵ Or,
lament.

⁶ Or, to
Saphon

⁷ Or,
towards
Ephra-
im

years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in *one of the cities of Gilead.*

8 And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel. And he had thirty sons, and thirty daughters he sent abroad, and thirty daughters he brought in from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. And Ibzan died, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 And after him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel; and he judged Israel twelve years. And Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite judged Israel. And he had forty sons and thirty sons' sons, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Pirathonite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill country of the Amalekites.

13 And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.

2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not. And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.

4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat no any unclean thing: for, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come upon his head: for the child shall be a ¹Nazirite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was like the countenance of the angel of God, very terrible; and I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: but he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb to the day of his death. Then Manoah intreated the LORD, and said, Oh Lord, I pray thee, let the man of God whom thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto the woman as she sat in the field: but Manoah her husband was not with her.

10 And the woman made haste, and ran, and told her husband, and said unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared

unto me, that came unto me the *other* 11 day. And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spake unto the woman? And 12 he said, I am. And Manoah said, ²Now let thy words come to pass: what shall be the ³manner of the child, and 13 ⁴what shall be his work? And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let 14 her beware. She may not eat of any thing that cometh of the ⁵vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing; all that I 15 commanded her let her observe. And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, I pray thee, let us detain thee, that we may make ready a kid for thee. 16 And the angel of the LORD said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread: and if thou wilt make ready a burnt offering, thou must offer it unto ⁶the LORD. For Manoah knew not that he was the angel 17 of the LORD. And Manoah said unto the angel of the LORD, What is thy name, that when thy words come to pass 18 we may do thee honour? And the angel of the LORD said unto him, Wherefore askest thou after my name, 19 seeing it is ⁷wonderful? So Manoah took the kid with the meal offering, and offered it upon the rock unto the LORD: and the angel did wondrously, and Manoah and his wife looked on. 20 For it came to pass, when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, that the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on; and they fell on their faces to the ground. 21 But the angel of the LORD did no more appear to Manoah or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the 22 angel of the LORD. And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, 23 because we have seen God. But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt offering and a meal offering at our hand, neither would he have shewed us all these things, nor would at this time have told such 24 things as these. And the woman bare a son, and called his name ⁸Samson: and the child grew, and the LORD 25 blessed him. And the spirit of the LORD began to move him in ⁹Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol. 14 And Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the 2 daughters of the Philistines. And he came up, and told his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for 3 me to wife. Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never

² Or, Now when thy words come to pass, what shall be.

³ Or, ordering

⁴ Or, how shall we do unto him

⁵ Or, grape-vine See Num. vi. 4

⁶ Or, secret

⁷ Heb. Shimon-shon.

⁸ That is, The ramp of / Dan. See ch. xviii. 12.

¹ See Num. vi. 2

a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. But his father and his mother knew not that it was of the LORD; for he sought an occasion against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines had rule over Israel.

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnah, and came to the vineyards of Timnah: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. And the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, and he had nothing in his hand: but he told not his father or his mother what he had done. And he went down, and talked with the woman; and she pleased Samson well. And after a while he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the carcase of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. And he took it into his hands, and went on, eating as he went, and he came to his father and mother, and gave unto them, and they did eat: but he told them not that he had taken the honey out of the body of the lion.

10 And his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. And Samson said unto them, Let me now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can declare it me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment: but if ye cannot declare it me, then shall ye give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it.

14 And he said unto them,
Out of the eater came forth meat,
And out of the strong came forth sweetness.

And they could not in three days declare the riddle. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson's wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee and thy father's house with fire: have ye called us to impoverish us? is it not so? And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost but hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell thee? And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came

to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she pressed him sore: and she told the riddle to the children of her 18 people. And the men of the city said unto him on the seventh day before the sun went down, What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said unto them,

If ye had not plowed with my heifer,
Ye had not found out my riddle.

19 And the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and smote thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave the changes of raiment unto them that declared the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his 20 father's house. But Samson's wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

15 But it came to pass after a while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said, I will go in to my wife into the chamber. But her father would not suffer him to go in. And her father said, I verily thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her. And Samson said unto them, This time shall I be blameless in regard of the Philistines, when I do them a mischief. And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst 5 between every two tails. And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks and the standing corn, and also the 6 oliveyards. Then the Philistines said, Who hath done this? And they said, Samson, the son in law of the Timnite, because he hath taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and 7 her father with fire. And Samson said unto them, If ye do after this manner, surely I will be avenged of 8 you, and after that I will cease. And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Etam.

9 Then the Philistines went up, and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Lehi. And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they said, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath 11 done to us. Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what then is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, 12 so have I done unto them. And they

3 Or, appeared

4 Or, shall I be quits with

5 Or, Jackals
6 Or, sorokes

1 The Sept. and Syriac have, Joweth.

2 Or, value that we have

said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will not fall upon me
 13 yourselves. And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee fast, and deliver thee into their hand: but surely we will not kill thee. And they bound him with two new ropes, and
 14 brought him up from the rock. When he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him: and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands ¹dropped from
 15 off his hands. And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and smote a thousand
 16 men therewith. And Samson said,

With the jawbone of an ass, ²heaps upon heaps,

With the jawbone of an ass have I smitten a thousand men.

17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jawbone out of his hand; and ³that place was called ⁴Ramath-lehi.

18 And he was sore athirst, and called on the Lord, and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance by the hand of thy servant: and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the un-

19 circumcised. But God clave the hollow place that is in ⁵Lehi, and there came water thereout; and when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived: wherefore ⁶the name thereof was called ⁷En-hakkore, which is in
 20 Lehi, unto this day. And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

16 And Samson went to Gaza, and saw there an harlot, and went in unto her.

2 And it was told the Gazites, saying, Samson is come hither. And they compassed him in, and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, ⁸Let he till morning light, then we will kill

3 him. And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and laid hold of the doors of the gate of the city, and the two posts, and plucked them up, bar and all, and put them upon his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the mountain that is before Hebron.

4 And it came to pass afterward, that he loved a woman ⁹in the valley of Sorek,

5 whose name was Delilah. And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to ¹⁰afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred ¹¹pieces of silver. And Delilah said to Samson,

Tell me, I pray thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith thou
 7 mightest be bound to afflict thee. And Samson said unto her, If they bind me with seven ¹¹green withes that were never dried, then shall I become weak,
 8 and be as another man. Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven ¹¹green withes which had not been dried, and she bound him with
 9 them. Now she had liers in wait abiding in the inner chamber. And she said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he brake the withes, as a string of tow is broken when it
 10 toucheth the fire. So his strength was not known. And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound.

11 And he said unto her, If they only bind me with new ropes wherewith no work hath been done, then shall I become
 12 weak, and be as another man. So Delilah took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And the liers in wait were abiding in the inner chamber. And he brake them from off
 13 his arms like a thread. And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: tell me wherewith thou mightest be bound.

And he said unto her, If thou weavest the seven locks of my head with the
 14 web. And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and plucked away the
 15 pin of the beam, and the web. And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me

16 wherein thy great strength lieth. And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, that his soul was vexed unto death.
 17 And he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon mine head: for I have been a Nazirite unto God from my mother's womb: if I be shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I shall become
 18 weak, and be like any other man. And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once, for ¹²he hath told me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought
 19 the money in their hand. And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for ¹⁴a man, and shaved off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went
 20 from him. And she said, The Philistines be upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will

¹¹ Or, new bow-strings

¹² Heb. smothereth.

¹ Heb. were melted.

² Heb. an heap, two heaps.

³ Or, he called that place

⁴ That is, The hill of the jawbone.

⁵ Or, the jawbone

⁶ Or, he called the name thereof
⁷ That is, The spring of him that called.

⁸ Or, When (or before) the morning is light

⁹ Or, by the brook

¹⁰ Or, sumble

¹³ Or, according to another reading, he had told her

¹⁴ Or, the men

go out as at other times, and shake myself. But he wist not that the Lord
 21 was departed from him. And the Philistines laid hold on him, and put out his eyes; and they brought him down to Gaza, and bound him with fetters of brass; and he did grind in the prison
 22 house. Howbeit the hair of his head began to grow again after he was shaven.

23 And the lords of the Philistines gathered them together for to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice: for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into
 24 our hand. And when the people saw him, they praised their god: for they said, Our god hath delivered into our hand our enemy, and the destroyer of our country, which hath slain many of
 25 us. And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport.

And they called for Samson out of the prison house; and he made sport before them; and they set him between
 26 the pillars. And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars whereupon the house resteth, that I may lean upon
 27 them. Now the house was full of men and women; and all the lords of the Philistines were there; and there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women, that beheld while Samson
 28 made sport. And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, O Lord God, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God, that I may ¹be at once avenged of the

29 Philistines for my two eyes. And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house rested, and leaned upon them, the one with his right hand, and the other with his left.

30 And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead which he slew at his death were more than they
 31 which he slew in his life. Then his brethren and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up, and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the buryingplace of Manoah his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

17 And there was a man of the hill country of Ephraim, whose name was 2 Micah. And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred *pieces* of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou didst utter ²a curse, and didst also speak it in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be my son of the
 3 Lord. And he restored the eleven hundred *pieces* of silver to his mother,

and his mother said, I verily ³dedicated the silver unto the Lord from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I
 4 will restore it unto thee. And when he restored the money unto his mother, his mother took two hundred *pieces* of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and it was in the house
 5 of Micah. And the man Micah had an house of ⁴gods, and he made an ephod, and teraphim, and ⁵consecrated one of 6 his sons, who became his priest. In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite, and he so-
 8 journed there. And the man departed out of the city, out of Beth-lehem-judah, to sojourn where he could find a *place*: and he came to the hill country of Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he
 9 journeyed. And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I
 10 may find a *place*. And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten *pieces* of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So
 11 the Levite went in. And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as
 12 one of his sons. And Micah consecrated the Levite, and the young man became his priest, and was in the house
 13 of Micah. Then said Micah, Now know I that the Lord will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.

18 In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for unto that day *their* inheritance had not fallen unto
 2 them among the tribes of Israel. And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their whole number, men of valour, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land: and they came to the hill country of Ephraim, unto the house of Micah, and lodged
 3 there. When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned aside thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what doest thou in this place? and what hast thou
 4 here? And he said unto them, Thus and thus hath Micah dealt with me, and he hath hired me, and I am become his
 5 priest. And they said unto him, Ask counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we

² Or, And dedicated

⁴ Or, Gods
⁵ Heb. fitted the hand of.

¹ Or, I have avenged
 ... for
 one of my
 two eyes

² Or, an adjuration

6 go shall be prosperous. And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before the LORD is your way wherein ye go.

7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt in security, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet and secure; for there was none in the land, possessing¹ authority,² that might put them to shame in anything, and they were far from the Zidonians, and had no dealings with any man.

8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What say ye? And they said, Arise, and let us go up against them: for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are ye still? be not slothful to go and to enter

10 in to possess the land. When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and the land is large: for God hath given it into your hand; a place where there is no want of any thing that is in the earth.

11 And there set forth from thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men girt with weapons of war.

12 And they went up, and encamped in Kiriath-jearim, in Judah: wherefore they called that place³ Mahaneh-dan, unto this day: behold, it is behind Kiriath-jearim. And they passed thence unto the hill country of Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah. Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider

15 what ye have to do. And they turned aside thither, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even unto the house of Micah, and asked him of his welfare. And the six hundred men girt with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by

17 the entering of the gate. And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood by the entering of the gate with the six hundred men girt with weapons of war. And when these went into Micah's house, and fetched the graven image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image, the priest said unto them, What do ye?

19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thine hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for thee to be priest unto the house of one man, or to be priest unto a tribe and a family in

20 Israel? And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and went

21 in the midst of the people. So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the goods before them. When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near to Micah's house were gathered together, and overtook

23 the children of Dan. And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee, that thou comest

24 with such a company? And he said, Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and are gone away, and what have I more? and how then say ye

25 unto me, What aileth thee? And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest⁴ angry fellows fall upon you, and thou lose thy life, with the lives of thy household.

26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back unto his house. And they took that which Micah had made, and the priest which he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people quiet and secure, and smote them with the edge of the sword; and they burnt the city with

28 fire. And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Zidon, and they had no dealings with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob. And they built the city, and dwelt therein. And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city

30 was Laish at the first. And the children of Dan set up for themselves the graven image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of⁵ Moses, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land. So they set them up Micah's graven image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

19 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the farther side of the hill country of Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah.

2 And his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him unto her father's house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there the space of four

3 months. And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak⁷ kindly unto her, to bring⁸ her again, having his servant with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father's house: and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him.

4 And his father in law, the damsel's father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and

5 drink, and lodged there. And it came

¹ Heb. power of restraint.
² Or, that might do any hurt

⁴ Heb. that they are gathered together.

⁵ Heb. bitter of soul.

³ See ch. xiii. 25.

⁶ Another reading is, Mesanah.

⁷ Heb. to her heart.

⁸ Another reading is, that is, her heart.

to pass on the fourth day, that they arose early in the morning, and he rose up to depart: and the damsel's father said unto his son in law, Comfort thine heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward ye shall go your way. So they sat down, and did eat and drink, both of them together: and the damsel's father said unto the man, Be content, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let thine heart be merry. And the man rose up to depart; but his father in law urged him, and he lodged there again. And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the damsel's father said, Comfort thine heart, I pray thee, and tarry ye until the day declineth; and they did eat, both of them.

9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father in law, the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold, the day groweth to an end, lodge here, that thine heart may be merry; and to-morrow get you early on your way, that thou may-

10 est go ¹home. But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus (the same is Jerusalem): and there were with him a couple of asses saddled; his

11 concubine also was with him. When they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites,

12 and lodge in it. And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside into the city of a stranger, ²that is not of the children of Israel; but we will pass

13 over to Gibeah. And he said unto his servant, Come and let us draw near to one of these places; and we will lodge

14 in Gibeah, or in Ramah. So they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them near to Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin.

15 And they turned aside thither, to go in to lodge in Gibeah: and he went in, and sat him down in the street of the city: for there was no man that took them into

16 his house to lodge. And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at even; now the man was of the hill country of Ephraim, and he sojourned in Gibeah: but the men of the

17 place were Benjaminites. And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the wayfaring man in the street of the city; and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence

18 comest thou? And he said unto him, We are passing from Beth-lehem-judah unto the farther side of the hill country of Ephraim; from thence am I, and I went to Beth-lehem-judah: ³and I am now going to the house of the LORD; and there is no man that taketh

19 me into his house. Yet there is both

straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man which is with thy servants: there is

20 no want of any thing. And the old man said, Peace be unto thee; howsoever let all thy wants lie upon me; only

21 lodge not in the street. So he brought him into his house, and gave the asses fodder: and they washed their feet,

22 and did eat and drink. As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain ⁴sons of ⁵Belial,

beset the house round about, beating at the door; and they spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying,

Bring forth the man that came into thine house, that we may know him.

23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, Nay, my brethren, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this

man is come into mine house, do not

24 this folly. Behold, here is my daughter a maiden, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good

unto you: but unto this man do not

25 any such folly. But the men would not hearken to him: so the man laid hold on his concubine, and brought her forth unto

them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let

26 her go. Then came the woman in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her

27 lord was, till it was light. And her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go his way: and, behold, the woman his

concubine was fallen down at the door of the house, with her hands upon the

28 threshold. And he said unto her, Up, and let us be going; but none answered: then he took her up upon the ass; and the man rose up, and gat him unto his

29 place. And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her,

⁶limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the borders of

30 Israel. And it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the

children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider

of it, take counsel, and speak.

20 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead,

2 unto the LORD at Mizpah. And the ⁷chiefs of all the people, ⁸even of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of

God, four hundred thousand footmen

3 that drew sword. (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of

⁴ Or, bear

follows

⁵ That is,

worth-

lessness.

¹ Heb. to
his
house.

² Or, where
there are
sons of
the child-
ren of
Israel

³ The
Sept. here,
and I am
going to
my
house.

⁶ Heb.
accord-
ing to her
bones.

⁷ Heb.
corners.
⁸ Or,
even all

Israel were gone up to Mizpah.) And the children of Israel said, Tell us, how was this wickedness brought to pass? 4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was murdered, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, I and my 5 concubine, to lodge. And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about upon me by night; me they thought to have slain, and my concubine they forced, and she 6 is dead. And I took my concubine, and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel: for they have committed 7 lewdness and folly in Israel. Behold, ye children of Israel, all of you, give 8 here your advice and counsel. And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn unto his house. 9 But now this is the thing which we will do to Gibeah; *we will go up* against it 10 by lot; and we will take ten men of an hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and an hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to fetch victual for the people, that they may do, when they come to ¹Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly 11 that they have wrought in Israel. So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man. 12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the ²tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is 13 come to pass among you? Now therefore deliver up the men, the ³sons of ⁴Belial, which are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But ⁵Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their 14 brethren the children of Israel. And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against 15 the children of Israel. And the children of Benjamin were numbered on that day out of the cities twenty and ⁶six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, which were numbered seven hundred 16 chosen men. Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men left-handed; every one could sling stones at an hair-breadth, and not miss. 17 And the men of Israel, beside Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these 18 were men of war. And the children of Israel arose, and went up to Beth-el, and asked counsel of God; and they said, Who shall go up for us first to battle against the children of Benjamin? And the Lord said, Judah *shall go up* 19 first. And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against

20 Gibeah. And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel set the battle in 21 array against them at Gibeah. And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to the ground of the Israelites on that day 22 twenty and two thousand men. And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves, and set the battle again in array in the place where they set 23 themselves in array the first day. (And the children of Israel went up and wept before the Lord until even; and they asked of the Lord, saying, Shall I again draw nigh to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the Lord said, Go up against him.) 24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin 25 the second day. And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen thousand men; all 26 these drew the sword. Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto Beth-el, and wept, and sat there before the Lord, and fasted that day until even; and they offered burnt offerings and 27 peace offerings before the Lord. And the children of Israel asked of the Lord, (for the ark of the covenant of 28 God was there in those days, and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And the Lord said, Go up; for to-morrow I 29 will deliver him into thine hand. And Israel set liers in wait against Gibeah round about. 30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and set themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. 31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite and kill of the people, as at other times, in the high ways, of which one goeth up to Beth-el, and the other to Gibeah, in the field, about thirty 32 men of Israel. And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them away from the city unto the 33 high ways. And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and set themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers in wait of Israel brake forth out of their place, even out of ⁷Maareh- 34 geba. And there came over against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was sore: but they knew not that evil was ⁸close

¹ Heb. *the bet.*

² Heb. *tribes.*
³ See Num. iv. 18.
⁴ Sam. ix. 21.
⁵ Or, *base fellows.*
⁶ That is, *worthlessness.*
⁷ Another reading is, *the children of Benjamin.*

⁸ According to some ancient authorities, *few.*

⁷ Or, *the mountain of Gibeah* (or *Gibeah* See ver. 10).

⁸ Heb. *concealing.*

35 upon them. And the Lord smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of Israel destroyed of Benjamin that day twenty and five thousand and an hundred men: all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten: for the men of Israel gave place to Benjamin, because they trusted unto the liars in wait which they had set against Gibeah. And the liars in wait hastened, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liars in wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword. Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liars in wait was, that they should make a great cloud of smoke rise up out of the city. ¹And the men of Israel turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons: for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle. But when the cloud began to arise up out of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and, behold, the whole of the city went up in smoke to heaven. And the men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were amazed: for they saw that evil was come upon them. Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle followed hard after them; and ²they which came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst thereof. They inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and ³trode them down ⁴at their resting place, as far as over against Gibeah toward the sunrising. And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these ⁵were men of valour.

45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the high ways five thousand men; and followed hard after them unto Gidom, and smote 46 of them two thousand men. So that all which fell that day of Benjamin were twenty and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these ⁶were men of valour. But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon, and abode in the rock of Rimmon four months.

48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, both ⁷the entire city, and the cattle, and all that they found: moreover all the cities which they found they set on fire.

21 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjamin to wife. And the people came to Bethel, and sat there till even before God,

and lifted up their voices, and wept sore. And they said, O Lord, the God of Israel, why is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be to-day one 4 tribe lacking in Israel? And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings.

5 And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up in the assembly unto the Lord? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up unto the Lord to Mizpah, saying, He shall 6 surely be put to death. And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one 7 tribe cut off from Israel this day. How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by the Lord that we will not give them of our 8 daughters to wives? And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up unto the Lord to Mizpah? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the 9 assembly. For when the people were numbered, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there.

10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones.

11 And this is the thing that ye shall do; ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lien by 12 man. And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, that had not known man by lying with him: and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole congregation sent and spake to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock of Rimmon, and proclaimed peace unto them. And Benjamin returned at that time; and they gave them the women which they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead: and yet so they sufficed them 15 not. And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that the Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women 17 are destroyed out of Benjamin? And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that are escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not blotted 18 out from Israel. Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters: for the children of Israel had sworn, saying, Cursed be he that giveth a wife 19 to Benjamin. And they said, Behold, there is ⁸a feast of the Lord from year to year in Shiloh, which is on

¹ Or, And the men ... battle: (see Benjamin ... heaven ...) and the men &c.

² Or, them which came ... they destroyed ³ Or, overtook them ⁴ Or, at Mizpah

⁵ Or, as otherwise from the inhabitants of city See Deut. li. 21.

⁸ Or, the festival

the north of Beth-el, on the east side of the high way that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south 20 of Lebonah. And they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go 21 and lie in wait in the vineyards; and see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the 22 land of Benjamin. And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come to complain unto us, that we will say unto them, Grant them ²graciously unto us: because we took not for

each man of them his wife in battle: neither did ye give them unto them; 23 else would ye now be guilty. And the children of Benjamin did so, and took their wives, according to their number. of them that danced, whom they carried off: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and built the cities, 24 and dwelt in them. And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence 25 every man to his inheritance. In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

¹ Or, strike with us
² Or, as a gift

THE BOOK OF RUTH.

1 AND it came to pass in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the ¹country of Moab, he, 2 and his wife, and his two sons. And the name of the man was Elimelech, and the name of his wife ²Naomi, and the name of his two sons Mahlon and Chilion, Ephrathites of Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country 3 of Moab, and continued there. And Elimelech Naomi's husband died; and 4 she was left, and her two sons. And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelled there about ten years. 5 And Mahlon and Chilion died both of them; and the woman was left of her 6 two children and of her husband. Then she arose with her daughters in law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that the Lord had visited his people in giving them 7 bread. And she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters in law with her; and they went on the way to return unto the 8 land of Judah. And Naomi said unto her two daughters in law, Go, return each of you to her mother's house: the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. 9 The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them; and they lifted up their voice, and wept. 10 And they said unto her, Nay, but we will return with thee unto thy people. 11 And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters: why will ye go with me?

have I yet sons in my womb, that they 12 may be your husbands? Turn again, my daughters, go your way; for I am too old to have an husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should even have an husband to-night, and 13 should also bear sons; would ye therefore tarry till they were grown? would ye therefore stay from having husbands? nay, my daughters; for ³it grieveth me much for your sakes, for the hand of the Lord is gone forth 14 against me. And they lifted up their voice, and wept again: and Orpah kissed her mother in law; but Ruth 15 clave unto her. And she said, Behold, thy sister in law is gone back unto her people, and unto her god: return thou 16 after thy sister in law. And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, and to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God 17 my God: where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if I ought 18 but death part thee and me. And when she saw that she was stedfastly minded to go with her, she left speaking unto 19 her. So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and the women said, Is 20 this Naomi? And she said unto them, Call me not ⁴Naomi, call me ⁵Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly 21 with me. I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty: why call ye me Naomi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and 22 the Almighty hath afflicted me? So

³ Or, it is for more bitter for me than for you

⁴ That is, Pleasant.
⁵ That is, Bitter.

¹ Heb. field.

² Heb. Naomi.

Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter in law, with her, which returned out of the country of Moab: and they came to Beth-lehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

- ² And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of ¹wealth, of the family of Elimelech; and his name ²was Boaz. And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean among the ears of corn after him in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said unto her, Go, ³my daughter. And she went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on the portion of the field belonging unto Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. ⁴And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered ⁵him, The Lord bless thee. Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is ⁶this? And the servant that was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of ⁷Moab: and she said, Let me glean, I pray you, and gather after the reapers among the sheaves: so she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, save that she tarried a little ⁸in the house. Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearst thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither pass from hence, but abide here fast ⁹by my maidens. Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them: have I not charged the young men that they shall not touch thee? and when thou art athirst, go unto the vessels, and drink of that which the young men have drawn. ¹⁰Then she fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and said unto him, Why have I found grace in thy sight, that thou shouldst take knowledge of me, seeing I am a stranger? ¹¹And Boaz answered and said unto her, It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother in law since the death of thine husband: and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people which thou ¹²knewest not heretofore. The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings thou art ¹³come to take refuge. Then she said, Let me find grace in thy sight, my lord; for that thou hast comforted me, and for that thou hast spoken ²kindly unto thine handmaid, though I be not ¹⁴as one of thine handmaidens. And at meal-time Boaz said unto her, Come hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she sat

beside the reapers: and ³they reached her parched corn, and she did eat, ¹⁵and was sufficed, and left thereof. And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, ¹⁶and reproach her not. And also pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and rebuke ¹⁷her not. So she gleaned in the field until even; and she beat out that she had gleaned, and it was about an ¹⁸ephah of barley. And she took it up, and went into the city: and her mother in law saw what she had gleaned: and she brought forth and gave to her that ¹⁹she had left after she was sufficed. And her mother in law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned to-day? and where wroughtest thou? blessed be he that did take knowledge of thee. And she shewed her mother in law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought to-day ²⁰is Boaz. And Naomi said unto her daughter in law, Blessed be he of the Lord, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is nigh of kin unto us, ⁴one of our near ²¹kinsmen. And Ruth the Moabitess said, Yea, he said unto me, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they ²²have ended all my harvest. And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter in law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with my maidens, and that they ²³meet thee not in any other field. So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother in law.

³ And Naomi her mother in law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek ⁶rest for thee, that it may be well ²with thee? And now is there not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley ³to-night in the threshing-floor. Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshing-floor: but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and ⁴drinking. And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee ⁵what thou shalt do. And she said unto her, All that thou ⁶sayest I will do. And she went down unto the threshing-floor, and did according to all that her mother in law bade her. ⁷And when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of corn: and she came softly, and uncovered his feet, and laid her down.

¹ Or, maner

³ Or, he

⁴ Or, one of them that hath the right to redeem for us See Lev. xxv. 25.

⁵ Or, a resting place

⁶ Another reading is, suggest unto me.

² Heb. to the harvest of.

1 Or, startled

1 Or, one that hath the right to redeem
Heb. yoad.

2 Heb. wife.
See ch. iv. 1, 11.

4 Or, according to some ancient authorities, she went

5 Or, How hast thou fared

6 Another reading is, said to me.

7 See ch. ii. 20.

8 Heb. uncover thine ear.

9 So many ancient authorities. The printed Hebrew text has, he said.

8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was ¹afraid, and turned himself: and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thine handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thine handmaid; for thou art ²a near kinsman. And he said, Blessed be thou of the LORD, my daughter: thou hast shewed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou sayest: for all the ³city of my people doth know that thou art a virtuous woman. And now it is true that I am a near kinsman: howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as the LORD liveth: lie down until the morning. And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could discern another. For he said, Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor. And he said, Bring the mantle that is upon thee, and hold it; and she held it: and he measured six measures of barley, and laid it on her: and ⁴he went into the city. And when she came to her mother in law, she said, ⁵Who art thou, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. And she said, These six measures of barley gave he me; for he ⁶said, Go not empty unto thy mother in law. Then said she, Sit still, my daughter, until thou know how the matter will fall: for the man will not rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

4 Now Boaz went up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the ⁷near kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by; unto whom he said, Ho, such a one! turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside, and sat down.

2 And he took ten men of the elders of the city, and said, Sit ye down here.

3 And they sat down. And he said unto the near kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth the parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's: and I thought to ⁸disclose it unto thee, saying, Buy it before them that sit here, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it: but if ⁹thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know: for there is none to redeem it beside thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it.

5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buy-

est the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. And the near kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: take thou my right of redemption on thee; for I cannot redeem it. Now this was the custom in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, for to confirm all things; a man drew off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbour: and this was the manner of attestation in Israel. So the near kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thyself. And he drew off his shoe. And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day. And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. The LORD make the woman that is come into thine house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and ¹⁰do thou worthily in Ephrathah, and be famous in Bethlehem: and let thy house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give thee of this young woman.

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in unto her, and the LORD gave her conception, and she bare a son. And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, which hath not left thee this day without a near kinsman, and let his name be famous in Israel. And he shall be unto thee a restorer of life, and a nourisher of thine old age: for thy daughter in law, which loveth thee, which is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him. And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. And the women her neighbours gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi; and they called his name Obed: he is the father of ¹¹Jesse, the father of David.

18 Now these are the generations of Perez: Perez begat Hezron; and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon; and Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed; and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

10 Or, get thee wealth or power

11 Heb. Jesse.

12 Heb. Naamah.

FIRST BOOK OF SAMUEL.

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of the hill country of Ephraim, and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite: and he had two wives; the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: and Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. And this man went up out of his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests unto the LORD, were there. And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: but unto Hannah he gave ¹a double portion: for he loved Hannah, but the LORD had shut up her womb. And her rival provoked her sore, for to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eatest thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I ⁹better to thee than ten sons? So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon his seat by the doorpost of the temple of the LORD.

10 And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto the LORD, and wept ¹¹sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O LORD of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thine handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thine handmaid, but wilt give unto thine handmaid ²a man child, then I will give him unto the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come ¹²upon his head. And it came to pass, as she continued praying before the LORD, that Eli marked her mouth.

13 Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken. And Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? ¹⁵put away thy wine from thee. And Hannah answered and said, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful

spirit: I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I poured out my ¹⁶soul before the LORD. Count not thine handmaid for ²a daughter of ⁴Belial: for out of the abundance of my complaint and my provocation have I spoken ¹⁷hitherto. Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thy petition that thou hast asked of ¹⁸him. And she said, Let thy servant find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her ¹⁹countenance was no more sad. And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; ²⁰and the LORD remembered her. And it came to pass, when the time was come about, that Hannah conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have ²¹asked him of the LORD. And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto the LORD the yearly ²²sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up; for she said unto her husband, *I will not go up until the child be weaned, and then I will bring him, that he may appear before the* ²³LORD, and there abide for ever. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only the LORD establish his word. So the woman tarried and gave her son suck, ²⁴until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with ⁵three bullocks, and one ephah of meal, and a ⁶bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of the LORD in Shiloh: and the ²⁵child was young. And they slew the bullock, and brought the child to Eli.

26 And she said, Oh my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto ²⁷the LORD. For this child I prayed; and the LORD hath given me my ²⁸petition which I asked of him: therefore I also have ⁷granted him to the LORD; as long as he liveth he is granted to the LORD. And ⁸he worshipped the LORD there.

2 And Hannah prayed, and said: My heart exulteth in the LORD. Mine horn is exalted in the LORD:

³ Or, a wicked woman.
⁴ That is, worthless.

¹ The Sept. reads, a single portion, because she had no child; hence Eli's remark.

² Heb. and of men.

⁵ The Sept. and Syriac have, a bullock of three years old.

⁶ Or, skin.

⁷ Or, lent.

⁸ According to several ancient authorities, *there*.

	My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies; Because I rejoice in thy salvation.	sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have sotten	
	2 There is none holy as the LORD; For there is none beside thee: Neither is there any rock like our God.	16 flesh of thee, but raw. And if the man said unto him, They will surely burn the fat ⁹ presently, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; then ¹⁰ he would say, Nay, but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by 17 force. And the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for ¹¹ men	⁹ Or, first ¹⁰ Another reading is, he would say unto him, Then do.
¹ According to another reading, Though actions be not weighed.	3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: For the LORD is a God of knowledge, ¹ And by him actions are weighed.	18 But Samuel ministered before the LORD, being a child, girded with a linen 19 ephod. Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.	¹¹ Or, the men deepened
² Or, have rest	4 The bows of the mighty men are broken, And they that stumbled are girded with strength.	20 And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, The LORD give thee seed of this woman ¹² for the loan which was lent to the LORD. And they went un- 21 to their own home. ¹³ And the LORD visited Hannah, and she conceived, and bare three sons and two daughters.	¹² Or, for the petition which was asked for the LORD ¹³ The Heb. has, For.
³ Heb. shew.	5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread; And they that were hungry ² have ceased: Yea, the barren hath borne seven; And she that hath many children languisheth.	22 Now Eli was very old; and he heard all that his sons did unto all Israel, and how that they lay with the women that ¹⁴ did service at the door of 23 the tent of meeting. And he said unto them, Why do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings from all this people.	¹⁴ See Ex. xxxviii. 2
	6 The LORD killeth, and maketh alive: He bringeth down to ² the grave, and bringeth up.	24 Nay, my sons; for it is no good report ¹⁵ that I hear: ye make the LORD's peo- 25 ple to transgress. If one man sin against another, ¹⁶ God shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would 26 slay them. And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.	¹⁵ Or, which I hear the LORD's people do spread abroad ¹⁶ Or, the Judge
⁴ Or, godly ones Another reading is, holy ones.	7 The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: He bringeth low, he also lifteth up.	27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I reveal myself unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt ¹⁷ in bondage to Pharaoh's 28 house? ¹⁸ And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to ¹⁹ go up unto mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? ²⁰ and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings of the children 29 of Israel made by fire? Wherefore ²¹ kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offer- 30 ings of Israel my people? Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed.	¹⁷ Or, in Pharaoh's house ¹⁸ Or, And I chose ¹⁹ Or, offer upon ²⁰ Or, and gave ²¹ Or, trample upon ... and upon
⁵ Or, exalted men ⁶ That is, worthiness. ⁷ Or, they knew not the LORD, nor the due of the priests from the people. When any man do. ⁸ Some ancient authors, the read, for himself.	8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, He lifteth up the needy from the dunghill, To make them sit with princes, And inherit the throne of glory: For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, And he hath set the world upon them.		
	9 He will keep the feet of his ⁴ holy ones, But the wicked shall be put to silence in darkness; For by strength shall no man prevail.		
	10 They that strive with the LORD shall be broken to pieces; Against them shall he thunder in heaven: The LORD shall judge the ends of the earth; And he shall give strength unto his king, And exalt the horn of his anointed.		
	11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD before Eli the priest.		
	12 Now the sons of Eli were ² sons of 13 ⁶ Belial; ⁷ they knew not the LORD. And the custom of the priests with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was in seething, with a fleshhook of three teeth in his hand; 14 and he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the fleshhook brought up the priest took ⁸ there- with. So they did in Shiloh unto all 15 the Israelites that came thither. Yea, before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that		

31 Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. And thou shalt behold ¹the affliction of my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. ²And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die ³in the flower of their age. And this shall be the sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of 35 them. And I will raise me up a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before mine anointed for 36 ever. And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thine house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.

3 And the child Samuel ministered unto the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was ⁴precious in those days; 2 there was no ⁵open vision. And it came to pass at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place, (now his eyes had begun to wax dim, that he 3 could not see,) and the lamp of God was not yet gone out, and Samuel was laid down to sleep, in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God 4 was; that the LORD called Samuel: 5 and he said, Here am I. And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not; lie down again. And he 6 went and lay down. And the LORD called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie 7 down again. Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD yet revealed unto him. 8 And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And Eli perceived that the 9 LORD had called the child. Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, LORD; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and 10 lay down in his place. And the LORD came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel said, Speak; for thy servant heareth. 11 And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth

12 it shall tingle. In that day I will perform against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning even unto the end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons ⁶did bring a curse upon themselves, and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be ⁷purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever. And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel 16 feared to shew Eli the vision. Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he said, Here am I. 17 And he said, What is the thing that the LORD hath spoken unto thee? I pray thee hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide any thing from me of all the 18 things that he spake unto thee. And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD: let him do what seemeth 19 him good. And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and did let none 20 of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be 21 a prophet of the LORD. And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh: for the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh 4 by the word of the LORD. And the word of Samuel came to all Israel.

Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside ⁸Eben-ezer: and the Philistines 2 pitched in Aphek. And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when ⁹they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the ¹⁰army in the field about four thousand men. 3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath the LORD smitten us to-day before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh unto us, that it may come among us, and save us out of the hand 4 of our enemies. So the people sent to Shiloh, and they brought from thence the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts, which ¹¹sitteth upon the cherubim: and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were there with the 5 ark of the covenant of God. And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth 6 rang again. And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of the 7 LORD was come into the camp. And

¹ Or, an adversary
in my habitation

² Or, Yet will I not cut off every man of thine from mine altar, to consume etc.

³ Heb. when they be men. The Sept. has, by the sword of men.

⁴ Or, rare

⁵ Or, frequent
Heb. widely spread.

⁶ The Sept. has, speak evil of God.

⁷ Or, expiated

⁸ See ch. vii. 12.

⁹ Or, the battle was spread
¹⁰ Heb. array.

¹¹ Or, dwelleth between

the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? these are the gods that smote the Egyptians with all manner of ¹plagues in the wilderness. Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight. And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man to his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain. And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the ²army, and came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon his seat ³by the way side watching: for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man hastened, and came and told Eli. Now Eli was ninety and eight years old; and his eyes were ⁴set, that he could not see. And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the ²army, and I fled to-day out of the ²army. And he said, How went the matter, my son? And he that brought the tidings answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that he fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate, and his neck brake, and he died: for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. And his daughter in law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father in law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and brought forth; for her pains came upon her. And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast brought forth a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. And she named the child ⁵Ichabod, saying, The glory is departed from Israel: because the ark of God was taken, and because of her father in law and her husband. And she said, The glory is departed from Israel; for the ark of God is taken.

¹ Heb. smiting.

² Heb. array.

³ The Sept. has, beside the gate, watching the way.

⁴ See 1 Kings xiv. 4.

⁵ That is, There is no glory.

5 Now the Philistines had taken the ark of God, and they brought it from 2 Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it 3 by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen ⁶upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord. And they took Dagon, and set him 4 in his place again. And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen ⁶upon his face to the ground before the ark of the Lord; and the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands lay cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, unto this day.

6 But the hand of the Lord was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with ⁷tumours, even Ashdod and the borders thereof.

7 And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us: for his hand is sore upon us, and upon 8 Dagon our god. They sent therefore and gathered all the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of 9 the God of Israel about thither. And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of the Lord was against the city with a very great discomfiture: and he smote the men of the city, both small and great, and 10 tumours brake out upon them. So they sent the ark of God to Ekron. And it came to pass, as the ark of God came to Ekron, that the Ekronites cried out, saying, They have brought about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and they said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, that it slay us not, and our people: for there was a deadly discomfiture throughout all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there.

12 And the men that died not were smitten with the tumours: and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

6 And the ark of the Lord was in the ⁹country of the Philistines seven 2 months ¹⁰. And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do with the ark of the Lord? shew us wherewith we shall 8 send it to its place. And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but in any

⁴ Or, before it

⁷ Or, plague boils as used by the Jews, cancerous.

⁶ The Sept. has instead, and in the midst of the land thereof mice were brought forth, and there was a great and deadly destruction in the city.

⁹ Heb. Ashdod. In the Sept. Ashdod, and their land was covered with mice.

¹ Or, *reproach offering*

² Heb. *them*.

³ Or, *made a sack of*
⁴ Heb. *them*.

⁵ Heb. *was raised away*.

wise return him a ¹guilt offering: then yeshall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed 4 from you. Then said they, What shall be the guilt offering which we shall return to him? And they said, Five golden tumours, and five golden mice, according to the number of the lords of the Philistines: for one plague was on 5² you all, and on your lords. Wherefore ye shall make images of your tumours, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. 6 Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? when he had ³wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let ⁴the people go, and they departed? Now therefore take and prepare you a new cart, and two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and 8 bring their calves home from them: and take the ark of the LORD, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a guilt offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may 9 go. And see, if it goeth up by the way of its own border to Beth-shemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was 10 a chance that happened to us. And the men did so; and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and 11 shut up their calves at home: and they put the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their tumours. And the kine took the straight way by the way to Beth-shemesh; they went along ⁵the high way, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left; and the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the 13 border of Beth-shemesh. And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley: and they lifted up their eyes, and saw the ark, and 14 rejoiced to see it. And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered up the kine for a burnt offering unto the LORD. 15 And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD, and the coffer that was with it, wherein the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone: and the men of Beth-shemesh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the 16 same day unto the LORD. And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day. 17 And these are the golden tumours

which the Philistines returned for a guilt offering unto the LORD; for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; 18 and the golden mice, according to the number of all the cities of the Philistines belonging to the five lords, both of fenced cities and of country villages: even unto the great ⁶stone, whereon they set down the ark of the LORD, *which stone remaineth unto this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite.* ⁷And he smote of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people seventy men, and fifty thousand men: and the people mourned, because the LORD had smitten the people with a great 20 slaughter. And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God? and 21 to whom shall he go up from us? And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Kiriath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD; come ye down, and fetch ⁷it up to you. And the men of Kiriath-jearim came, and fetched up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab in ⁸the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

2 And it came to pass, from the day that the ark abode in Kiriath-jearim, that the time was long; for it was twenty years: and all the house of Israel ⁹lamented after the LORD.

3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If ye do return unto the LORD with all your heart, then put away the strange gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and ¹⁰prepare your hearts unto the LORD, and serve him only: and he will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. Then the children of Israel did put away the Baalim and the Ashtaroth, and served the LORD only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I will pray for you 6 unto the LORD. And they gathered together to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel 7 in Mizpah. And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel were gathered together to Mizpah, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines.

8 And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto the LORD our God for us, that he will save us out of the hand of the Philistines. 9 And Samuel took a sucking lamb; and offered it for a whole burnt offering

⁸ So the Sept. and Targum.

The Hebrew text has, *And he smote* (that is, a mouse).

⁷ The Sept. has, *And he smote* among them seventy men, and fifty thousand men.

⁶ Or, *stone*.

⁵ Or, *stone*.

⁴ Or, *stone*.

³ Or, *stone*.

² Or, *stone*.

¹ Or, *stone*.

⁹ Or, *stone*.

⁸ Or, *stone*.

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⁶ Or, *stone*.

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⁴ Or, *stone*.

³ Or, *stone*.

² Or, *stone*.

¹ Or, *stone*.

¹ Heb.
voice.

² That is,
The stone of
help.

unto the LORD: and Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel; and the LORD answered him. And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel: but the LORD thundered with a great ¹thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and discomfited them; and they were smitten down before Israel. And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-
12 car. Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and called the name of it ²Eben-ezer, saying, Hitherto hath the LORD helped us. So the Philistines were subdued, and they came no more within the border of Israel: and the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were restored to Israel, from Ekron even unto Gath; and the border thereof did Israel deliver out of the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.
15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. And he went from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and Mizpah; and he judged Israel in all those places. And his return was to Ramah, for there was his house; and there he judged Israel: and he built there an altar unto the LORD.
8 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah: they were judges in Beer-sheba.
3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgement.
4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah: and they said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not be king over them.
8 According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, in that they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also unto thee. Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit thou shalt protest solemnly unto them, and shalt shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.
10 And Samuel told all the words of the LORD unto the people that asked of him

11 a king. And he said, This will be the manner of the king that shall reign over you: he will take your sons, and appoint them unto him, ³for his chariots, and to be his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots: and he will appoint them unto him for captains of thousands, and captains of fifties; and he will set some to plow his ground, and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the instruments of his chariots.
13 And he will take your daughters to be ⁴confectionaries, and to be cooks, and to be bakers. And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and your oliveyards, even the best of them, and give them to his servants. And he will take the tenth of your seed, and of your vineyards, and give to his ⁵officers, and to his servants. And he will take your menservants, and your maidservants, and your goodliest ⁶young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. He will take the tenth of your flocks: and ye shall be his servants. And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not answer you in that day.
19 But the people refused to hearken unto the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; that we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.
21 And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he rehearsed them in the ears of the LORD. And the LORD said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.
9 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Becorath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of ⁷valour. And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a ⁸young man and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people. And the asses of Kish Saul's father were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Take now one of the servants with thee, and arise, go seek the asses. And he passed through the hill country of Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shalishah, but they found them not: then they passed through the land of Shaalim, and there they were not: and he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they found them not. When they were come to the land of Zuph, Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come and let us return; lest my father leave caring for the asses, and take thought for us.

³ Or, over his chariots, and over his horses

⁴ Or, per-
fumers
See Ex.
xxx. 25.

⁵ Or, servants

⁶ The Sept. has, herds.

⁷ Or, man/ia

⁸ Or, choice

6 And he said unto him, Behold now, there is in this city a man of God, and he is a man that is held in honour; all that he saith cometh surely to pass: now let us go thither; peradventure he can tell us concerning our journey whereon we go. Then said Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? for the bread is spent in our vessels, and there is not a present to bring to the man of God: 7 what have we? And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way. 9 (Beforetime in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, thus he said, Come and let us go to the seer: for he that is now called a Prophet was beforetime called a Seer.) Then said Saul to his servant, Well said; come, let us go. So they went unto the city 11 where the man of God was. As they went up the ascent to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water, and said unto them, Is the seer here? And they answered them, and said, He is; behold, he is before thee: make haste now, for he is come to-day into the city; for the people have a 13 sacrifice to-day in the high place: as soon as ye be come into the city, ye shall straightway find him, before he go up to the high place to eat: for the people will not eat until he come, because he doth bless the sacrifice; and afterwards they eat that be bidden. Now therefore get you up; for at this 14 time ye shall find him. And they went up to the city; and as they came within the city, behold, Samuel came out against them, for to go up to the high place. 15 Now the Lord had ¹revealed unto Samuel a day before Saul came, saying, 16 To-morrow about this time I will send thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him to be ²prince over my people Israel, and he shall save my people out of the hand of the Philistines: for I have looked upon my people, because their cry is come 17 unto me. And when Samuel saw Saul, the Lord ³said unto him, Behold the man ⁴of whom I spake to thee! this same shall have authority over my 18 people. Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer's house is. And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer; go up before me unto the high place, for ye shall eat with me to-day: and in the morning I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thine 20 heart. And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And ⁵for whom is all that is desirable in Israel?

Is it not for thee, and for all thy father's 21 house? And Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? and my family the least of all the families of the ⁶tribe of Benjamin? wherefore then speakest thou to me after this manner? And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the guest-chamber, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, which 23 were about thirty persons. And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said 24 unto thee, Set it by thee. And the cook took up the ⁷thigh, and that which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And Samuel said, Behold that which hath been reserved! set it before thee and eat; because unto the appointed time hath it been kept for thee, ⁸for I said, I have invited the people. So Saul did eat with Samuel that day. 25 And when they were come down from the high place into the city, ⁹he communed with Saul upon the housetop. 26 And they arose early: and it came to pass about the spring of the day, that Samuel called to Saul on the housetop, saying, Up, that I may send thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out both of them, he and Samuel, abroad. 27 As they were going down at the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Bid the servant pass on before us, (and he passed on,) but stand thou still at this time, that I may cause thee to 10 hear the word of God. Then Samuel took the vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not that the Lord hath anointed thee to be prince over his inheritance? 2 When thou art departed from me to-day, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre, in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, The asses which thou wentest to seek are found: and, lo, thy father hath left the care of the asses, and taketh thought for you, saying, What 3 shall I do for my son? Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the ¹⁰oak of Tabor, and there shall meet thee there three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying 4 a ¹¹bottle of wine: and they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread; which thou shalt receive of their hand. 5 After that thou shalt come to ¹²the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a timbrel, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they shall 6 be prophesying: and the spirit of the

⁶ Heb. tribes.

⁷ Or, shoulder

⁸ Heb. saying.

⁹ The Sept. has, they spread a couch for Saul on the house-top, and he lay down. And it came to pass &c.

¹ Heb. uncovered the ear of Samuel.

² Or, leader

³ Heb. uncovered him.

⁴ Or, of whom I said unto thee. This same &c.

⁵ Or, on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on thee, and on all &c. &c.

¹⁰ Or, tree, beth

¹¹ Or, skin

¹² Or, Gibeah

LORD will come mightily upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and 7 shalt be turned into another man. And

¹let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, ²that thou do as occasion 8 serve thee; for God is with thee. And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come unto thee, and shew thee what thou 9 shalt do. And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God ³gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day.

10 And when they came thither to ⁴the hill, behold, a band of prophets met him; and the spirit of God came mightily upon him, and he prophesied 11 among them. And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied with the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among 12 the prophets? And one of the same place answered and said, And who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 And Saul's uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses: and when we saw that they were not found, 15 we came to Samuel. And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray thee, what Samuel 16 said unto you. And Saul said unto his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But concerning the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 And Samuel called the people together unto the LORD to Mizpah; and he said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all 19 the kingdoms that oppressed you: but ye have this day rejected your God, who himself saveth you out of all your calamities and your distresses; and ye have said unto him, Nay, but set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your 20 tribes, and by your thousands. So Samuel brought all the tribes of Israel near, and the tribe of Benjamin was

21 taken. And he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by their families, and the family of the Matrites was taken ⁵: and Saul the son of Kish was taken; but when they sought him, he could not be found. Therefore they asked of the LORD further, ⁶Is there yet a man to come hither? And the LORD

answered, Behold, he hath hid himself 23 among the stuff. And they ran and fetched him thence; and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, ⁷God save the king.

25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in ⁸a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house. 26 And Saul also went to his house to Gibeah; and there went with him the ⁹host, whose hearts God had touched. 27 But certain ¹⁰sons of ¹¹Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no present. ¹²But he held his peace.

11 Then Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant ²with us, and we will serve thee. And Nahash the Ammonite said unto them, On this condition will I make it with you, that all your right eyes be put out; and I will lay it for a reproach upon 3 all Israel. And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers unto all the borders of Israel: and then, if there be none to save us, we 4 will come out to thee. Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and spake these words in the ears of the people: and all the people lifted up 5 their voice, and wept. And, behold, Saul came following the oxen out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the words of the men of 6 Jabesh. And the spirit of God came mightily upon Saul when he heard those words, and his anger was kindled 7 greatly. And he took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. And ¹³the dread of the LORD fell on the people, and they 8 came out as one man. And he numbered them in Bezek; and the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, To-morrow, by the time the sun is hot, ye shall have deliverance. And the messengers came and told the men of Jabesh; and they 10 were glad. Therefore the men of Jabesh said, To-morrow we will come out

¹ Heb. it shall come to pass, that when these signs &c.

² Heb. do for thee as thine hand shall find.

³ Heb. turned.

⁴ Or, Gibeah

⁵ The Sept. adds, and the family of the Matrites was brought near by name.

⁶ Or, Is the man yet come hither?

⁷ Heb. Let the king live.

⁸ Or, the

⁹ Or, men of valour

¹⁰ Or, base fellows

¹¹ That is, worthlessness.

¹² Or, But he was as though he had been deaf. The Sept. has, And it came to pass after about a month, that Nahash &c.

¹³ Or, a terror from the LORD

unto you, and ye shall do with us all 11 that seemeth good unto you. And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and smote the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they which remained were scattered, so that two 12 of them were not left together. And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them 13 to death. And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day: for to-day the LORD hath wrought 1 deliverance in Israel.

14 Then said Samuel to the people, Come and let us go to Gilgal, and re- 15 new the kingdom there. And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gilgal; and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

12 And Samuel said unto all Israel, Be- hold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have 2 made a king over you. And now, be- hold, the king walketh before you: and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my youth 3 unto this day. Here I am: witness against me before the LORD, and be- fore his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I taken a ransom? to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it 4 you. And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken aught of any man's 5 hand. And he said unto them, The LORD is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand.

6 And they said, He is witness. And Samuel said unto the people, It is the LORD that appointed Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out 7 of the land of Egypt. Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before the LORD concerning all the righteous acts of the LORD, which he 8 did to you and to your fathers. When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them to dwell in this 9 place. But they forgot the LORD their God, and he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, 10 and they fought against them. And

they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned, because we have for- saken the LORD, and have served the Baalim and the Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our 11 enemies, and we will serve thee. And the LORD sent Jerubbaal, and Bedan, and Jephthah, and Samuel, and de- livered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and ye dwelled 12 in safety. And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, Nay, but a king shall reign over us: when the LORD your God was 13 your king. Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have asked for: and, behold, the 14 LORD hath set a king over you. If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and hearken unto his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, and both ye and also the king that reigneth over you be followers of 15 the LORD your God, well: but if ye will not hearken unto the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as it was against 16 your fathers. Now therefore stand still and see this great thing, which 17 the LORD will do before your eyes. Is it not wheat harvest to-day? I will call unto the LORD, that he may send thunder and rain; and ye shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of 18 the LORD, in asking you a king. So Samuel called unto the LORD; and the LORD sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared the 19 LORD and Samuel. And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy serv- ants unto the LORD thy God, that we die not: for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king. 20 And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have indeed done all this evil: yet turn not aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all 21 your heart; and turn ye not aside: for then should ye go after vain things which cannot profit nor deliver, for 22 they are vain. For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you a people unto himself. 23 Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you: but I will instruct you in the good and the right way. 24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you. 25 But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

13 Saul was [thirty] years old when he began to reign; and he reigned

* Some ancient authorities read, *Sarah*.

1 Heb. sub- stituted.

1 Or, *bride*.

3 Or, *that I should hide mine eyes at him*. The Sept. has, *even a piece of stone*; a *runner against me and I will do.* See *Ecclus.* xlv. 13.

4 Or, *made*.

6 Or, *then shall both ye... the LORD your God: but do.* 7 The Sept. has, *and against your king.*

8 The Sept. has, *and turns ye not aside after the vanities which do.*

9 The Hebrew text has, *Saul was a year old*. The whole verse is omitted in the unre- vised Sept., but in a later recension the number *thirty* is inserted.

2 two years over Israel. And Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel: whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the mount of Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent every 3 man to his tent. And Jonathan smote the garrison of the Philistines that was in Gebe, and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the He- 4 brews hear. And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten the garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were gathered together after Saul to Gilgal.

5 And the Philistines assembled themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward of Beth-aven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in ¹holds, and in 7 ²pits. Now some of the Hebrews had gone over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered 9 from him. And Saul said, Bring hither the burnt offering to me, and the peace offerings. And he offered the 10 burnt offering. And it came to pass that, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might ³salute him.

11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines assembled themselves together 12 at Michmash; therefore said I, Now will the Philistines come down upon me to Gilgal, and I have not intreated the favour of the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt 13 offering. And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel 14 for ever. But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath appointed him to be prince over his people, because thou

hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six 16 hundred men. And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Gebe of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped 17 in Michmash. And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, 18 unto the land of Shual: and another company turned the way to Beth-horon: and another company turned the way of the border that looketh down upon the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness. 19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel: for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews 20 make them swords or spears: but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his 21 mattock; ⁴yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes; and to set 22 the goads. So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that were with Saul and Jonathan: but with Saul and with 23 Jonathan his son was there found. And the garrison of the Philistines went out unto the pass of Michmash.

14 Now it fell upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armour, Come and let us go over to the Philistines' garrison, that is on yonder side. But he 2 told not his father. And Saul abode in the uttermost part of Gibeah under the pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred 3 men; and Ahijah, the son of Ahitub, Ichabod's brother, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eli, the priest of the LORD in Shiloh, wearing an ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan 4 was gone. And between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the Philistines' garrison, there was a rocky crag on the one side, and a rocky crag on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the 5 name of the other Seneh. The one crag rose up on the north in front of Michmash, and the other on the south 6 in front of Gebe. And Jonathan said to the young man that bare his armour, Come and let us go over unto the garrison of these uncircumcised: it may be that the LORD will work for us: for there is no restraint to the LORD 7 to save by many or by few. And his armourbearer said unto him, Do all

¹ Or, holes
² Or, caverns

³ Or, bless

⁴ Or, when the edges of the mattocks... end of the axes were blunt
The Hebrew text is obscure.

that is in thine heart: turn thee, behold I am with thee according to thy heart. Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto the men, and we will discover ourselves unto them. 9 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. But if they say thus, Come up unto us; then we will go up: for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be the sign unto us. And both of them discovered themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. 12 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the Lord hath delivered them into the hand of Israel. And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew them after 14 him. And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were ¹half a furrow's length in an acre of land. And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled: and the earth quaked; so there was ²an exceeding great trembling. And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went *hither* and thither. 17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armourbearer were not there. 18 And Saul said unto Ahijah, ³Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was *there* at that time ⁴with the children of Israel. And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the tumult that was in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, 20 Withdraw thine hand. And Saul and all the people that were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and *there* was 21 a very great discomfiture. Now the Hebrews that were with the Philistines as beforetime, which went up with them ⁵into the camp ⁶from the country round about; even they also turned to be with the Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan. Likewise all the men of Israel which had hid themselves in the hill country of Ephraim, when they heard that the

Philistines fled, even they also followed 23 hard after them in the battle. So the Lord saved Israel that day: and the 24 battle passed over by Beth-aven. And the men of Israel were distressed that day: but Saul adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until it be evening, and I be avenged on mine enemies. So none of 25 the people tasted food. And all ⁷the people came into the forest; and there 26 was honey upon the ground. And when the people were come unto the forest, behold, ⁸the honey dropped: but no man put his hand to his mouth; for 27 the people feared the oath. But Jonathan heard not when his father charged the people with the oath: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. 28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth food this day. 29 And the people were faint. Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I 30 tasted a little of this honey. How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely to-day of the spoil of their enemies which they found? ⁹for now hath there been no great slaughter 31 among the Philistines. And they smote of the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon: and the people were 32 very faint. And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep, and oxen, and calves, and slew them on the ground: and the people did eat them 33 with the blood. Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the Lord, in that they eat with the blood. And he said, Ye have dealt treacherously: roll a great stone unto 34 me this day. And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people, and say unto them, Bring me hither every man his ox, and every man his sheep, and slay them here, and eat; and sin not against the Lord in eating with the blood. And all the people brought every man his ox with him that night, 35 and slew them there. And Saul built an altar unto the Lord: the same was the first altar that he built unto the Lord. 36 And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw 37 near hither unto God. And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But 38 he answered him not that day. And

¹ Or, half an acre of land

² Heb. a trem- bling of God.

³ The Sept. has, Bring hither the ark. For he was the ark at that time before Israel.

⁴ Heb. and.

⁵ Or, do the camp, round about.
⁶ The Sept. has, they also returned to be &c.

⁷ Heb. the land.

⁸ Or, a stream of honey

⁹ Or, for had there not been now a much greater slaughter &c.

¹ Heb. corners.

Saul said, Draw nigh hither, all ye ¹chiefs of the people: and know and see wherein this sin hath been this day.

39 For, as the Lord liveth, which saveth Israel, though it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him. Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee.

41 Therefore Saul said unto the Lord, the God of Israel, ²Shew the right. And Jonathan and Saul were taken by lot:

42 but the people escaped. And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my ³son. And Jonathan was taken. Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did certainly taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in mine hand; and, lo, I must die.

44 And Saul said, God do so and more also: for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the Lord liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people ⁴rescued Jonathan, that

46 he died not. Then Saul went up from following the Philistines: and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned ⁵himself, he vexed them. And he did valiantly, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that spoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchi-shua: and the names of his two daughters were these; the name of the firstborn Merab, and ⁶the name of the younger Michal: and the name of Saul's wife was Ahinoam the daughter of Ahimaaz: and the name of the captain of his host was Abner the son of Ner, Saul's uncle.

51 ⁷And Kish was the father of Saul; and Ner the father of Abner was the son of Abiel.

52 And there was sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he ⁸took him unto him.

15 And Samuel said unto Saul, The Lord sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the ⁹words of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I ¹⁰have marked that which Amalek did to Israel, how he

set himself against him in the way, ¹¹when he came up out of Egypt. Now go and smite Amalek, and ¹²utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

4 And Saul summoned the people, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and ¹³laid wait

6 in the valley. And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them: for ye shewed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among ¹⁴the Amalekites.

7 And Saul smote the Amalekites, from Havilah as thou goest to Shur, that is before Egypt.

8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not ¹⁵utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

10 Then came the word of the Lord ¹⁶unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And Samuel was wroth; and he cried unto the Lord ¹⁷all night. And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning; and it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a ¹⁸monument, and is gone about, and passed on, and gone down to Gilgal. And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the Lord: I have performed the commandment of ¹⁹the Lord. And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen ²⁰which I hear? And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God; and the rest we have ²¹utterly destroyed. Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the Lord hath said to me this night.

17 And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel said, ²²Though thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel? And the Lord anointed thee king over Israel; and the Lord sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou

⁹ Heb. devote.

¹⁰ Or. drove.

¹¹ Heb. hand.

¹² Heb. devoted.

¹³ Or. Though thou be little... art thou not head of the tribes of Israel?

² Or. Give a perfect lot

³ Heb. purchased.

⁴ Or. he put them to the sword. The Sept. has, he was victorious.

⁵ According to some ancient authorities, And Kish the father of Saul and Ner... were the sons of Abiel.

⁶ Heb. gathered.

⁷ Or, will visit

not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst that which was evil in the sight of the LORD?

- 20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the devoted things, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of ³witchcraft, and stubbornness is as ⁴idolatry and ⁴teraphim. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his robe, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou. And also the ⁶Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent: for he is not a man, that he should repent. Then he said, I have sinned: yet honour me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD thy God. So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped the LORD.

- 32 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him ⁶delicately. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gilgal. 34 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeath of Saul. And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death; ⁷for Samuel mourned for Saul: and the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

- 16 And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go,

I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite: for I have provided me a king among 2 his sons. And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take an heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to the 3 LORD. And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will shew thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him 4 whom I name unto thee. And Samuel did that which the LORD spake, and came to Beth-lehem. And the elders of the city came to meet him trembling, 5 and said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably: I am come to sacrifice unto the LORD: sanctify yourselves, and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and 6 called them to the sacrifice. And it came to pass, when they were come, that he looked on ⁸Eliab, and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before him. 7 But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have rejected him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on 8 the heart. Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath the LORD 9 chosen this. Then Jesse made ⁹Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither 10 hath the LORD chosen this. And Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, 11 The LORD hath not chosen these. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit ¹⁰down till he come 12 hither. And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal ¹¹of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look upon. And the LORD said, Arise, 13 anoint him: for this is he. Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah. 14 Now the spirit of the LORD had departed from Saul, and an evil spirit 15 from the LORD ¹²troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth 16 thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man who is a cunning player on the harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with 17 his hand, and thou shalt be well. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and 18 bring him to me. Then answered one of the young men, and said, Behold, I

¹ Heb. devoted.

² Heb. divination.
³ Or, iniquity.
⁴ See Gen. xli. 19. 24.

⁵ Or, victory in glory.

⁶ Or, delicately.

⁷ Or, last.

⁸ In 1 Chr. xxvii. 18. *Eliah.*

⁹ In 2 Sam. xlii. 3. *Shimshu.*
In 1 Chr. ii. 13. *Shimea.*

¹⁰ Heb. around.

¹¹ Heb. fair of eyes.

¹² Or, terrified.

1 Or, skillful
2 Or, business

3 Or, skin

4 Or, the terrible birth

5 The Sept. and Vulgate have, target.

6 Or, according to another reading, blade

7 Heb. razes, and in vv. 10, 21, 22, 23, &c.

8 Or, reproveth

9 The Sept. omits vv. 12-31, and 35-38. xviii, &c.

have seen a son of Jesse the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty man of valour, and a man of war, and ¹prudent in ²speech, and a comely person, and the Lord is with him. Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy 20 son, which is with the sheep. And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a ³bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them 21 by David his son unto Saul. And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became 22 his armourbearer. And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found 23 favour in my sight. And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and they were gathered together at Socoh, which belongeth to Judah, and pitched between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim.

2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched in the vale of ⁴Elah, and set the battle in 3 array against the Philistines. And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side: and there 4 was a valley between them. And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was six cubits and 5 a span. And he had an helmet of brass upon his head, and he was clad with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels 6 of brass. And he had greaves of brass upon his legs, and a ⁵javelin of brass 7 between his shoulders. And the ⁶staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and his shield-bearer went before him. And he stood and cried unto the ⁷armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and 9 let him come down to me. If he be able to fight with me, and kill me, then will we be your servants: but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ye 10 be our servants, and serve us. And the Philistine said, I ⁸defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we 11 may fight together. And when Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid.

12 ⁹Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man was an old man in the days

of Saul, stricken in years among men.

18 And the three eldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. And David was the youngest: and 15 the three eldest followed Saul. Now David went to and fro from Saul to feed his 16 father's sheep at Beth-lehem. And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp 18 to thy brethren; and bring these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, 19 and take their pledge. Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, ¹⁰were in the vale of Elah, fighting with the 20 Philistines. And David rose up early in the morning, and left the sheep with a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the ¹¹place of the wagons, as the host which was going forth to the ¹²fight 21 shouted for the battle. And Israel and the Philistines put the battle in array, 22 army against army. And David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage, and ran to the army, and came 23 and saluted his brethren. And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spake according to the same words: and David heard them.

24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from him, and were 25 sore afraid. And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to ¹³defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, the king will enrich him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his 26 father's house free in Israel. And David spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should ¹⁴defy the armies of the 27 living God? And the people answered him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that killeth him.

28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why art thou come down? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thine heart; for thou art come down that thou 29 mightest see the battle. And David said, What have I now done? ¹⁵Is there not 30 a cause? And he turned away from him

10 Or, are

11 Or, barrier
12 Or, battle ground

13 Or, Was it war that I sought?

to ward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul; and he sent for him. And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep; ¹and when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock, I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. Thy servant smote both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath ²defied the armies of the living God. And David said, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord shall be with thee. And Saul clad David with his apparel, and he put an helmet of brass upon his head, and he clad him with a coat of mail. And David girded his sword upon his apparel, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I cannot go with these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brook, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his scrip; and his sling was in his hand: and he drew near to the Philistine. And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and withal of a fair countenance. And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods.

44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field. Then said David to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a javelin: but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, which thou hast ³defied. This day will the Lord deliver thee into mine hand; and I will smite thee, and take thine head from off thee; and I will give the carcases of the host of the Philistines this day unto the

fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel: and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand. And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hastened, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead; and the stone sank into his forehead, and he fell upon his face to the earth. So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. Then David ran, and stood over the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. And the men of Israel and of Judah arose, and shouted, and pursued the Philistines, until thou comest to ⁴Gai, and to the gates of Ekron. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shaaraim, even unto Gath, and unto Ekron. And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their camp. And David took the head of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but he put his armour in his tent.

55 And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said unto Abner, the captain of the host, Abner, whose son is this youth? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I cannot tell. And the king said, Inquire thou whose son the stripling is. And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his hand. And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, thou young man? And David answered, I am the son of thy servant Jesse the Beth-lehemite. And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his apparel, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. And David went out whithersoever Saul sent him, and ⁵behaved himself wisely: and Saul set him over the men of war, and

¹ Or, within him

² Or, and there came a lion and a bear... and I went out after it.

³ Or, reproached

⁴ Or, mighty man

⁵ The Sept. has, Gath. ⁷ Or, the two gates

⁶ Or, covered and

⁸ Or, went out; whithersoever Saul sent him, he did. ⁹ Or, preserved

it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants.

6 And it came to pass as they came, when David returned from the slaughter of the ¹Philistine, that the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with timbrels, with joy, and with ²instruments of music. And the women ³sang

one to another in their play, and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and this saying displeased him; and he said, They have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more ⁹but the kingdom? And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he ⁴prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as he did day by day: and Saul had his spear in his hand.

11 And Saul cast the spear; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall. And David avoided out of his presence

12 twice. And Saul was afraid of David, because the Lord was with him, and was

13 departed from Saul. Therefore Saul removed him from him, and made him his captain over a thousand; and he went

14 out and came in before the people. And David ⁵behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and the Lord was with him.

15 And when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he stood in awe of him. But all Israel and Judah loved David; for he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight the Lord's battles. For Saul said, Let not mine hand be upon him, but let the hand of the Philistines

18 be upon him. And David said unto Saul, Who am I, and ⁶what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should

19 be son in law to the king? But it came to pass at the time when Merab Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto Adriel

20 the Meholahite to wife. And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told Saul, and the thing pleased him.

21 And Saul said, I will give him her, that she may be a snare to him, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son

22 in law a second time. And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore

servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be the king's son in law, seeing that I am a poor

24 man, and lightly esteemed? And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On

25 this manner spake David. And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry, but an hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. Now

Saul thought to make David fall by

26 the hand of the Philistines. And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king's son in law. And the days were not expired;

27 and David arose and went, he and his men, and slew of the Philistines two hundred men; and David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full

tale to the king, that he might be the king's son in law. And Saul gave him

28 Michal his daughter to wife. And Saul saw and knew that the Lord was with David; and Michal Saul's daughter

29 loved him. And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; and Saul was David's enemy continually.

30 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, as often as they went forth, that David

7 behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much ⁸set by.

19 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should

2 slay David. But Jonathan Saul's son delighted much in David. And Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father

seeketh to slay thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself in the morning, and abide in a secret place,

3 and hide thyself: and I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and if I see

4 aught, I will tell thee. And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against

David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works

5 have been to thee-ward very good: for he put his life in his hand, and smote the Philistine, and the Lord wrought a great ⁹victory for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice: wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to

6 slay David without a cause? And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, As the Lord liveth, he shall not be put to death. And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan shewed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as beforetime.

8 And there was war again: and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and slew them with a

¹ Or, Philistines

² Or, triangles
Or, three-stringed instruments

³ Or, answered one another

⁴ Or, raved

⁵ Or, prospered

⁶ Or, who are my kinsfolk

⁷ Or, prospered more than
⁸ Heb. precious

⁹ Heb. and victory

1 Or, the spirit of the Lord was evil toward Saul

great slaughter; and they fled before him. And an evil spirit from the Lord was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David played with his hand. And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he smote the spear into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. And Saul sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal David's wife told him, saying, If thou save not thy life to-night, to-morrow thou shalt be slain. So Michal let David down through the window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. And Michal took the teraphim, and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair at the head thereof, and covered it with the clothes. And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may slay him. And when the messengers came in, behold, the teraphim was in the bed, with the pillow of goats' hair at the head thereof. And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me thus, and let mine enemy go, that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

Now David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Ramah, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and dwelt in Naioth. And it was told Saul, saying, Behold, David is at Naioth in Ramah. And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they also prophesied. Then went he also to Ramah, and came to the great well that is in Secu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they be at Naioth in Ramah. And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the spirit of God came upon him also, and he went on, and prophesied, until he came to Naioth in Ramah. And he also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied before Samuel, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? And he said unto him, God forbid; thou shalt

2 Or, guide Or, meet

3 The Sept. has, the well of the thresh. floor that is &c.

4 Or, clatter

5 Or, full

not die: behold, my father doeth nothing either great or small, but that he discloseth it unto me: and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so. And David swore moreover, and said, Thy father knoweth well that I have found grace in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death. Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatsoever thy soul desireth, I will even do it for thee. And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, to-morrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat: but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day at even. If thy father miss me at all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city: for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family. If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be wroth, then know that evil is determined by him. Therefore deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of the Lord with thee: but if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father? And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee: for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me if perchance thy father answer thee roughly? And Jonathan said unto David, Come and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field.

And Jonathan said unto David, The Lord, the God of Israel, be witness; when I have sounded my father about this time to-morrow, or the third day, behold, if there be good toward David, shall I not then send unto thee, and disclose it unto thee? The Lord do so to Jonathan, and more also, should it please my father to do thee evil, if I disclose it not unto thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and the Lord be with thee, as he hath been with my father. And thou shalt not only while yet I live shew me the kindness of the Lord, that I die not: but also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever: no, not when the Lord hath cut off the enemies of David every one from the face of the earth. So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, And the Lord shall require it at the hand of David's enemies. And Jonathan caused David to swear again, for the love that he had to him: for he loved him as he loved his own soul.

Then Jonathan said unto him, To-

6 Heb. uncovereth mine ear.

7 Or, What doth thy soul desire, that I should do it for thee?

8 Heb. saith.

9 Or, by his love towards him

morrow is the new moon: and thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will
 19 be ¹empty. And when thou hast stayed three days, thou shalt go down ²quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself ³when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by ⁴the stone
 20 Ezel. And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at
 21 a mark. And, behold, I will send the lad, saying, Go, find the arrows. If I say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee: take ⁵them, and come; for there is peace to thee
 22 and ⁶no hurt, as the LORD liveth. But if I say thus unto the boy, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee: go thy way; for the LORD hath sent thee away.
 23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, the LORD is between thee and me for ever.
 24 So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king
 25 sat him down to eat meat. And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon the seat by the wall; and Jonathan stood up, and Abner sat by Saul's side: but David's place was
 26 empty. Nevertheless Saul spake not any thing that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not
 27 clean; surely he is not clean. And it came to pass on the morrow after the new moon, *which was the second day*, that David's place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor to-day? And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beth-lehem:
 29 and he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favour in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he is not come unto the
 30 king's table. Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of a perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own shame, and unto the shame
 31 of thy mother's nakedness? For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he ⁷shall
 32 surely die. And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore should he be put to death?
 33 what hath he done? And Saul cast his spear at him to smite him: whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined
 34 of his father to put David to death. So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did eat no meat the second day of the month: for he was grieved

for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field ⁸at the time appointed with David, and
 36 a little lad with him. And he said unto his lad, Run, find now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an
 37 arrow ⁹beyond him. And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the
 38 arrow beyond thee? And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master.
 39 But the lad knew not any thing: only Jonathan and David knew the matter.
 40 And Jonathan gave his weapons unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry
 41 them to the city. And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose ¹⁰out of a place toward the South, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one with another, until
 42 David exceeded. And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace, forasmuch as we have sworn both of us in the name of the LORD, saying, The LORD shall be between me and thee, and between my seed and thy seed, for ever. And he arose and departed: and Jonathan went into the city.
 21 Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech came to meet David trembling, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no
 2 man with thee? And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know any thing of the business whereabout I send thee, and what I have commanded thee: and I have appointed the young
 3 men to such and such a place. Now therefore what is under thine hand? give me five loaves of bread in mine hand, or whatsoever there is present.
 4 And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under mine hand, but there is holy bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from women. And David answered the priest, and said unto him, Of a truth women have been kept from us about these three days; when I came out, the vessels of the young men were holy, ¹¹though it was but a common journey; how much more then to-day shall their vessels be
 6 holy? So the priest gave him holy bread: for there was no bread there but the shewbread, that was taken from before the LORD, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.
 7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before the LORD; and his name was Doeg

¹ Heb. missed.

² Heb. quickly.

³ Heb. in the day of the business.

See ch. xiv. 2.

⁴ Or, as read by the Sept., this mound.

⁵ Or, him.

⁶ Heb. not any thing.

⁸ Or, to the place.

⁹ Heb. making it pass over him.

¹⁰ Heb. from beside the South. Or, as read by the Sept., from beside the mound.

[Ch. xii. 1. in Heb.]

⁷ Or, it is worthy to die. Heb. is a son of death.

¹¹ Or, and it may be used as common bread: and especially by those to-day it calls to be holy in respect of their vows.

¹ Or, night-
cal

² Or, the
brethren

³ Or, made
marks

⁴ Heb.
batter of
wood

⁵ Or, on
the
height

the Edomite, the ¹chiefest of the herd-
8 men that belonged to Saul. And David
said unto Ahimelech, And is there not
here under thine hand spear or sword?
for I have neither brought my sword
nor my weapons with me, because the
9 king's business required haste. And
the priest said, The sword of Goliath
the Philistine, whom thou slewest in
the vale of ²Eloth, behold, it is here
wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod:
if thou wilt take that, take it: for there
is no other save that here. And David
said, There is none like that; give it me.
10 And David arose, and fled that day
for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the
11 king of Gath. And the servants of
Achish said unto him, Is not this David
the king of the land? did they not
sing one to another of him in dances,
saying,

Saul hath slain his thousands,
And David his ten thousands?

12 And David laid up these words in his
heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the
13 king of Gath. And he changed his be-
haviour before them, and feigned him-
self mad in their hands, and ³scrabbled
on the doors of the gate, and let his
14 spittle fall down upon his beard. Then
said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see
the man is mad: wherefore then have
15 ye brought him to me? Do I lack mad
men, that ye have brought this fellow
to play the mad man in my presence?
shall this fellow come into my house?

22 David therefore departed thence, and
escaped to the cave of Adullam: and
when his brethren and all his father's
house heard it, they went down thither
2 to him. And every one that was in
distress, and every one that was in
debt, and every one that was ⁴dis-
contented, gathered themselves unto
him; and he became captain over them:
and there were with him about four
hundred men.

3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of
Moab: and he said unto the king of
Moab, Let my father and my mother,
I pray thee, come forth, *and be with*
you, till I know what God will do for
4 me. And he brought them before the
king of Moab: and they dwelt with
him all the while that David was in the
5 hold. And the prophet Gad said unto
David, Abide not in the hold; depart,
and get thee into the land of Judah.
Then David departed, and came into
the forest of Hereth.

6 And Saul heard that David was dis-
covered, and the men that were with
him: now Saul was sitting in Gibeah,
under the tamarisk tree ⁶in Ramah, with
his spear in his hand, and all his ser-
vants were standing about him. And
Saul said unto his servants that stood
about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites;
will the son of Jesse give every one of

you fields and vineyards, will he make
you all captains of thousands and cap-
8 tains of hundreds; that all of you have
conspired against me, and ⁸there is
none that discloseth to me when my son
maketh a league with the son of Jesse,
and there is none of you that is sorry
for me, or discloseth unto me that my
son hath stirred up my servant against
9 me, to lie in wait, as at this day? Then
answered Doeg the Edomite, which
⁹stood by the servants of Saul, and said,
I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob,
10 to Ahimelech the son of Ahitub. And
he inquired of the Lord for him, and
gave him victuals, and gave him the
11 sword of Goliath the Philistine. Then
the king sent to call Ahimelech the
priest, the son of Ahitub, and all his
father's house, the priests that were in
Nob: and they came all of them to the
12 king. And Saul said, Hear now, thou
son of Ahitub. And he answered, Here
13 I am, my lord. And Saul said unto him,
Why have ye conspired against me, thou
and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast
given him bread, and a sword, and hast
inquired of God for him, that he should
rise against me, to lie in wait, as at this
14 day? Then Ahimelech answered the
king, and said, And who among all thy
servants is so faithful as David, which
is the king's son in law, and is taken
into thy council, and is honourable in
15 thine house? Have I to-day begun
to inquire of God for him? be it far
from me: let not the king impute any
thing unto his servant, nor to all the
house of my father: for thy servant
knoweth nothing of all this, less or
16 more. And the king said, Thou shalt
surely die, Ahimelech, thou, and all
17 thy father's house. And the king
said unto the ⁹guard that stood about
him, Turn, and slay the priests of the
Lord; because their hand also is with
David, and because they knew that
he fled, and did not disclose it to me.
But the servants of the king would
not put forth their hand to fall upon
18 the priests of the Lord. And the king
said to Doeg, Turn thou, and fall upon
the priests. And Doeg the Edomite
turned, and he fell upon the priests, and
he slew on that day fourscore and five
persons that did wear a linen ephod.
19 And Nob, the city of the priests, smote
he with the edge of the sword, both men
and women, children and sucklings,
and oxen and asses and sheep, with the
20 edge of the sword. And one of the sons
of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named
Abiathar, escaped, and fled after David.
21 And Abiathar told David that Saul had
22 slain the Lord's priests. And David
said unto Abiathar, I knew on that day,
when Doeg the Edomite was there,
that he would surely tell Saul: I have
occasioned the death of all the persons

⁸ Or, there
was none
that dis-
closed it
to me
when my
son made
etc.

⁹ Or, was
not over

⁹ Heb.
runners.

23 of thy father's house. Abide thou with me, fear not; for he that seeketh my life seeketh thy life: for with me thou shalt be in safeguard.

23 And they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and they rob the threshing-floors. Therefore David inquired of the Lord, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the Lord said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. And David's men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we go to Keilah against the 4 armies of the Philistines? Then David inquired of the Lord yet again. And the Lord answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver 5 the Philistines into thine hand. And David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and slew them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

6 And it came to pass, when Abiathar the son of Ahimelech fled to David to Keilah, that he came down with an 7 ephod in his hand. And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath 1 delivered him into mine hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates 8 and bars. And Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, 9 to besiege David and his men. And David knew that Saul devised mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod.

10 Then said David, O Lord, the God of Israel, thy servant hath surely heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah,

11 to destroy the city for my sake. Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O Lord, the God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the Lord said, He will

12 come down. Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver up me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the Lord said, They will deliver thee 13 up. Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.

14 And David abode in the wilderness in the strong holds, and remained in the hill country in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into

15 his hand. And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his life: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph

16 in 2 the wood. And Jonathan Saul's son arose, and went to David into 2 the wood, and strengthened his hand

17 in God. And he said unto him, Fear not: for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my 18 father knoweth. And they two made a covenant before the Lord: and David abode in 2 the wood, and Jonathan

19 went to his house. Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeath, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in the strong holds in 2 the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south

20 of 3 the desert? Now therefore, O king, come down, according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him up into the 21 king's hand. And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the Lord; for ye have had

22 compassion on me. Go, I pray you, make yet more sure, and know and see his place where his 4 haunt is, and who hath seen him there: for it is told me

23 that he doleth very subtilly. See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me 6 of a certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out among all the

24 6 thousands of Judah. And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the 7 Arabah on the

25 south of 8 the desert. And Saul and his men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down to the rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. And when Saul heard that, he pursued after David in the wilderness

26 of Maon. And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain: and David made haste to get away for fear of Saul; for Saul and his men compassed David and his men round about to take them.

27 But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have made a raid

28 upon the land. So Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called 29 that place 9 Sela-hammalekoth. And David went up from thence, and dwelt in the strong holds of Engedi.

24 And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Engedi. Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the 8 rocks of the wild goats. And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet. Now David and his men were

25 abiding in the innermost parts of 4 the cave. And the men of David said unto him, Behold, the day of which

3 Or. Jonathan

4 Heb. foot.

5 Or. with the certainty. 6 Or. to a set place. 6 Or. families

7 See Dent. 1. 1.

8 That is. The rock of divisions or escape. [Ch. xxv. 1 in Heb.]

9 Or. sitting

1 Heb. delivered him. The Sept. has, sold.

3 Or. Horeb

the LORD said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thine enemy into thine hand, and thou shalt do to him as it shall seem good unto thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe privily. And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul's skirt. 6 And he said unto his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my lord, the LORD's anointed, to put forth mine hand against him, seeing 7 he is the LORD's anointed. So David checked his men with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. And Saul rose up out of the cave, and 8 went on his way. David also arose afterward, and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king. And when Saul looked behind him, David bowed with his face to the 9 earth, and did obeisance. And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearkenest thou to men's words, saying, Behold, David 10 seeketh thy hurt? Behold, this day thine eyes have seen how that the LORD had delivered thee to-day into mine hand in the cave: and some bade me kill thee: but mine eye spared thee; and I said, I will not put forth mine hand against my lord; for he is the LORD's anointed. 11 Moreover, my father, see, yea, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand: for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in mine hand, and I have not sinned against thee, though thou 12 huntest after my soul to take it. The LORD judge between me and thee, and the LORD avenge me of thee: but 13 mine hand shall not be upon thee. As saith the proverb of the ancients, Out of the wicked cometh forth wickedness: but mine hand shall not be upon thee. 14 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? 15 after a dead dog, after a flea. The LORD therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and 16 deliver me out of thine hand. And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his 17 voice, and wept. And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I: for thou hast rendered unto me good, whereas I have rendered unto thee evil. 18 And thou hast declared this day how that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the LORD had delivered me up into thine hand, thou 19 killedst me not. For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore the LORD reward thee good for that thou hast done unto me this 20 day. And now, behold, I know that

thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thine hand. Swear now therefore unto me by the LORD, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father's house. And David swore unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the hold.

25 And Samuel died; and all Israel gathered themselves together, and lamented him, and buried him in his house at Ramah. And David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran.

2 And there was a man in Maon, whose 3 possessions were in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was shearing his sheep in

3 Carmel. Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and the woman was of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the 4 house of Caleb. And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal did shear

5 his sheep. And David sent ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and greet him in my name:

6 and thus shall ye say 6 to him that liveth in prosperity, Peace be both unto thee, and peace be to thine house, and peace be unto all that thou hast.

7 And now I have heard that thou hast shearers: thy shepherds have now been with us, and we 8 did them no hurt, neither was there aught missing unto them, all the while they were in Carmel. Ask thy young men, and they will tell thee: wherefore let the young men find favour in thine eyes; for we come in a good day: give, I pray thee, whatsoever cometh to thine hand, unto thy servants, and to thy son David.

9 And when David's young men came, they spake to Nabal according to all those words in the name of David, and 10 ceased. And Nabal answered David's servants, and said, Who is David? and who is the son of Jesse? there be many servants now a days that break away every man from his master.

11 Shall I then take my bread, and my water, and my 12 flesh that I have killed for my shearers, and give it unto men of whom I know not whence they be?

12 So David's young men turned on their way, and went back, and came and told him according to all these 13 words. And David said unto his men, Gird ye on every man his sword. And they girded on every man his sword; and David also girded on his sword: and there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred abode 14 by the stuff. But one of the young

1 Or, *is great* *will for*

2 Heb. *give sentence for me.*

3 Or, *business* *was*

4 Or, *thus shall ye say, All hail! and peace be unto thee* *etc.*
5 The Vulgate has, *to my brethren.*

6 Heb. *put them not to shame.*

7 Or, *remained quiet*

8 Heb. *daughters.*

men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers out of the wilderness to ¹salute our master; and he ²flew upon them. But the men were very good unto us, and we were not ³hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields: they were a wall unto us both by night and by day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep.

17 Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his house: for he is such a ⁴son of ⁵Belial, that one cannot speak to him. Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two ⁶bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of figs, and laid them on asses. And she said unto her young men, Go on before me; behold, I come after you. But she told not her husband Nabal. And it was so, as she rode on her ass, and came down by the covert of the mountain, that, behold, David and his men came down against her; and she met them. Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath returned me evil for good. God do so ⁷unto the enemies of David, and more also, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light ⁸so much as one man child. And when Abigail saw David, she hastened, and lighted off her ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground. And she fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me be the iniquity: and let thine handmaid, I pray thee, speak in thine ears, and hear thou the words of thine handmaid. Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this ⁹man of ¹⁰Belial, even Nabal: for as his name is, so is he; ¹¹Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thine handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. Now therefore, my lord, as the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing the Lord hath withholden thee ¹²from bloodguiltiness, and from ¹³avenging thyself with thine own hand, now therefore let thine enemies, and them that seek evil to my lord, be as Nabal. And now this ¹⁴present which thy servant hath brought unto my lord, let it be given unto the young men that follow my lord. Forgive, I pray thee, the trespass of thine handmaid: for the Lord will certainly make my lord a sure house, because my lord fighteth the battles of the Lord; and evil shall not be found in thee all thy 29 days. And though man be risen up

to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul, yet the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of ¹⁵life with the Lord thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as from the hollow of a sling. And it shall come to pass, when the Lord shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee prince over Israel; that this shall be no ¹⁶grief unto thee, nor offence of heart unto my lord, ¹⁷either that thou hast shed blood causeless, or that my lord hath avenged himself: and when the Lord shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember thine handmaid. And David said to Abigail, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, which sent thee this day to meet me: and blessed be thy ¹⁸wisdom, and blessed be thou, which hast kept me this day from bloodguiltiness, and from avenging myself with mine own hand. For in very deed, as the Lord, the God of Israel, liveth, which hath withholden me from hurting thee, except thou hadst hastened and come to meet me, surely there had not been left unto Nabal by the morning light so much as one man child. So David received of her hand that which she had brought him: and he said unto her, Go up in peace to thine house; see, I have hearkened to thy voice, and have accepted thy person. And Abigail came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. And it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. And it came to pass about ten days after, that the Lord smote Nabal, so that he died. And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be the Lord, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept back his servant from evil: and the evil-doing of Nabal hath the Lord returned upon his own head. And David sent and ¹⁹spake concerning Abigail, to take her to him to wife. And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David hath sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. And she arose, and bowed herself with her face to the earth, and said, Behold, thine handmaid is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. And Abigail hastened, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that followed her; and she went after the messengers of

¹⁵ Or, the living

¹⁶ Heb. cause of staggering.
¹⁷ Or, so that thou shouldst shed &c.

¹⁸ Or, discretion

¹⁹ See Cant. viii. 4

¹ Heb. bless.
² Or, rushed on
³ Heb. just to shame.

⁴ Or, base fellow
⁵ That is, worthlessness.
⁶ Or, skins

⁷ The Sept. has, unto David.
⁸ Heb. any that speak against the wall.

⁹ That is, Fool.

¹⁰ Heb. from coming into blood.
¹¹ Heb. thine own hand avenging thee.
¹² Heb. blessing.

43 David, and became his wife. David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they 44 became both of them his wives. Now Saul had given Michal his daughter, David's wife, to ¹ Palti the son of Laish, which was of Gallim.

26 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is 2 before ² the desert? Then Saul arose, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him, to seek David

3 in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul pitched in the hill of Hachilah, which is before ³ the desert, by the way. But David abode in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the 4 wilderness. David therefore sent out spies, and understood that Saul was

5 come ⁵ of a certainty. And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had pitched: and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay within the ⁶ place of the wagons, and the people pitched round

6 about him. Then answered David and said to Ahimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zerniah, brother to Joab, saying, Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will go down with thee.

7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the ⁸ place of the wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head: and Abner and the people lay 8 round about him. Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered up thine enemy unto thine hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear to the earth at one stroke, and I will not smite him the

9 second time. And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not: for who can put forth his hand against the Lord's an-

10 ointed, and be guiltless? And David said, As the Lord liveth, the Lord shall smite him; ¹⁰ or his day shall come to die; or he shall go down into battle, and 11 perish. The Lord forbid that I should put forth mine hand against the Lord's anointed: but now take, I pray thee, the spear that is at his head, and the

12 cruse of water, and let us go. So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's head; and they gat them away, and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither did any awake: for they were all asleep; because a deep sleep from the Lord was fallen upon them.

13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain afar off; a great space being 14 between them: and David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said,

Who art thou that criest to the king?

15 And David said to Abner, Art not thou a *valiant* man? and who is like to thee in Israel? wherefore then hast thou not kept watch over thy lord the king? for there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord.

16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As the Lord liveth, ye are ¹⁶ worthy to die, because ye have not kept watch over your lord, the Lord's anointed. And now, see, where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water

17 that was at his head. And Saul knew David's voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said,

18 It is my voice, my lord, O king. And he said, Wherefore doth my lord pursue after his servant? for what have I done?

19 or what evil is in mine hand? Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it be the Lord that hath stirred thee up against me, let him ¹⁹ accept an offering: but if it be the children of men, cursed be they before the Lord; for they have driven me out this day that I should ²⁰ not cleave unto the inheritance of the Lord, saying, Go,

20 serve other gods. Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of the Lord: for the king of Israel is come out to seek ²¹ a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in

21 the mountains. Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David: for I will no more do thee harm, because my life was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and

22 have erred exceedingly. And David answered and said, Behold ²² the spear, O king! let then one of the young men

23 come over and fetch it. And the Lord shall render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness: forasmuch as the Lord delivered thee into my hand to-day, and I would not put forth mine hand against the Lord's anoint-

24 ed. And, behold, as thy life was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my life be much set by in the eyes of the Lord, and let him deliver me out of 25 all tribulation. Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do mightily, and shalt surely prevail. So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

27 And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul: there is nothing better for me than that I should escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul shall despair of me, to seek me any more in all the borders of Israel: so shall I escape

2 out of his hand. And David arose, and passed over, he and the six hundred men that were with him, unto Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath. And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he

¹ In 2 Sam. iii. 15. Paltiel.

² Or, Jashih-ron. See ch. xiii. 18.

³ Or, to a set place. See ch. xiii. 22.

⁴ Or, har-ricade.

Or, either.

⁵ Heb. sons of death.

⁷ Heb. small.

⁸ Or, Anse no share in.

⁹ The Sept. has, my life.

¹⁰ Another reading is, the king's spear.

and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal's wife. And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more again for him.

5 And David said unto Achish, If now I have found grace in thine eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the ¹country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day.

7 And the number of the days that David dwelt in the ¹country of the Philistines was a full year and four months.

8 And David and his men went up, and made a raid upon the Geshurites, and the ²Girzites, and the Amalekites: for those nations were the inhabitants of the land, ³which were of old, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. And David smote the land, and saved neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel; and he returned, and came to Achish. And Achish said,

4 Whither have ye made a raid to-day? And David said, Against the South of Judah, and against the South of the Jerahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites. And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, So did David, and so hath been his manner all the while he hath dwelt in the ¹country of the Philistines. And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore he shall be my servant for ever.

28 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their ⁵hosts together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me in the host, thou and thy men. And David said to Achish, Therefore thou shalt know what thy servant will do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever.

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams,

7 nor by Urim, nor by prophets. Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, Divine unto me, I pray thee, by the familiar spirit, and bring me up whomsoever I shall name unto thee. And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no ⁶punishment happen to thee for this thing.

11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what seest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I see ⁷a god coming up out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a robe. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance. And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. And Samuel said, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and ⁸is become thine adversary?

17 And the LORD hath ⁹wrought for himself, as he spake by me: and the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David. Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, and didst not execute his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover the LORD will deliver Israel also with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to-morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD shall deliver the host of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines. Then Saul fell straightway his full length upon the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there

¹ Heb. field.

² Another reading is Girzites. ³ Some copies of the Sept. have, from Telam.

⁴ So some ancient authorities. (Others read, against whom.)

⁵ Heb. camps.

⁶ Or, guilt; cause; sin; these.

⁷ Or, gods.

⁸ The Sept. has, is on the side of thy neighbour.

⁹ Or, deliver; unto him. Some ancient authorities read, about thee.

was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thine handmaid hath hearkened unto thy voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thine handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, constrained him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. And the woman had a fattened calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it; and she took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: and she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

Now the Philistines gathered together all their hosts to Aphek: and the Israelites pitched by the fountain which is in Jezreel. And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands: and David and his men passed on in the rearward with Achish. Then said the princes of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here? And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, which hath been with me these days or these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell away unto me unto this day? But the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make the man return, that he may go back to his place where thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us: for wherewith should this fellow reconcile himself unto his lord? should it not be with the heads of these men? Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in dances, saying,

Saul hath slain his thousands,

And David his ten thousands?

Then Achish called David, and said unto him, As the Lord liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight: for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favour thee not. Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines. And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found

in thy servant so long as I have been before thee unto this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king? And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with the servants of thy lord that are come with thee: and as soon as ye be up early in the morning, and have light, depart. So David rose up early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid upon the South, and upon Ziklag, and had smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire; and had taken captive the women and all that were therein, both small and great: they slew not any, but carried them off, and went their way. And when David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captives. Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. And David's two wives were taken captives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David strengthened himself in the Lord his God.

And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. And David inquired of the Lord, saying, If I pursue after this troop, shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue: for thou shalt surely overtake them, and shalt without fail recover all. So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. But David pursued, he and four hundred men: for two hundred stayed behind, which were so faint that they could not go over the brook Besor: and they found an Egyptian in the field, and brought him to David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they gave him water to drink: and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins: and when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him: for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk

1 Or.
Shalt I
pursue

any water, three days and three nights.
 13 And David said unto him, To whom belondest thou? and whence art thou? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Amalekite; and my master left me, because three days
 14 ago I fell sick. We made a raid upon the South of the Cherethites, and upon that which belongeth to Judah, and upon the South of Caleb; and we
 15 burned Ziklag with fire. And David said to him, Wilt thou bring me down to this troop? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee
 16 down to this troop. And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the ground, eating and drinking, and feasting,¹ because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah.
 17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto the evening of the next day: and there escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young men,
 18 which rode upon camels and fled. And David recovered all that the Amalekites had taken: and David rescued his
 19 two wives. And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor any thing that they had taken to them: David brought back
 20 all. And David took all the flocks and the herds, *which they drave before those other cattle*, and said, This is David's
 21 spoil. And David came to the two hundred men, which were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to abide at the brook Besor: and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near ² to the people, he ³ saluted them. Then answered all the wicked men and ⁴ men of ⁵ Belial, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them aught of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that they
 23 may lead them away, and depart. Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which the Lord hath given unto us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the troop that came
 24 against us into our hand. And who will hearken unto you in this matter? for as his share is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his share be that tarryeth by the stuff: they shall share
 25 alike. And it was so from that day forward, that he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel, unto this day.
 26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold a ⁶ present for you of the spoil of

the enemies of the Lord; to them which were in Beth-el, and to them which were in Ramoth of the South,
 28 and to them which were in Jattir; and to them which were in Aroer, and to them which were in Siphmoth, and to
 29 them which were in Eshtemoa; and to them which were in Racal, and to them which were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them which were in
 30 the cities of the Kenites; and to them which were in Hormah, and to them which were in ⁷ Cor-ashan, and to them
 31 which were in Athach; and to them which were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.
 31 ⁸ Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down
 2⁹ slain in mount Gilboa. And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and ¹⁰ Abinadab, and Malchishua, the sons of Saul. And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was greatly distressed by reason of the archers. Then said Saul to his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and ¹¹ abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died with him. So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day
 7 together. And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were beyond Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.
 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his
 9 three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry the tidings unto the house of their idols,
 10 and to the people. And they put his armour in the house of the Ashtaroth: and they fastened his body to the wall
 11 of Beth-shan. And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard concerning him that which the Philistines
 12 had done to Saul, all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan; and they came to Jabesh, and burnt them
 13 there. And they took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.

¹ Or, amidst

² Or, with

³ Or, asked them of their welfare

⁴ Or, base fellows

⁵ That is, worthless.

⁶ Heb. tamarisk.

⁷ According to many MSS. and versions, *Cor-ashan*.

⁸ See 1 Chr. x. 1-12.

⁹ Or, surrounded.

¹⁰ In ch. xiv. 28, *Jahai*.

¹¹ Or, make a mock of me.

SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL.

1 AND it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in 2 Ziklag; it came even to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did 3 obeisance. And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of 4 Israel am I escaped. And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, The people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his 5 son are dead also. And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan 6 his son be dead? And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and the horsemen followed 7 hard after him. And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I. 8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite. And he said unto me, Stand, I pray thee, beside me, and slay me, for 9 anguish hath taken hold of me; because my life is yet whole in me. So I stood 1 beside him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto 11 my lord. Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and likewise all the men that were with 12 him: and they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by 13 the sword. And David said unto the young man that told him, Whence art thou? And he answered, I am the 14 son of a stranger, an Amalekite. And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to put forth thine hand to 15 destroy the Lord's anointed? And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And

16 he smote him that he died. And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain the Lord's anointed.

17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son: and he bade them teach the children of Judah the song of the bow: behold, it is written in the book of 2 Jashar.

19 'Thy glory, O Israel, is slain upon thy high places!
How are the mighty fallen!

20 Tell it not in Gath,
Publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon;
Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice,
Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa,
Let there be no dew nor rain upon you, neither fields of offerings:
For there the shield of the mighty was 2 vilely cast away,
The shield of Saul, 6 not anointed with oil.

22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty,
The bow of Jonathan turned not back, And the sword of Saul returned not empty.

23 Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives,
And in their death they were not divided;
They were swifter than eagles,
They were stronger than lions.

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,
Who clothed you in scarlet 7 delicately,
Who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel.

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!

8 Jonathan is slain upon thy high places.

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan:
Very pleasant hast thou been unto me:

Thy love to me was wonderful,
Passing the love of women.
27 How are the mighty fallen,
And the weapons of war perished!

2 And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of the Lord,

3 Or, The Upright
4 Or, The gazelle

5 Or, defiled
6 Or, as of one not anointed

7 Heb. with delicate

8 Or, O Jonathan, slain etc.

1 Or, over
2 Or, girdle-
renew

saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the Lord said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron. So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron. And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.

And they told David, saying, The men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul. And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the Lord, that ye have shewed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him. And now the Lord shew kindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing. Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be ye valiant: for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

8 Now Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's host, had taken Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim; and he made him king over Gilead, and over the ²Ashurites, and over Jezreel, and over Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. (Ish-bosheth Saul's son was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and he reigned two years.) But the house of Judah followed David. And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

12 And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, went out from Mahanaim to Gibeon. And Joab the son of Zeruiah, and the servants of David, went out, and met ³them by the pool of Gibeon; and they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool, and the other on the other side of the pool. And Abner said to Joab, Let the young men, I pray thee, arise and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. Then they arose and went over by number; twelve for Benjamin, and for Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. And they caught every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his sword in his fellow's side; so they fell down together: wherefore that place was called ⁴Helkath-hazzurim, which

17 is in Gibeon. And the battle was very sore that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of Israel, before the servants of David. And the three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel was as light 19 of foot ⁵as a wild roe. And Asahel

pursued after Abner; and in going he turned not to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. Then Abner looked behind him, and said, Is it thou, Asahel? And he answered, It is I. And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his ⁶armour. But Asahel would not turn aside from following of him. And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? how then should I hold up my face to Joab thy brother? 23 Howbeit he refused to turn aside: wherefore Abner with the hinder end of the spear smote him in the belly, that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died in the same place: and it came to pass, that as many as came to the place where Asahel fell down and died stood still. But Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one band, and stood on the top of an hill. 26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return 27 from following their brethren? And Joab said, As God liveth, ⁷if thou hadst not spoken, surely then ⁸in the morning the people had gone away, nor followed every one his brother. So Joab blew the trumpet, and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any 29 more. And Abner and his men went all that night through the Arabah; and they passed over Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and came to 30 Mahanaim. And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David's servants nineteen 31 men and Asahel. But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, ⁹so that three hundred 32 and threescore men died. And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and the day brake upon them at Hebron.

3 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: and David waxed stronger and stronger, but the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his firstborn was Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess;

¹ In
1 Chr.
viii. 33.
In 30,
Ephraim.

² The
Valente
and
Syrice
have,
Ashurites.

³ Heb.
them for
gather.

⁴ That is,
The field
of the
sharp
knives.

⁵ Heb. as
one of
the roes
that are
in the
field.

⁶ Or, armour.
See Job.
xiv. 12.

⁷ See ver.
14.
⁸ Heb.
from the
morning.

8 and his second, Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmi king of Geshur; and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; and the fifth, Shephatiah the son of Abital; and the sixth, Ithream, of Eglah David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

6 And it came to pass, while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner¹ made himself strong in the house of Saul. Now Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I a dog's head that belongeth to Judah? This day do I shew kindness unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David, and yet thou chargest me this day with a fault concerning this woman. God do so to Abner, and more also, if, as the Lord hath sworn to David, I do not even so to him; to translate the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Beer-sheba. And he could not answer Abner another word, because he feared him.

12 And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying also, Make thy league with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee. And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee: but one thing I require of thee, that is, thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth Saul's son, saying, Deliver me my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to me for an hundred foreskins of the Philistines.

15 And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from Paltiel the son of Laish. And her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return: and he returned.

17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, In times past ye sought for David to be king over you: now then do it: for the Lord hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies.

19 And Abner also spake in the ears of Benjamin: and Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and to the whole house of Benjamin. So Abner

came to David to Hebron, and twenty men with him. And David made Abner and the men that were with him a feast.

21 And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thy soul desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace. And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from a foray, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest. And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not. And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the midst of the gate to speak with him quietly, and smote him there in the belly, that he died, for the blood of Asahel his brother. And afterward when David heard it, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless before the Lord for ever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner: let it fall upon the head of Joab, and upon all his father's house; and let there not fall from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth by the sword, or that lacketh bread. So Joab and Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had killed their brother Asahel at Gibeon in the battle.

31 And David said to Joab, and to all the people that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David followed the bier. And they buried Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. And the king lamented for Abner, and said, Should Abner die as a fool dieth?

34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters:

As a man falleth before the children of iniquity, so didst thou fall.

And all the people wept again over him. And all the people came to cause David to eat bread while it was yet day; but David sware, saying, God do so to me, and more also,

¹ Or, showed himself strong for

² Or, the fault of this woman

³ Or, where he was

⁴ In 1 Sam. xiv. 44, Paltiel.

⁵ Hob. the troop.

⁶ Or, cistern

if I taste bread, or aught else, till the 36 sun be down. And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them: as whatsoever the king did pleased all the 37 people. So all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. 38 And the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? 39 And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruiah be too hard for me: the LORD reward the wicked doer according to his wickedness.

4 And when *Ish-bosheth*, Saul's son, heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands became feeble, and all the 2 Israelites were troubled. And *Ish-bosheth*, Saul's son, had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also is reckoned 3 to Benjamin: and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and have been sojourners there until this day.)

4 Now Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of Jezreel, and his nurse took him up, and fled: and it came to pass, as she made haste to flee, that he fell, and became lame. And his name was *Mephibosheth*.

5 And the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Baanah, went, and came about the heat of the day to the house of *Ish-bosheth*, as he took his rest 6 at noon. 2 And 3 they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him in the belly: and Rechab

7 and Baanah his brother escaped. Now when they came into the house, as he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and went by the way of the Arabah all 8 night. And they brought the head of *Ish-bosheth* unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of *Ish-bosheth* the son of Saul thine enemy, which sought thy life; and the LORD hath avenged my lord the king 9 this day of Saul, and of his seed. And David answered Rechab and Baanah his brother, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the LORD liveth, who hath redeemed my 10 soul out of all adversity, when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave 11 him for his tidings. How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his

bed, shall I not now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from 12 the earth? And David commanded his young men, and they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and hanged them up beside the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of *Ish-bosheth*, and buried it in the grave of Abner in Hebron.

5 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh.

2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was thou that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD said to thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be 4 prince over 3 Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD: and they anointed David king over Israel.

4 David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty 5 years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over all Israel and Judah.

6 5 And the king and his men went to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land: which spake unto David, saying, 6 Except thou take away the blind and the lame, thou shalt not come in hither: thinking, David

7 cannot come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion: and 8 same is the city of David. And David said on that day, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites, let him get up to the watercourse, 7 and smite the lame and the blind, 8 that are hated of David's soul. Wherefore they say, 9 There are the blind and the lame; he cannot 9 come into the house. And David dwelt in the strong hold, and called it the city of David. And David built round about 10 from Millo and inward. And David waxed greater and greater; for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

11 10 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons: and they 12 built David an house. And David perceived that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake.

13 And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron: and there were yet sons and daughters born to 14 David. And these be the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shamua, and Shobab, and 15 Nathan, and Solomon, and Ithar, and 16 Elishua; and Nepheg, and Japhia; and Elishama, and 11 Eliada, and Eliphelet. 17 And when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king

1 In 1 Chr. viii. 34, ix. 40, *Mephibosheth*.

2 The Sept. has, *and, behold, the woman that kept the door of the house was winnowing wheat, and she stumbled and slept; and the brethren, Rechab and Baanah, went privately into the house.*

3 Or, there came... men fetching wheat

4 Or, leader

5 See 1 Chr. xi. 4-8.

6 Or, Thou shalt not come in hither, but the blind and the lame shall turn thee away

7 Or, and as for the lame and the blind, that are hated of David's soul—

8 Another reading is, that hate David's soul—

9 Or, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house

10 See 1 Chr. xiv. 1-18.

11 In 1 Chr. xiv. 7, *David's*.

over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David; and David heard of 18 it, and went down to the hold. Now the Philistines had come and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 19 And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the LORD said unto David, Go up: for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into thine hand. 20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there; and he said, The LORD hath ¹broken mine enemies before me, like the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that 21 place ²Baal-perazim. And they left their images there, and David and his men took them away. 22 And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the 23 valley of Rephaim. And when David inquired of the LORD, he said, Thou shalt not go up: make a circuit behind them, and come upon them over against 24 the ³mulberry trees. And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself: for then is the LORD gone out before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. 25 And David did so, as the LORD commanded him; and smote the Philistines from Gebe until thou come to Gezer. 6 ⁴And David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty 2 thousand. And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him, from Baale Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, ⁵which is called by the Name, even the name of the LORD of hosts that ⁶sitteth upon the cherubim. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in ⁷the hill: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was in ⁸the hill, with the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD ⁹with all manner of instruments made of ¹⁰fir wood, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with ¹¹castanets, and 6 with cymbals. And when they came to the threshing-floor of Nacon, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen ¹²stumbled. 7 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his ¹³error; and there he 8 died by the ark of God. And David was displeased, because the LORD had broken forth upon Uzzah: and he called that place ¹⁴Perez-uzzah, unto this day. 9 And David was afraid of the LORD that day; and he said, How shall the ark of 10 the LORD come unto me? So David

would not remove the ark of the LORD unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of 11 Obed-edom the Gittite. And the ark of the LORD remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and the LORD blessed Obed-edom, and 13 all his house. And it was told king David, saying, The LORD hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. ¹⁵And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with 18 joy. And it was so, that when they that bare the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. 14 And David danced before the LORD with all his might; and David was girded with 15 a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the 16 sound of the trumpet. And it was so, as the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in 17 her heart. And they brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. 18 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the 19 name of the LORD of hosts. And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and women, to every one a cake of bread, and a portion ¹⁶of flesh, and a cake of raisins. So all the people departed 20 every one to his house. Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David, and said, How glorious was the king of Israel to-day, who uncovered himself to-day in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth 21 himself! And David said unto Michal, It was before the LORD, which chose me above thy father, and above all his house, to appoint me prince over the people of the LORD, over Israel: therefore will I play before the LORD. And I will be yet more vile than thus, and will be base in mine own sight: but of the handmaids which thou hast spoken of, of them shall I be had in honour. 28 And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death. 7 ¹⁷And it came to pass, when the king dwelt in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies 2 round about, that the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. And Nathan

¹ Or, broken forth upon mine enemies
² That is, The place of breaking forth.

³ Or, between trees

⁴ In 1 Chr. xiv. 18. Gilead.
⁵ See 1 Chr. xiii. 8-14.

⁶ Heb. upon is called the Name.
⁷ Or, dwelleth between
⁸ Or, Gilead

⁹ See 1 Chr. xiii. 8.
¹⁰ Or, Cyprus
¹¹ Or, castles

¹² Or, were reared
¹³ Or, drove it down
¹⁴ Or, rashness

¹⁵ That is, The breach of Canah.

¹⁵ See 1 Chr. xv. 25-xvi. 3.

¹⁶ Or, of wine

¹⁷ See 1 Chr. xvii.

said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee. And it came to pass the same night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? for I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. In all places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel, spake I a word with ¹any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedar? Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the ²sheepcote, from following the sheep, that thou shouldst be ³prince over my people, over Israel: and I have been with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and I will make thee a great name, like unto the name of the great ones that are in the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as ⁴at the first, and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I ⁵will cause thee to rest from all thine enemies. Moreover the Lord telleth thee that the Lord will make thee an house. When thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish ⁶his kingdom. He shall build an house for my name, and I will establish the ⁷throne of his kingdom for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son: if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men; but my mercy shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. And thine house and thy kingdom shall be made sure for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. Then David the king went in, and sat before the Lord; and he said, Who am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? And this was yet a small thing in thine eyes, O Lord God; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a great while to come; ⁸and this too after the manner of men, O Lord God! And what can David say more

unto thee? for thou knowest thy servant, O Lord God. For thy word's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make thy servant know it. Wherefore thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ⁹And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem unto himself for a people, and to make him a name, and to do great things for you, and terrible things for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee out of Egypt, from the nations and their gods? And thou didst establish to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever; and thou, Lord, becamest their God. And now, O Lord God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, confirm thou it for ever, and do as thou hast spoken. And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The Lord of hosts is God over Israel: and the house of thy servant David shall be established before thee. For thou, O Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, hast revealed to thy servant, saying, I will build thee an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to pray ¹⁰this prayer unto thee. And now, O Lord God, thou art God, and thy words are truth, and thou hast promised this good thing unto thy servant: now therefore let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord God, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever. ¹¹And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them: and David took the ¹²bridle of the mother city out of the hand of the Philistines. And he smote Moab, and measured them with the line, making them to lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became servants to David, and brought presents. David smote also Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his ¹³dominion at the River. And David took from him a thousand and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots. And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succour Hadadezer king of Zobah, David smote of the Syrians two and ¹⁴twenty thousand men. Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought presents. And

¹ In
1 Chr.
xvii. 6,
any of
the
judges.

² Or,
pasture

³ Or,
leader

⁴ Or,
have
caused

⁸ Or, and
tells the
law of
men, O
Lord
God!

⁹ Or,
And who
is like
thy
people,
like Is-
rael, a
nation
that is
alone
in the
earth.

⁷ Or, born
bold

⁹ Or,
begin
and his.

¹⁰ See
1 Chr.
xviii.
¹¹ Or,
Nothing
amount

¹¹ An-
other
reading
is, the
river Be-
phrates.

¹² Heb.
Arvan.

1 Or, *accord*
10 *field*

2 In
1 Chr. xviii. 9.
10 *Yishbakh*.

3 In
1 Chr. xviii. 10.
10 *Bador-ram*.

4 Heb. *not him of his wife's*.

5 Heb. *was a man of wars*.

6 Heb. *in his hand wars*.

7 Heb. *Ararn*, according to some ancient authorities, *Edom*, as in 1 Chr. xviii. 11, 12, Ps. lx. title.

8 Or, *chron-icler*.

9 Or, *secretary*.

10 So in ch. xx. 25, and

11 Chr. xviii. 17. The Hebrew text has, *and the Cherethites*.

12 Or, *chief ministers*.

13 Or, *chief ministers*.

14 Or, *chief ministers*.

15 Or, *chief ministers*.

16 Or, *chief ministers*.

17 Or, *chief ministers*.

18 Or, *chief ministers*.

19 Or, *chief ministers*.

20 Or, *chief ministers*.

21 Or, *chief ministers*.

22 Or, *chief ministers*.

the LORD gave victory to David whithersoever he went. And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. And from Bethah and from Berothai, cities of Hadadezer, king David took exceeding much brass. And when Toi king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadadezer, then Toi sent Joram his son unto king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadadezer and smitten him: for Hadadezer had wars with Toi. And Joram brought with him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass: these also did king David dedicate unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he dedicated of all the nations which he subdued; of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobah. And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting of the Syrians in the Valley of Salt, even eighteen thousand men. And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the LORD gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed judgement and justice unto all his people. And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was recorder; and Zadok the son of Abiathur, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathur, were priests; and Seraiah was scribe; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were priests.

And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake? And there was of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Ziba, and they called him unto David; and the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy servant is he. And the king said, Is there not yet any of the house of Saul, that I may shew the kindness of God unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, which is lame on his feet. And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar. Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. And Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came unto David, and fell on his face, and did obeisance. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold thy

servant! And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. And he did obeisance, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am? Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, All that pertained to Saul and to all his house have I given unto thy master's son. And thou shalt till the land for him, thou, and thy sons, and thy servants; and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have bread to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread alway at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king commandeth his servant, so shall thy servant do. As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem: for he did eat continually at the king's table; and he was lame on both his feet.

And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, as his father shewed kindness unto me. So David sent by the hand of his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. But the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David sent his servants unto thee to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return. And when the children of Ammon saw that they were become odious to David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with a thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array

12 Heb. *field*.

14 Or, *But Mephibosheth eateth*.

15 See 1 Chr. xix.

at the entering in of the gate: and the Syrians of Zobah, and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, were by themselves in the field. Now when Joab saw that ¹the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians: and the rest of the people he committed into the hand of ²Abishai his brother, and he put them in array against the children of Ammon. And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee.

12 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the LORD do 13 that which seemeth him good. So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him.

14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai, and entered into the city. Then Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem. And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they gathered themselves 16 together. And ³Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the River: and they came to Helam, with Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer at their head.

17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came to Helam. And the Syrians set themselves in array against 18 David, and fought with him. And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians *the men of* seven hundred chariots, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, that he died there.

19 And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

11 ⁴And it came to pass, at the return of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass at eventide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king's house: and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was 8 very beautiful to look upon. And David sent and inquired after the woman. And one said, Is not this Bath-sheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of 4 Uriah the Hittite? And David sent

messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her; (for she was purified from her uncleanness;) and she returned unto her house.

5 And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, I am 6 with child. And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. 7 And Joab sent Uriah to David. And when Uriah was come unto him, David asked of him how Joab did, and how the people fared, and how the war 8 prospered. And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king's house, and there followed him 9 a ⁵mess of meat from the king. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and went not down to his house.

10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Art thou not come from a journey? wherefore didst 11 thou not go down unto thine house? And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in booths; and my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are encamped in the open field; shall I then go into mine house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul 12 liveth, I will not do this thing. And David said to Uriah, Tarry here to-day also, and to-morrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem

13 ⁶that day, and the morrow. And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and at even he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not down to his 14 house. And it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of 15 Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the ⁷hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.

16 And it came to pass, when Joab ⁸kept watch upon the city, that he assigned Uriah unto the place where he knew 17 that valiant men were. And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people, even of the servants of David; and 18 Uriah the Hittite died also. Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war; and he charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling all the things 20 concerning the war unto the king, it shall be that, if the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore went ye so nigh unto the city to fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the 21 wall? who smote Abimelech the son of ⁹Jerubbeseth? did not a woman cast an upper millstone upon him from

¹ Heb. the face of the battle was against.

² Heb. Abishai.

³ In ch. viii. 3, Hadad-ezer.

⁴ See 1 Chr. xx. 1.

⁵ Or, present from

⁶ Or, that day. And on the morrow David called him, and he &c.

⁷ Heb. strong.

⁸ Or, observed

⁹ In Jude vi. 25, Jerubbael.

the wall, that he died at Thebez? why went ye so nigh the wall? then shalt thou say, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. So the messenger went, and came and shewed David all that Joab had sent him for. And the messenger said unto David, The men prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and we were upon them even unto the entering of the gate. And the shooters shot at thy servants from off the wall; and some of the king's servants be dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another: make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him. And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she made lamentation for her husband. And when the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord.

And the Lord sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: but the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own morsel, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him, but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him.

And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, the man that hath done this is ¹ worthy to die: and he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; and I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added unto thee such and such things.

Wherefore hast thou despised the word of the Lord, to do that which is evil in his sight? thou hast smitten Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain

him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun.

For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said unto David, The Lord also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.

And Nathan departed unto his house.

And the Lord struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. David therefore besought God for the child; and David fasted, and went in, and lay all night upon the earth. And the elders of his house arose, and stood beside him, to raise him up from the earth: but he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. And it came to pass on the seventh day, that the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead: for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spake unto him, and he hearkened not unto our voice: ² how will he then vex himself, if we tell him that the child is dead? But when David saw that his servants whispered together, David perceived that the child was dead: and David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel; and he came into the house of the Lord, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he required they set bread before him, and he did eat. Then said his servants unto him, What thing is this that thou hast done? thou didst fast and weep for the child, while it was alive; but when the child was dead, thou didst rise and eat bread. And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who knoweth whether the Lord will not be gracious to me, that the child may live? But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me. And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and ³ he called his name Solomon.

And the Lord loved him; and he sent

¹ Heb. a son of death.

² Or, how then shall we tell him that the child is dead, so that he do himself some harm?

³ Another reading is, she called.

1 That is,
Beloved
of Jah.
2 See
1 Chr.
xx. 1-3.

3 Heb.
my
name is
called
upon it.

4 Or,
Midian
See
Zeph.
i. 3.

5 Or, to

6 Or, with
a slight
change
in the
Hebrew
text, made
them
labour
at

7 Or,
brick-
mould

8 Heb.
morning
by morn-
ing.

by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he called his name ¹Jedidiah, for the LORD's sake.

26 ²Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the 27 royal city. And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah, yea, I have taken the 28 city of waters. Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and encamp against the city, and take it: lest I take the city, and ³it be called after 29 my name. And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, 30 and fought against it, and took it. And he took the crown of ⁴their king from off his head; and the weight thereof was a talent of gold, and in it were precious stones; and it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil 31 of the city, exceeding much. And he brought forth the people that were therein, and put them ⁵under saws, and ⁶under harrows of iron, and ⁷made them pass through the ⁸brickkiln: and thus did he unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned unto Jerusalem.

13 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her.

2 And Amnon was so vexed that he fell sick because of his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and it seemed hard to Amnon to do any thing unto her.

3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah David's brother: and Jonadab was a very 4 subtil man. And he said unto him, Why, O son of the king, art thou thus lean ⁹from day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom's

5 sister. And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and feign thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, Let my sister Tamar come, I pray thee, and give me bread to eat, and dress the food in my sight, that I may see it, and eat 6 it at her hand. So Amnon lay down, and feigned himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, Let my sister Tamar come, I pray thee, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat at 7 her hand. Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother 8 Amnon's house, and dress him food. So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house; and he was laid down. And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake 9 the cakes. And she took the pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out

10 every man from him. And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat of thine hand. And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought them into the 11 chamber to Amnon her brother. And when she had brought them near unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto her, Come lie with me, my 12 sister. And she answered him, Nay, my brother, do not ¹⁰force me; for no such thing ought to be done in Israel: 13 do not thou this folly. And I, whither shall I carry my shame? and as for thee, thou shalt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not 14 withhold me from thee. Howbeit he would not hearken unto her voice: but being stronger than she, he forced her, 15 and lay with her. Then Amnon hated her with exceeding great hatred; for the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said 16 unto her, Arise, be gone. And she said unto him, ¹¹Not so, because this great wrong in putting me forth is worse than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. 17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door 18 after her. And she had ¹²a garment of divers colours upon her: for with such robes were the king's daughters that were virgins apparelled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the 19 door after her. And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garment of divers colours that was on her; and she laid her hand on her head, and went her way, crying aloud as she went. 20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath ¹³Amnon thy brother been with thee? but now hold thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; take not this thing to heart. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house. But when king David heard of all these things, he was very 22 wroth. And Absalom spake unto Amnon neither good nor bad: for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar. 23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheepshearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king's sons. 24 And Absalom came to the king, and said, Behold now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king, I pray thee, and 25 his servants go with thy servant. And the king said to Absalom, Nay, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. 26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And

¹⁰ Heb.
Amid.

¹¹ Or,
Think
not
there is
occasion
for this
great
wrong in
putting
me forth,
which is
worse
etc.
¹² Or,
a long
garment
with
sleeves

¹³ Heb.
Amnon.

the king said unto him, Why should he
 27 go with thee? But Absalom pressed
 him, that he let Amnon and all the king's
 28 sons go with him. And Absalom com-
 manded his servants, saying, Mark ye
 now, when Amnon's heart is merry with
 wine; and when I say unto you, Smite
 Amnon, then kill him, fear not: have not
 I commanded you? be courageous, and
 29 be valiant. And the servants of Absa-
 lom did unto Amnon as Absalom had
 commanded. Then all the king's sons
 arose, and every man gat him up upon
 30 his mule, and fled. And it came to pass,
 while they were in the way, that the
 tidings came to David, saying, Absalom
 hath slain all the king's sons, and
 31 there is not one of them left. Then
 the king arose, and rent his garments,
 and lay on the earth; and all his serv-
 ants stood by with their clothes rent.
 32 And Jonadab, the son of Shimeah
 David's brother, answered and said,
 Let not my lord suppose that they
 have killed all the young men the king's
 sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by
 the appointment of Absalom this hath
 been determined from the day that
 33 he forced his sister Tamar. Now
 therefore let not my lord the king take
 the thing to his heart, to think that all
 the king's sons are dead: for Amnon
 34 only is dead. But Absalom fled. And
 the young man that kept the watch
 lifted up his eye, and looked, and, be-
 hold, there came much people by the
 35 way of the hill side behind him. And
 Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the
 king's sons are come: as thy servant
 36 said, so it is. And it came to pass, as
 soon as he had made an end of speak-
 ing, that, behold, the king's sons came,
 and lifted up their voice, and wept: and
 the king also and all his servants wept
 37 very sore. But Absalom fled, and
 went to Talmai the son of ²Ammi-
 hur, king of Geshur. And David mourned
 for his son every day.
 38 So Absalom fled, and went to Geshur,
 39 and was there three years. And the soul
 of king David longed to go forth unto
 Absalom: for he was comforted con-
 cerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.
 14 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah per-
 ceived that the king's heart was to-
 ward Absalom. And Joab sent to
 Tekoa, and fetched thence a wise
 woman, and said unto her, I pray
 thee, feign thyself to be a mourner,
 and put on mourning apparel, I pray
 thee, and anoint not thyself with oil,
 but be as a woman that had a long
 8 time mourned for the dead: and go in
 to the king, and speak on this manner
 unto him. So Joab put the words in
 4 her mouth. And when the woman of
 Tekoa spake to the king, she fell on
 her face to the ground, and did obei-
 5 sance, and said, Help, O king. And the

king said unto her, What aileth thee?
 And she answered, Of a truth I am a
 widow woman, and mine husband is
 6 dead. And thy handmaid had two
 sons, and they two strove together in
 the field, and there was none to part
 them, but the one smote the other,
 7 and killed him. And, behold, the whole
 family is risen against thine handmaid,
 and they said, Deliver him that smote
 his brother, that we may kill him for
 the life of his brother whom he slew,
 and so destroy the heir also: thus shall
 they quench my coal which is left,
 and shall leave to my husband neither
 name nor remainder upon the face of
 8 the earth. And the king said unto the
 woman, Go to thine house, and I will
 9 give charge concerning thee. And the
 woman of Tekoa said unto the king,
 My lord, O king, the iniquity be on me,
 and on my father's house: and the king
 10 and his throne be guiltless. And the
 king said, Whosoever saith aught unto
 thee, bring him to me, and he shall not
 11 touch thee any more. Then said she,
 I pray thee, let the king remember the
 LORD thy God, that the avenger of blood
 destroy not any more, lest they destroy
 my son. And he said, As the LORD
 liveth, there shall not one hair of thy
 12 son fall to the earth. Then the woman
 said, Let thine handmaid, I pray thee,
 speak a word unto my lord the king.
 13 And he said, Say on. And the woman
 said, Wherefore then hast thou devised
 such a thing against the people of
 God? for in speaking this word the
 king is as one which is guilty, in that
 the king doth not fetch home again
 14 his banished one. For we must needs
 die, and are as water spilt on the
 ground, which cannot be gathered up
 again; neither doth God take away life,
 but deviseth means, that he that is
 banished be not an outcast from him.
 15 Now therefore seeing that I am come
 to speak this word unto my lord the
 king, it is because the people have
 made me afraid: and thy handmaid
 said, I will now speak unto the king; it
 may be that the king will perform the
 16 request of his servant. For the king
 will hear, to deliver his servant out of
 the hand of the man that would destroy
 me and my son together out of the in-
 17 heritance of God. Then thine handmaid
 said, Let, I pray thee, the word of my
 lord the king be ²comfortable: for as
⁴an angel of God, so is my lord the king
⁵to discern good and bad: and the LORD
 18 thy God be with thee. Then the king
 answered and said unto the woman,
 Hide not from me, I pray thee, aught
 that I shall ask thee. And the woman
 said, Let my lord the king now speak.
 19 And the king said, Is the hand of Joab
 with thee in all this? And the woman
 answered and said, As thy soul liveth,

¹ Heb. with a very great weeping.
² Another reading is, Ammi-hur.

³ Heb. for rest.
⁴ Or, the
⁵ Heb. to hear.

my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken: for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth
 20 of thine handmaid: to change the face of the matter hath thy servant Joab done this thing: and my lord is wise, according to the wisdom of ¹an angel of God, to know all things that are in the
 21 earth. And the king said unto Joab, Behold now, ²I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man
 22 Absalom again. And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and did obeisance, and blessed the king: and Joab said, To-day thy servant knoweth that I have found grace in thy sight, my lord. O king, in that the king hath performed the re-
 23 quest of ³his servant. So Joab arose and went to Geshur, and brought Absalom to
 24 Jerusalem. And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, but let him not see my face. So Absalom turned to his own house, and saw not the king's face.
 25 Now in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was
 26 no blemish in him. And when he polled his head, (now it was at every year's end that he polled it: because *the hair* was heavy on him, therefore he polled it:) he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, after
 27 the king's weight. And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.
 28 And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem; and he saw not the king's
 29 face. Then Absalom sent for Joab, to send him to the king; but he would not come to him: and he sent again a second time, but he would not come.
 30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. And Absalom's servants set the field on
 31 fire. Then Joab arose, and came to Absalom unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants
 32 set my field on fire? And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I may send thee to the king, to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it were better for me to be there still: now therefore let me see the king's face; and if there
 33 be iniquity in me, let him kill me. So Joab came to the king, and told him: and when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king, and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king: and the king kissed Absalom.
 15 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared him a chariot and horses, and fifty men to run before him.
 2 And Absalom rose up early, and stood

beside the way of the gate: and it was so, that when any man had a suit which should come to the king for judgement, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of
 3 one of the tribes of Israel. And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputed of the king to hear thee.
 4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were made judge in the land, that every man which hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I
 5 would do him justice! And it was so, that when any man came nigh to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took hold of him, and
 6 kissed him. And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgement: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.
 7 And it came to pass at the end of ⁴forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto the
 8 Lord, in Hebron. For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in
 9 Syria, saying, If the Lord shall indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I
 9 will ⁵serve the Lord. And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and
 10 went to Hebron. But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom
 11 is king in Hebron. And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were invited, and went in their simplicity; and they knew not any
 12 thing. And Absalom ⁷sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he offered the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.
 13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel
 14 are after Absalom. And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for else none of us shall escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us quickly, and bring down evil upon us, and smite the city
 15 with the edge of the sword. And the king's servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall
 16 choose. And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women, which were concubines, to keep the house. And the king went forth, and all the people after him; and they tarried ⁸in Beth-merhak.
 18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men which came after him

¹ Or, the² Another reading is, *thou hast done*.³ Another reading is, *thy*.⁴ According to some ancient authorities, *four*.⁵ Heb. *Arson*.⁶ Or, *worship*.⁷ Or, *some* *Ahithophel*.⁸ Or, *at the Fur House*.

from Gath, passed on before the king.
 19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return, and abide with the king: for thou art a stranger, and also an exile;
 20 return to thine own place. Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us, seeing I go whither I may? return thou, and take back thy brethren;
 21 mercy and truth be with thee. And Ittai answered the king, and said As the Lord liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will thy servant be. And David said to Ittai, Go and pass over. And Ittai the Gittite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over: the king also himself passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over,
 24 toward the way of the wilderness. And, lo, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down the ark of God, and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the
 25 city. And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favour in the eyes of the Lord, he will bring me again, and shew me both it, and his habitation: but if he say thus, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto
 27 him. The king said also unto Zadok the priest, ¹Art thou not a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and
 28 Jonathan the son of Abiathar. See, I will tarry ²at the fords of the wilderness, until there come word from you
 29 to certify me. Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they abode there.
 30 And David went up by the ascent of the mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered, and went barefoot: and all the people that were with him covered every man his head, and they went up,
 31 weeping as they went up. And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O Lord, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.
 32 And it came to pass, that when David was come to the top of the ascent, ³where God was worshipped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth
 33 upon his head: and David said unto him, If thou passest on with me, then
 34 thou shalt be a burden unto me: but if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king;

¹ Or, *seest thou?*

² Another reading is, *in the plains.*

³ Or, *where he was wont to worship God.*

as I have been thy father's servant in time past, so will I now be thy servant: then shalt thou defeat for
 35 me the counsel of Ahithophel. And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king's house, thou shalt tell it to Zadok and Abiathar the
 36 priests. Behold, they have there with them their two sons, Ahimaaz Zadok's son, and Jonathan Abiathar's son; and by them ye shall send unto me every
 37 thing that ye shall hear. So Hushai David's friend came into the city; and Absalom came into Jerusalem.
 38 And when David was a little past the top of the ascent, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and an hundred clusters of raisins, and an hundred of summer fruits, and a
 2 ⁴bottle of wine. And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou by these? And Ziba said, The asses be for the king's household to ride on; and the bread and summer fruit for the young men to eat; and the wine, that such as be faint in the wilderness may drink.
 3 And the king said, And where is thy master's son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem: for he said, To-day shall the house of Israel restore me the kingdom of my
 4 father. Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine is all that pertaineth unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I do obeisance; let me find favour in thy sight, my lord, O king.
 5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out thence a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera: he came out, and cursed still as
 6 he came. And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants of king David: and all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on
 7 his left. And thus said Shimei when he cursed, Begone, begone, thou man of blood, and man of ⁵Belial: the Lord hath returned upon thee all the blood
 8 of the house of Saul, in whose stead thou hast reigned; and the Lord hath delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom thy son: and, behold, thou art taken in thine own mischief, because thou art a man of blood.
 9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go over, I pray thee, and take off
 10 his head. And the king said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah? ⁶Because he curseth, and because the Lord hath said unto him, Curse David; who then shall say,
 11 Wherefore hast thou done so? And

⁴ Or, *skin*.

⁵ That is, *worthlessness*.

⁶ Or, *When he curseth, and when &c. Another reading is, ⁷So let him curse, because.*

David said to Abishai, and to all his servants, Behold, my son, which came forth of my bowels, seeketh my life: how much more may this Benjamite now do it? let him alone, and let him curse; for the Lord hath bidden him.

12 It may be that the Lord will look on the wrong done unto me, and that the Lord will requite me good for his cursing of me this day. So David and his men went by the way: and Shimei went along on the hill side over against him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and cast dust. And the king, and all the people that were with him, came weary; and he refreshed himself there.

15 And Absalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David's friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, God save the king, God save the king. And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why wentest thou not with thy friend? And Hushai said unto Absalom, Nay; but whom the Lord, and this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him will I abide. And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy presence. Then said Absalom to Ahithophel, Give your counsel what we shall do. And Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Go in unto thy father's concubines, which he hath left to keep the house; and all Israel shall hear that thou art abhorred of thy father: then shall the hands of all that are with thee be strong. So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house; and Absalom went in unto his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. And the counsel of Ahithophel, which he counselled in those days, was as if a man inquired at the oracle of God: so was all the counsel of Ahithophel both with David and with Absalom.

17 Moreover Ahithophel said unto Absalom, Let me now choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night: and I will come upon him while he is weary and weak handed, and will make him afraid: and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only: and he will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so all the people shall be in peace. And the saying pleased Absalom well, and all the elders of Israel.

5 Then said Absalom, Call now Hushai the Archite also, and let us hear likewise what he saith. And when Hushai

was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not, speak thou.

7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given this time is not good. Hushai said moreover, Thou knowest thy father and his men, that they be mighty men, and they be chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is a man of war, and he will not lodge with the people. Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when some of them be fallen at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. And even he that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt: for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they which be with him are valiant men. But I counsel that all Israel be gathered together unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and that thou go to battle in thine own person. So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground: and of him and of all the men that are with him we will not leave so much as one. Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found there. And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hushai the Archite is better than the counsel of Ahithophel. For the Lord had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring evil upon Absalom.

15 Then said Hushai unto Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, Thus and thus did Ahithophel counsel Absalom and the elders of Israel; and thus and thus have I counselled. Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night at the fords of the wilderness, but in any wise pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him.

17 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz stayed by En-rogel; and a maid-servant used to go and tell them; and they went and told king David: for they might not be seen to come into the city. But a lad saw them, and told Absalom: and they went both of them away quickly, and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down thither. And the woman took and spread the covering over the well's mouth, and strowed bruised corn thereon; and nothing was known. And Absalom's servants came to the woman

¹ Some ancient versions read, may affliction.

² Heb. over against.
³ Or, to Agaphim

⁴ Heb. Let the king live.

⁵ Heb. word.

⁶ Heb. bitter of soul.

⁷ Or, when he falleth upon them

⁸ Or, that thy presence (Heb. face) go to the battle

⁹ Or, with-draw himself

¹⁰ Another reading is, in the plains.
¹¹ Or, for Jonathan and Ahimaaz stay by En-rogel: so let the maid-servant go and tell them, and let them go and tell king David: for they may not be seen to come into the city

to the house; and they said, Where are Ahimaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them, They be gone over the brook of water. And when they had sought and could not find them, they returned to Jerusalem.

21 And it came to pass, after they were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David; and they said unto David, Arise ye, and pass quickly over the water: for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you. Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them.

22 That was not gone over Jordan. And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home, unto his city, and set his house in order, and hanged himself; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father.

23 Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. And Absalom set Amasa over the host instead of Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man, whose name was ¹Ithra the Israelite, that went in to ²Abigail the daughter of Nahash, sister to ³Zeruiah Joab's mother. And Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

24 And it came to pass, when David was come to Mahanaim, that Shobi the son of Nahash of Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and Machir the son of Ammiel of Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, brought beds, and basons, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and meal, and parched corn, and beans, and lentils, and parched pulse, and honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of kine, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people is hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

25 And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. And David sent forth the people, a third part under the hand of Joab, and a third part under the hand of Abishai the son of Zeruiah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the hand of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I will surely go with you myself also. But the people said, Thou shalt not go forth: for if we flee away, they will not care for us; neither if half of us die, will they care for us: ¹but thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou be ready to ²succour us out of the city. And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate side, and all the people

went out by hundreds and by thousands. And the king commanded Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Deal gently for my sake with the young man, even with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

26 So the people went out into the field against Israel: and the battle was in the forest of Ephraim. And the people of Israel were smitten there before the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter there that day of ³twenty thousand men. For the battle was there spread over the face of all the country: and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured. And Absalom chanced to meet the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon his mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great ⁴oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth; and the mule that was under him went on.

27 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak. And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest it, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ⁵ten pieces of silver, and a girdle. And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand ⁶pieces of silver in mine hand, yet would I not put forth mine hand against the king's son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, ⁷Beware that none touch the young man Absalom. Otherwise if I had dealt falsely against ⁸his life, (and there is no matter hid from the king,) then thou thyself ⁹wouldest have stood aloof.

28 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three ¹⁰darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak.

29 And ten young men that bare Joab's armour compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him. And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel: for Joab ¹¹held back the people. And they took Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones: and all Israel fled every one to his tent.

30 Now Absalom in his life time had taken and reared up for himself the pillar, which is in the king's dale: for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance: and he called the pillar after his own name: and it is called Absalom's monument, unto this day.

31 Then said Ahimaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that the Lord hath

¹ In
1 Chr. ii.
17, father
the Ish-
maelite
² In
1 Chr.
ii. 16, 17,
Abigail.

³ No some
ancient
author-
ities. The
Hebrew
text has,
for now
over there
ten thou-
sand such
as we.

¹ Or,
tree-
bark.

⁶ Heb.
I have
a curv,
whom-
ever ye
be, of &c.
⁷ Another
reading
is, my.
⁸ Or,
wouldst
have set
thyself
against
me
⁹ Heb.
staves.

¹⁰ Or,
spared

¹ Heb. Judged him from the hand &c.

20¹ avenged him of his enemies. And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not be the bearer of tidings this day, but thou shalt bear tidings another day: but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. Then said Joab to the Cushite, Go tell the king what thou hast seen. And the Cushite bowed himself unto Joab, and ran.

22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But come what may, let me, I pray thee, also run after the Cushite. And Joab said, Wherefore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou ² wilt have no reward for the

23 tidings? But come what may, said he, I will run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the Plain, and overran the Cushite.

24 Now David sat between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate unto the wall, and lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man running alone. And the watchman cried, and told the king. And the king said, If he be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came

26 apace, and drew near. And the watchman saw another man running: and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold, another man running alone. And the king said, He also

27 bringeth tidings. And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with

28 good tidings. And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, ³ All is well. And he bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, Blessed be the LORD thy God, which hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. And the king

29 said, ⁴ Is it well with the young man Absalom? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, ⁵ even me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was.

30 And the king said, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and

31 stood still. And, behold, the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, Tidings for my lord the king: for the LORD hath avenged thee this day of all them

32 that rose up against thee. And the king said unto the Cushite, Is it well with the young man Absalom? And the Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise up against thee to do thee hurt, be as

33 that young man is. And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he went, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

19 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king

² Or, had no sufficient tidings

³ Heb. Peace.

⁴ Heb. Is there peace with &c.?

⁵ Or, and

(Ch. xix. 1 in Heb.)

weepeth and mourneth for Absalom.

2 And the ⁶ victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day, The king

3 grieveth for his son. And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people that are ashamed steal

4 away when they flee in battle. And the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son!

5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, which this day have saved thy life, and the lives of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the lives of thy wives, and the lives

6 of thy concubines; in that thou lovest them that hate thee, and hatest them that love thee. For thou hast declared this day, that princes and servants are nought unto thee: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then

7 it had pleased thee well. Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants: for I swear by the LORD, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry a man with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that hath befallen

8 thee from thy youth until now. Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king doth sit in the gate: and all the people came before the king.

Now Israel had fled every man to his

9 tent. And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land

10 from Absalom. And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, to bring him

12 to his house. Ye are my brethren, ye are my bone and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the

13 king? And say ye to Amasa, Art thou not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in the room of Joab. And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; so that they sent unto the king, saying, Return thou, and all thy servants.

15 So the king returned, and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring the king over Jordan.

⁶ Heb. victory.

16 And Shimei the son of Gera, the Ben-
jamite, which was of Bahurim, hasted
and came down with the men of Judah
17 to meet king David. And there were
a thousand men of Benjamin with him,
and Ziba the servant of the house of
Saul, and his fifteen sons and his twenty
servants with him; and they went
through Jordan in the presence of the
18 king. And there went over ¹a ferry
boat to bring over the king's household,
and to do what he thought good. And
Shimei the son of Gera fell down before
the king, when he ²was come over Jor-
19 dan. And he said unto the king, Let
not my lord impute iniquity unto me,
neither do thou remember that which
thy servant did perversely the day that
my lord the king went out of Jerusalem,
that the king should take it to his heart.
20 For thy servant doth know that I have
sinned: therefore, behold, I am come
this day the first of all the house of
Joseph to go down to meet my lord
21 the king. But Abishai the son of
Neriah answered and said, Shall not
Shimei be put to death for this, because
22 he cursed the LORD's anointed? And
David said, What have I to do with
you, ye sons of Neriah, that ye should
this day be adversaries unto me? shall
there any man be put to death this day
in Israel? for do not I know that I am
23 this day king over Israel? And the
king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not
die. And the king sware unto him.
24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul
came down to meet the king; and he had
neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed
his beard, nor washed his clothes,
from the day the king departed until
25 the day he came home in peace. And
it came to pass, ³when he was come to
Jerusalem to meet the king, that the
king said unto him, Wherefore wentest
26 not thou with me, Mephibosheth? And
he answered, My lord, O king, my
servant deceived me: for thy servant
said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may
ride thereon, and go ⁴with the king;
27 because thy servant is lame. And he
hath slandered thy servant unto my
lord the king; but my lord the king
is as ⁵an angel of God: do therefore
28 what is good in thine eyes. For all my
father's house were but ⁶dead men be-
fore my lord the king: yet didst thou
set thy servant among them that did
eat at thine own table. What right
therefore have I yet that I should cry
29 any more unto the king? And the king
said unto him, Why speakest thou any
more of thy matters? I say, Thou and
30 Ziba divide the land. And Mephibosheth
said unto the king, Yea, let him take all,
forasmuch as my lord the king is come
in peace unto his own house.
31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down
from Rogelim; and he went over Jor-

dan with the king, to conduct him over
32 Jordan. Now Barzillai was a very
aged man, even fourscore years old:
and he had provided the king with
sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim;
33 for he was a very great man. And the
king said unto Barzillai, Come thou
over with me, and I will sustain thee
34 with me in Jerusalem. And Barzillai
said unto the king, How many are the
days of the years of my life, that I
should go up with the king unto Jeru-
35 salem? I am this day fourscore years
old: can I discern between good and
bad? can thy servant taste what I eat
or what I drink? can I hear any more
the voice of singing men and singing
women? wherefore then should thy
servant be yet a burden unto my lord
36 the king? Thy servant would but just
go over Jordan with the king: and why
should the king recompense it me with
37 such a reward? Let thy servant, I pray
thee, turn back again, that I may die
in mine own city, by the grave of my
father and my mother. But behold,
thy servant Chimham; let him go over
with my lord the king; and do to him
38 what shall seem good unto thee. And
the king answered, Chimham shall go
over with me, and I will do to him that
which shall seem good unto thee: and
whatsoever thou shalt require of me,
39 that will I do for thee. And all the
people went over Jordan, and the king
went over: and the king kissed Bar-
zillai, and blessed him; and he returned
unto his own place.
40 So the king went over to Gilgal, and
Chimham went over with him: and all
the people of Judah brought the king
over, and also half the people of Israel.
41 And, behold, all the men of Israel
came to the king, and said unto the king,
Why have our brethren the men of Judah
stolen thee away, and brought the king,
and his household, over Jordan, and
42 all David's men with him? And all
the men of Judah answered the men
of Israel, Because the king is near of
kin to us: wherefore then be ye angry
for this matter? have we eaten at all
of the king's cost? or hath he given
43 us any gift? And the men of Israel
answered the men of Judah, and said,
We have ten parts in the king, and we
have also more right in David than ye:
why then did ye despise us, ⁷that our
advice should not be first had in bring-
ing back our king? And the words of
the men of Judah were fiercer than
the words of the men of Israel.
20 And there happened to be there a
man of ⁸Belial, whose name was Sheba,
the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he
blew the trumpet, and said, We have
no portion in David, neither have we
inheritance in the son of Jesse: every
2 man to his tents, O Israel. So all the

¹ Or, the
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⁴ Another
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⁵ Or, the

⁶ Heb.
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death.

⁷ Heb.
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⁸ Or, and
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⁹ That is,
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lessness.

men of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri: but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem.

3 And David came to his house at Jerusalem; and the king took the ten women his concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and provided them with sustenance, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, ¹living in widowhood.

4 Then said the king to Amasa, Call me the men of Judah together within three days, and be thou here present. So Amasa went to call the men of Judah together: but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed

5 him. And David said to Abishai, Now shall Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take thou thy lord's servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fenced cities, and escape

6 out of our sight. And there went out after him Joab's men, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men: and they went out of Jerusalem, to pursue after Sheba the

7 son of Bichri. When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. And Joab was girded with his apparel of war that he had put on, and thereon was a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went

8 forth it fell out. And Joab said to Amasa, Is it well with thee, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard

9 with his right hand to kiss him. But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand: so he smote him therewith in the belly, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died. And Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba

10 the son of Bichri. And there stood by him one of Joab's young men, and said, He that favoureth Joab, and he that

11 is for David, let him follow Joab. And Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the midst of the high way. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa out of the high way into the field, and cast a garment over him, when he saw that every one

12 that came by him stood still. When he was removed out of the high way, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

13 And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maacah, and all the Berites: and they were gathered together, and went also after

14 him. And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah, and they cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart: and all the people that were with Joab ²battered

15 the wall, to throw it down. Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with

16 thee. And he came near unto her; and the woman said, Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thine handmaid. And he answered, I do hear.

17 Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter. I am

18 of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seekest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of the Lord?

19 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. The matter is not so: but a man of the hill country of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath

20 lifted up his hand against the king, even against David: deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over

21 the wall. Then the woman went unto all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri, and threw it out to Joab. And he blew the trumpet, and they were dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

22 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel: and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the ³Cherethites and over the

23 Pelethites: and Adoram was over the ⁴tribute: and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the ⁵recorder: and Sheva was ⁶scribe: and Zadok and Abiathar

24 were priests: and Ira also the Jairite was ⁷priest unto David.

25 And there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David sought the face of the Lord. And the Lord said, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he put

26 to death the Gibeonites. And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them; (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Ju-

27 dah:) and David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of

28 the Lord? And the Gibeonites said unto him, It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Saul, or his house; ⁸neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel. And he said, What ye

29 shall say, that will I do for you. And they said unto the king, The man that consumed us, and that devised against

¹ Heb. in widowhood of life.

² Or, undermined.

³ Another reading is, Cherethites. See 2 Kings xi. 4.

⁴ Or, levy.

⁵ Or, chamberlain.

⁶ Or, secretary.

⁷ Or, a chief minister.

⁸ 1 Chr. xviii. 17.

⁹ Or, neither shall we put any man to death in Israel.

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stroyed

us, ¹that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of G Israel, let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto the LORD in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of the LORD. And 7 the king said, I will give them. But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and 8 Jonathan the son of Saul. But the king took the two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and the five sons of ⁹Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bare to Adriel the 9 son of Barzillai the Meholahite: and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before the LORD, and they fell *all* seven together: and they were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning 10 of barley harvest. And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water was poured upon them from heaven; and she suffered neither the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the 11 beasts of the field by night. And it was told David what Rizpah the daughter of Aiah, the concubine of Saul, had 12 done. And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jabesh-gilead, which had stolen them from the ¹³street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, in the day that the Philistines slew Saul in 13 Gilboa: and he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged. 14 And they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was intreated for the land. 15 And the Philistines had war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David waxed faint. 16 And Ishbi-benob, which was of the sons of the ¹⁷giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with ¹⁸a new sword, thought to have slain David. 17 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah succoured him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then the men of David swore unto him, saying, Thou shalt go no more out with us to battle, that thou quench not the lamp of Israel. 18 ¹⁹And it came to pass after this, that there was again war with the Philistines at ²⁰Gob: then Sibbecai the Hushathite

slew ²¹Saph, which was of the sons of 19 the ²²giant. And there was again war with the Philistines at Gob; and Elhanan the son of Jaare-oregim the Beth-lehemite slew ²³Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like 20 a weaver's beam. And there was again war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, that had on every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, four and twenty in number; and he also was 21 born to the ²⁴giant. And when he ²⁵defied Israel, Jonathan the son of ²⁶Shimei David's brother slew him. These four were born to the ²⁷giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants. 22 ²⁸And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand ²⁹of Saul: and he said,
The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, even mine;
3 The God of my rock, in him will I trust;
My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge;
My saviour, thou savest me from violence.
4 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
5 For the waves of death compassed me,
The floods of ¹³ungodliness made me afraid.
6 The cords of ¹⁴Sheol were round about me:
The snares of death came upon me.
7 In my distress I called upon the LORD,
Yea, I called unto my God:
And he heard my voice out of his temple,
And my cry came into his ears.
8 Then the earth shook and trembled,
The foundations of heaven moved
And were shaken, because he was wroth.
9 There went up a smoke ¹⁵out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured:
Coals were kindled by it.
10 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And thick darkness was under his feet.
11 And he rode upon a chernub, and did fly:
Yea, he was seen upon the wings of the wind.
12 And he made darkness pavilions round about him,
Gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
13 At the brightness before him
Coals of fire were kindled.

² In 1 Chr. xx. 4. Sippai.

⁹ In 1 Chr. xx. 6. the brother of Goliath.

¹⁰ Or, reproachful.

¹¹ In 1 Sam. xvi. 8. Shimeon.
¹² In 1 Chr. ii. 12. xx. 6. Shimeon.
¹³ See Ps. xviii.

¹³ Heb. Delud.

¹⁴ See Gen. xxviii. 35.

¹⁵ Or, in his wrath

² In 1 Sam. xviii. 16. Merab.

³ Or, broad place

⁴ Heb. Shesh.

⁵ Or, new armour

⁶ See 1 Chr. xx. 4-9.
⁷ In 1 Chr. xx. 4. Gesser.

<p>1 Or, great</p> <p>8 So Pa. xviii. 30. The text has, in-assembly.</p> <p>9 Or, whom thou wilt bring down</p> <p>10 Or, through</p> <p>11 Or, set-eth, from According to another reading, guideth my way in per-secution.</p> <p>12 Another reading is, He is a tower of deliverance.</p> <p>13 Heb. avivations.</p>	<p>14 The LORD thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered his voice.</p> <p>15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; Lightning, and discomfited them.</p> <p>16 Then the channels of the sea appeared. The foundations of the world were laid bare, By the rebuke of the LORD, At the blast of the breath of his nostrils.</p> <p>17 He sent from on high, he took me; He drew me out of many waters;</p> <p>18 He delivered me from my strong enemy, From them that hated me; for they were too mighty for me.</p> <p>19 They came upon me in the day of my calamity: But the LORD was my stay.</p> <p>20 He brought me forth also into a large place: He delivered me, because he delighted in me.</p> <p>21 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.</p> <p>22 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.</p> <p>23 For all his judgements were before me: And as for his statutes, I did not depart from them.</p> <p>24 I was also perfect toward him, And I kept myself from mine iniquity.</p> <p>25 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness; According to my cleanness in his eyesight.</p> <p>26 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, With the perfect man thou wilt shew thyself perfect;</p> <p>27 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; And with the perverse thou wilt shew thyself froward.</p> <p>28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: But thine eyes are upon the haughty, That thou mayest bring them down.</p> <p>29 For thou art my lamp, O LORD: And the LORD will lighten my darkness.</p> <p>30 For by thee I run upon a troop: By my God do I leap over a wall.</p> <p>31 As for God, his way is perfect: The word of the LORD is tried; He is a shield unto all them that trust in him.</p> <p>32 For who is God, save the LORD? And who is a rock, save our God?</p> <p>33 God is my strong fortress: And he guideth the perfect in his way.</p> <p>34 He maketh his feet like hinds' feet: And setteth me upon my high places.</p> <p>35 He teacheth my hands to war; So that mine arms do bend a bow of brass.</p>	<p>36 Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: And thy gentleness hath made me great.</p> <p>37 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, And my feet have not slipped.</p> <p>38 I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; Neither did I turn again till they were consumed.</p> <p>39 And I have consumed them, and smitten them through, that they cannot arise: Yea, they are fallen under my feet.</p> <p>40 For thou hast girded me with strength unto the battle: Thou hast subdued under me those that rose up against me.</p> <p>41 Thou hast also made mine enemies turn their backs unto me, That I might cut off them that hate me.</p> <p>42 They looked, but there was none to save; Even unto the LORD, but he answered them not.</p> <p>43 Then did I beat them small as the dust of the earth, I did stamp them as the mire of the streets, and did spread them abroad.</p> <p>44 Thou also hast delivered me from the strivings of my people; Thou hast kept me to be the head of the nations: A people whom I have not known shall serve me.</p> <p>45 The strangers shall submit themselves unto me: As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me.</p> <p>46 The strangers shall fade away, And shall come trembling out of their close places.</p> <p>47 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my rock; And exalted be the God of the rock of my salvation:</p> <p>48 Even the God that executeth vengeance for me, And bringeth down peoples under me,</p> <p>49 And that bringeth me forth from mine enemies: Yea, thou liftest me up above them that rise up against me: Thou deliverest me from the violent man.</p> <p>50 Therefore I will give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the nations, And will sing praises unto thy name.</p> <p>51 Great deliverance giveth he to his king: And sheweth lovingkindness to his anointed, To David and to his seed, for evermore.</p> <p>23 Now these be the last words of David. David the son of Jesse saith, And the man who was raised on high saith,</p>	<p>7 Or, consideration</p> <p>8 Heb. avivates.</p> <p>9 Heb. caused to bow.</p> <p>10 Or, wilt keep</p> <p>11 Or, yield, yielded, obedient Heb. etc.</p> <p>12 So Pa. xviii. 35. The text has, gird them, set on.</p> <p>13 Another reading is, He is a tower of deliverance.</p> <p>14 Heb. avivations.</p>
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The anointed of the God of Jacob,
And ¹the sweet psalmist of Israel:

- 2 The spirit of the Lord spake ²by me,
And his word was upon my tongue.
3 The God of Israel said,
The Rock of Israel spake to me:
³One that ruleth over men ⁴righteously,
That ruleth in the fear of God,
4 He shall be as the light of the morning,
when the sun riseth,
A morning without clouds;
When the tender grass springeth out of
the earth,
Through clear shining after rain.
5 ⁵Verily my house is not so with God;
Yet he hath made with me an ever-
lasting covenant,
Ordered in all things, and sure:
For it is all my salvation, and all my
desire,
Although he maketh it not to grow.
6 But ⁶the ungodly shall be all of them
as thorns to be thrust away,
For they cannot be taken with the
hand:
7 But the man that toucheth them
Must be ⁷armed with iron and the
staff of a spear;
And they shall be utterly burned with
fire in their place.
8 ⁸These be the names of the mighty
men whom David had: ⁹Josheb-bas-
shebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the
captains; the same was Adino the
Eznite, against eight hundred slain at
9 one time. And after him was Eleazar
the son of Dodai the son of an Ahohite,
one of the three mighty men with
David, when they defied the Philistines
that were there gathered together to
battle, and the men of Israel ¹⁰were
10 gone away: he arose, and smote the
Philistines until his hand was weary,
and his hand clave unto the sword:
and the Lord wrought a great ¹¹victory
that day; and the people returned after
11 him only to spoil. And after him was
Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite.
And the Philistines were gathered to-
gether ¹²into a troop, where was a plot
of ground full of lentils; and the people
12 fled from the Philistines. But he stood
in the midst of the plot, and defended
it, and slew the Philistines: and the
13 Lord wrought a great ¹¹victory. And
three of the thirty chief went down,
and came to David in the harvest time
unto the cave of Adullam; and the
troop of the Philistines were encamped
14 in the valley of Rephaim. And David
was then in the hold, and the garrison
of the Philistines was then in Beth-
15 lehem. And David longed, and said,
Oh that one would give me water to
drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which
16 is by the gate! And the three mighty
men brake through the host of the
Philistines, and drew water out of the
well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate,

- and took it, and brought it to David:
but he would not drink thereof, but
17 poured it out unto the Lord. And he
said, Be it far from me, O Lord, that I
should do this: *shall I drink the blood*
of the men that went ¹⁸in jeopardy of
their lives? therefore he would not drink
it. These things did the three mighty
18 men. And Abishai, the brother of Joab,
the son of Zeruiah, was chief of the
three. And he lifted up his spear a-
gainst three hundred ¹⁴and slew them,
and had a name among the three.
19 Was he not most honourable of the
three? therefore he was made their
captain: howbeit he attained not unto
20 the *first* three. And Benaiah the son of
Jehoiada, the son of ¹⁵a valiant man of
Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds,
he slew the two *sons* of Ariel of Moab:
he went down also and slew a lion in
21 the midst of a pit in time of snow: and
he slew an Egyptian, a goodly man: and
the Egyptian had a spear in his hand;
but he went down to him with a staff,
and plucked the spear out of the E-
gyptian's hand, and slew him with his
22 own spear. ²These things did Benaiah
the son of Jehoiada, and had a name
23 among the three mighty men. He was
more honourable than the thirty, but
he attained not to the *first* three. And
David set him over his ¹⁶guard.
24 Asahel the brother of Joab was one
of the thirty; Elhanan the son of
25 Dodo of Beth-lehem; Shammah the
26 Harodite, Elikai the Harodite; Helez
the Paltite, Ira the son of Ikesh the
27 Tekoite; Abiezer the Anathothite, Me-
28 bunnai the Hushathite; Zalmon the
29 Ahohite, Maharai the Netophathite; He-
leb the son of Baanah the Netophath-
ite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeath
30 of the children of Benjamin; Benaiah
a Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of
31 Gaash; Abi-albon the Arbathite, Az-
32 maveth the Barhumite; Eliahba the
Shaalbonite, the sons of Jashen, Jona-
33 than; Shammah the Hararite, Ahiam
34 the son of Shazar the Ararite; Eliphelet
the son of Ahasbai, the son of the
Mascatite, Eliam the son of Ahitho-
35 phel the Gilonite; ¹⁷Hezro the Carmel-
36 ite, Pearai the Arbite; Igal the son
of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite;
37 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the
Beerothite, ¹⁸armourbearers to Joab
38 the son of Zeruiah; Ira the Ithrite,
39 Gareb the Ithrite; Uriah the Hittite:
thirty and seven in all.
24 ¹⁹And again the anger of the Lord
was kindled against Israel, and he
moved David against them, saying, Go,
2 number Israel and Judah. And the
king said to Joab the captain of the
host, which was with him, Go now to
and fro through all the tribes of Israel,
from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and num-
ber ye the people, that I may know the

¹ Heb. *pleasure* in the *pasture* of Israel.
² Or, in

³ Or, There shall be *one*... and it shall be *as* *etc.*
⁴ Heb. a *righteous* *one*.

⁵ Or, For *it* will my house do with God *I* for *he*...
⁶ For all my salvation, and all my desire, and all my desire, will he not make it to grow?

⁷ Heb. *that is, sword-lance*.

⁸ Heb. *filled*.

⁹ See 1 Chr. xii. 11-12.

¹⁰ The name is probably corrupt. See 1 Chr. xii. 11.

¹¹ Heb. *word* *viz.*

¹² Heb. *subver-* *tion*.

¹³ Or, for *for-* *aging*

¹³ Heb. *with their* *flow*.

¹⁴ Heb. *slain*.

¹⁵ Ac- *cording* to another *reading*, *Jah-hai*.

¹⁶ Or, *concord*

¹⁷ Or, *Hezrai*

¹⁸ An- *other* *reading* is, *armour-bearer*.

¹⁹ See 1 Chr. xxi.

8 sum of the people. And Joab said unto the king, Now the LORD thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, an hundredfold, and may the eyes of my lord the king see it: but why doth my lord the king delight
4 in this thing? Notwithstanding the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel.
5 And they passed over Jordan, and pitched in Arzer, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the
6 valley ¹ of Gad, and unto Jazer: then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and round about to Zidon,
7 and came to the strong hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah, at Beer-sheba.
8 So when they had gone to and fro through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months
9 and twenty days. And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.
10 And David's heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto the LORD, I have sinned greatly in that I have done: but now, O LORD, put away, I beseech thee, the iniquity of thy servant; for
11 I have done very foolishly. And when David rose up in the morning, the word of the LORD came unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, Go and speak unto David, Thus saith the LORD, I ² offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it
12 unto thee. So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thy foes while they pursue thee? or shall there be three days' pestilence in thy land? now advise thee, and consider what answer I shall
14 return to him that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of

the LORD; for his mercies are ³ great: and let me not fall into the hand of
15 man. So the LORD sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed: and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-
16 sheba seventy thousand men. And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough; now stay thine hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing-floor of ⁴ Araunah the
17 Jebusite. And David spake unto the LORD when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done perversely: but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house.
18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor
19 of Araunah the Jebusite. And David went up according to the saying of
20 Gad, as the LORD commanded. And Araunah looked forth, and saw the king and his servants ⁵ coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king with his
21 face to the ground. And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor of thee, to build an altar unto the LORD, that the plague
22 may be stayed from the people. And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, the oxen for the burnt offering, and the threshing instruments and the furniture of the
23 oxen for the wood: ⁶ all this, O king, doth Araunah give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, The LORD
24 thy God accept thee. And the king said unto Araunah, Nay; but I will verily buy it of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God which cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver.
25 And David built there an altar unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was intreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

³ Or, many

⁴ Or, Araunah in 1 Chr. xxi. 15. Araunah.

⁵ Or, passing over

⁶ Or, all this did Araunah give the king.

¹ Or, toward

² Or, lay upon

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with 2 clothes, but he gat no heat. Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and cherish him; and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord 3 the king may get heat. So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the coasts of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the 4 king. And the damsel was very fair; and she cherished the king, and ministered to him; but the king knew 5 her not. Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, I will be king: and he prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run 6 before him. And his father had not displeased him ¹ at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he was also a very goodly man; and he was 7 born after Abesalom. And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him. But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men which belonged to David, were not with 9 Adonijah. And Adonijah ² slew sheep and oxen and fatlings by the stone of Zohaleth, which is beside En-rogel; and he called all his brethren the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the 10 king's servants: but Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he called 11 not. Then Nathan spake unto Bathsheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David 12 our lord knoweth it not? Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own life, and the life of thy son Solomon. 13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? why then doth Adonijah reign? 14 Behold, while thou yet talkest there with the king, I also will come in after 15 thee, and confirm thy words. And Bathsheba went in unto the king into the chamber: and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite min-

16 istered unto the king. And Bathsheba bowed, and did obeisance unto the king. And the king said, What wouldst thou? And she said unto him, My lord, thou swarest by the Lord thy God unto thine handmaid, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. 17 And now, behold, Adonijah reigneth; ³ and thou, my lord the king, knowest 18 it not: and he hath ⁴ slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host: but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. And ⁵ thou, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldst tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord 21 the king after him. Otherwise it shall come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted ⁶ of 22 fencers. And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet 23 came in. And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with 24 his face to the ground. And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou said, Adonijah shall reign after me, and he 25 shall sit upon my throne? For he is gone down this day, and hath ⁷ slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king's sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, God 26 save king Adonijah. But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. 27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not shewed unto thy ⁸ servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him? 28 Then king David answered and said, Call me Bathsheba. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before 29 the king. And the king sware, and said, As the Lord liveth, who hath redeemed 30 my soul out of all adversity, verily as I sware unto thee by the Lord, the God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; verily 31 so will I do this day. Then Bathsheba bowed with her face to the earth,

¹ Or, all his life

² Or, sacrificed

³ Another reading is, and now, my lord the king, thou &c.

⁴ Another reading is, now.

⁵ Heb. sinners.

⁶ Another reading is, servants.

and did obeisance to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 And king David said, Call me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And

33 they came before the king. And the king said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon:

34 and let Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him there king over Israel: and blow ye with the trumpet,

35 and say, God save king Solomon. Then ye shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead: and I have appointed him to be ¹prince over Israel

36 and over Judah. And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: the Lord, the God of my

37 lord the king, say so too. As the Lord hath been with my lord the king, even so be he with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my

38 lord king David. So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule, and brought him to

39 Gihon. And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the Tent, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; and all the people said, God save king

40 Solomon. And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth rent with the sound of

41 them. And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the

42 city being in an uproar? While he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiathar the priest came: and Adonijah said, Come in; for thou art a worthy man, and bringest good tidings.

43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Verily our lord king David

44 hath made Solomon king: and the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's

45 mule: and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon: and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have

46 heard. And also Solomon sitteth on the

47 throne of the kingdom. And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, *Thy God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne: and the king bowed

¹ Or,
leader

*Another
reading
omits
Thy.

48 himself upon the bed. And also thus said the king, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, which hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine

49 eyes even seeing it. And all the guests of Adonijah were afraid, and rose up,

50 and went every man his way. And Adonijah feared because of Solomon; and he arose, and went, and caught hold

51 on the horns of the altar. And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon: for, lo, he hath laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me ²this day that he will not slay his

52 servant with the sword. And Solomon said, If he shall shew himself a worthy man, there shall not an hair of him fall to the earth: but if wickedness be found

53 in him, he shall die. So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and did obeisance to king Solomon: and Solomon said unto him, Go to thine house.

2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged

2 Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong

8 therefore, and shew thyself a man; and keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, ³and his commandments, and his judgements, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest ⁴prosper in all that thou doest, and whitherso-

4 ever thou turnest thyself: that the Lord may establish his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail thee (said he) a man on the throne

5 of Israel. Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did unto me, even what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and ⁵shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and

6 in his shoes that were on his feet. Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to

7 ⁶the grave in peace. But shew kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table: for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom thy

8 brother. And, behold, there is with thee Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, of Bahurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mahanaim: but he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I sware to him by the Lord, saying, I will not put thee to

9 death with the sword. Now therefore hold him not guiltless, for thou art a wise

³ Or, ⁴swear
of all

⁴ Or, do
wisely

⁵ Heb.
-not

⁶ Heb.
Shaal.

man; and thou wilt know what thou oughtest to do unto him, and thou shalt bring his hoar head down to the grave with blood. And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

12 And Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly. Then Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peaceably? And he said, Peaceably. He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. And he said, Thou knowest that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother's: for it was his from the

16 LORD. And now I ask one petition of thee, ²deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, (for he will not say thee nay,) that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife.

18 And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king. Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set for the king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. Then she said, I ask one small petition of thee; deny me not. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother: for I will not deny thee. And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy

22 brother to wife. And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of

23 Zeruiah. Then king Solomon sware by the LORD, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah have not spoken this word against his own life. Now therefore as the LORD liveth, who hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me an house, as he promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to

25 death this day. And king Solomon sent by the hand of Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him, that he died. And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art ²worthy of death: but I will not at this time

put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of the Lord God before David

my father, and because thou wast afflicted in all wherein my father was

27 afflicted. So Solomon thrust out Abiathar from being priest unto the LORD; that he might fulfil ⁴the word of the LORD, which he spake concerning the

28 house of Eli in Shiloh. And the tidings came to Joab: for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the Tent of the LORD, and caught hold

29 on the horns of the altar. And it was told king Solomon, Joab is fled unto the Tent of the LORD, and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go,

30 fall upon him. And Benaiah came to the Tent of the LORD, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, Nay; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he

31 answered me. And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away the blood, which Joab shed without cause, from me and from my

32 father's house. And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, and my father David knew it not, to wit, Abner the son of Ner, captain of the host of Israel, and Amasa the son of Jether, captain

33 of the host of Judah. So shall their blood return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed for ever: but unto David, and unto his seed, and unto his house, and unto his throne, shall there be peace for ever

34 from the LORD. Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada went up, and fell upon him, and slew him; and he was buried in his own house in the wilderness.

35 And the king put Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his room over the host: and Zadok the priest did the king put

36 in the room of Abiathar. And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Build thee an house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, and go not

37 forth thence any whither. For on the day thou goest out, and passest over the brook Kidron, know thou for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood

38 shall be upon thine own head. And Shimei said unto the king, The saying is good: as my lord the king hath said, so will thy servant do. And Shimei

39 dwelt in Jerusalem many days. And it came to pass at the end of three years, that two of the servants of Shimei ran away unto Achish, son of Maacah, king of Gath. And they told Shimei, saying,

40 Behold, thy servants be in Gath. And Shimei arose, and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Achish, to seek his servants: and Shimei went, and brought

¹ Heb. Shaul.

² Heb. turn not away my face.

⁴ See I Sam. II. 27-34.

² Heb. a man of.

41 his servants from Gath. And it was told Solomon that Shimei had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and was come again. And the king sent and called for Shimei, and said unto him, Did I not make thee to swear by the Lord, and protested unto thee, saying, Know for certain, that on the day thou goest out, and walkest abroad any whither, thou shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, The saying that I have heard is good. Why then hast thou not kept the oath of the Lord, and the commandment that I have charged thee with?

44 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thine heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore the Lord shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head. But king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the Lord for ever. So the king commanded Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he went out, and fell upon him, that he died. And the kingdom was established in the hand of Solomon.

3 And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem round about.

2 Only the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of the Lord until those days. And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 ¹And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. In Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. And Solomon said, Thou hast shewed unto thy servant David my father great kindness, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great kindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child; I know not how to go out or come in.

8 And thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. Give thy servant therefore an ²understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy ³great people? And the speech pleased the

Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself ⁴long life; neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to ⁵discern judgement; behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an ²understanding heart; so that there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.

18 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honour, so that there ⁶shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, all thy days. And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days.

15 And Solomon awoke, and, behold, it was a dream: and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. And the one woman said, Oh my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. And it came to pass the third day after I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also; and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while this handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. And the king said, Fetch me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, Oh my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, It shall be neither mine nor thine; divide it.

⁴ Heb.
many
days.

⁵ Heb.
hear.

⁶ Or.
hath
not been

¹ See
² Chr.
1. 3. &c.

² Heb.
hearing.

³ Heb.
heavily.

27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. And all Israel heard of the judgement which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgement.

4 And king Solomon was king over all 2 Israel. And these were the princes which he had; Azariah the son of

8 Zadok, ¹the priest; Elihoreph and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, ²scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the ³recorder; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host; and Zadok and Abia-

5 thar were priests; and Azariah the son of Nathan was over ⁴the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was ⁵priest,

6 and the king's friend; and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the

7 son of Abda was over the levy. And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, which provided victuals for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for a month

8 in the year. And these are their names: Ben-hur, in the hill country

9 of Ephraim: Ben-deker, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and

10 Elon-beth-hanan: Ben-hesed, in Arubboth; to him pertained Socoh, and all

11 the land of Hephher: Ben-abinadab, in all ⁶the ⁷height of Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife:

12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean which is beside Zarethan, beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, as

13 far as ⁸beyond Jokmean: Ben-geber, in Ramoth-gilead; to him pertained

14 the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; even to him pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, threescore great cities

15 with walls and brassen bars: Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim:

16 Ahimaaz, in Naphtali; he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon to wife: Baana the son of Hushai, in Asher

17 and ¹⁰Bealoth: Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar: Shimei the son of

19 Ela, in Benjamin: Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan; ¹¹and he was the only

20 officer which was in the land. Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry.

21 ¹²And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought presents, and served Solomon all the days of his

22 life. And Solomon's provision for one day was thirty ¹³measures of fine flour, and threescore measures of meal;

23 ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred sheep,

beside harts, and gazelles, and roe-
24 bucks, and fatted fowl. For he had dominion over all *the region* ¹⁴on this side the River, from Tiphshah even to Gaza, over all the kings ¹⁴on this side the River: and he had peace ¹⁵on all 25 sides round about him. And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of

26 Solomon. And Solomon had ¹⁶forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen.

27 And those officers provided victual for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they let nothing be

28 lacking. Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steeds brought they unto the place ¹⁷where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that

30 is on the sea shore. And Solomon's wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east, and all the wisdom

31 of Egypt. For he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrahite, and Heman, and Calcol, and Darda, the sons of Mahol: and his fame was in all the

32 nations round about. And he spake three thousand and proverbs: and his songs

33 were a thousand and five. And he spake of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of fowl, and of creeping

34 things, and of fishes. And there came of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, which had heard of his wisdom.

5 ¹⁸And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed him king in the room of his father: for Hiram

2 was ever a lover of David. And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, Thou knowest how that David my father could not build an house for the name of the LORD his God for the wars which were about him on every side, until the LORD put

4 them under the soles of his feet. But now the LORD my God hath given me rest on every side; there is neither ad-

5 versary, nor evil occurrence. And, behold, I purpose to build an house for the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy room, he shall build the house

6 for my name. Now therefore command thou that they hew me cedar trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants; and I will give thee hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt say: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that can skill to hew timber like unto the

¹⁴ Or, beyond the River

¹⁵ Some authorities read, with all his servants.

¹⁶ In 2 Chr. ix. 25, four thousand.

¹⁷ Or, where he (that is, the king) was. Or, where it should be

[Ch. v. 12 in Heb.]
¹⁸ See 2 Chr. ii. 3, &c.

¹ See 1 Chr. vi. 10.
² Or, scribes.
³ Or, chronicler.
⁴ See ver. 7.
⁵ Or, chief minister.
See 2 Sam. viii. 18.

⁶ Or, Naphtali.
⁷ Or, region.

⁸ Or, over against.
⁹ Or, Beasoth-jair.

¹⁰ Or, in Aloth.

¹¹ Heb. and over officer.

[Ch. v. 1 in Heb.]
¹² See 2 Chr. ix. 28.

¹³ Heb. oar.

7 Zidonians. And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, which hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have heard the message which thou hast sent unto me: I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir.

9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea: and I will make them into rafts to go by sea unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and thou shalt receive them: and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. So Hiram gave Solomon timber of cedar and timber of fir according to all his desire. And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses: a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the levy. And Solomon had threescore and ten thousand that bare burdens, and fourscore thousand that were hewers in the mountains; besides Solomon's chief officers that were over the work, three thousand and three hundred, which bare rule over the people that wrought in the work. And the king commanded, and they hewed out great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with wrought stone. And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the Gebalites did fashion them, and prepared the timber and the stones to build the house.

6 And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, that he began to build the house of the LORD. And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length thereof was threescore cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits. And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house. And for the house he made windows of fixed lattice-

work. And against the wall of the house he built stories round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the oracle: and he made side-chambers round about: the nethermost story was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad: for on the outside he made rebate-ments in the wall of the house round about, that the beams should not have hold in the walls of the house. And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready at the quarry: and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. The door for the middle side-chambers was in the right side of the house: and they went up by winding stairs into the middle chambers, and out of the middle into the third. So he built the house, and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and planks of cedar.

10 And he built the stories against all the house, each five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

11 And the word of the LORD came to Solomon, saying, Concerning this house which thou art in building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute my judgements, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I establish my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father. And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it. And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house unto the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood: and he covered the floor of the house with boards of fir.

15 And he built twenty cubits on the hinder part of the house with boards of cedar from the floor unto the walls: he even built them for it within, for an oracle, even for the most holy place. And the house, that is, the temple before the oracle, was forty cubits long.

18 And there was cedar on the house within, carved with knops and open flowers: all was cedar; there was no stone seen. And he prepared an oracle in the midst of the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. And within the oracle was a space of twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof; and he overlaid it with pure gold: and he covered the altar with cedar. So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he drew chains of gold across before the oracle; and he overlaid it with gold.

22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished: also the whole altar that belonged to

11 That is, the most holy place.

15 Or, when it was brought away

12 The Sept. and Targum have, however,

14 Heb. shekel.

15 Heb. room.

16 Or, he fastened the house

17 Or, both the floor of the house and the walls &c. and so ver. 16.

18 See 2 Chr. iii. 8.

19 The Sept. has, beams.

22 Or, gourd.

22 Or, he overlaid the altar also, which was of cedar

1 Or, express

2 Or, carry them away

3 Heb. Hiram, and in ver. 18.

4 Heb. cor.

5 Or, boatmen

6 Or, brought away

7 See 2 Chr. iii. 1, 2.

8 Heb. built.

9 That is, the holy place.
10 Or, windows broad within, and narrow without.

¹ See
2 Chr.
iii. 16 -
12

28 the oracle he overlaid with gold. ¹ And in the oracle he made two cherubim of 24 olive wood, each ten cubits high. And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the one wing unto the uttermost part 25 of the other were ten cubits. And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were of one measure and one 26 form. The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the 27 other cherub. And he set the cherubim within the inner house: and the wings of the cherubim were stretched forth, so that the wing of the one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall; and their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. And he overlaid the cherubim with gold. 29 And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm trees and open 30 flowers, within and without. And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, 31 within and without. And for the entering of the oracle he made doors of olive wood: the ² lintel and door posts were 32 a fifth part of the wall. So he made two doors of olive wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm 33 trees. So also made he for the entering of the temple door posts of olive wood, 34 out of a fourth part of the wall; and two doors of ³ fir wood; the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. 35 And he carved thereon cherubim and palm trees and open flowers: and he overlaid them with gold fitted upon 36 the graven work. And he built the inner court with three rows of hewn stone, 37 and a row of cedar beams. In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of 38 the Lord laid, in the month Ziv. And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house finished ⁴ throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it. 7 And Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all 2 his house. For he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was an hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon 3 the pillars. And it was covered with cedar above over the forty and five ⁵ beams, that were upon the pillars; 4 fifteen in a row. And there were ⁶ prospects in three rows, and light was over against light in three ranks. 5 And all the doors and posts ⁷ were

² Or,
posts

³ Or,
cypress

⁴ Or, with all the apparatus thereof, and with all the ordinariness thereof

⁵ Or, side-chambers
Heb. ribs.

⁶ Or, beams

⁷ Or, were made square with beams

square in prospect; and light was over 6 against light in three ranks. And he made the porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits; and a porch before them; and pillars and ⁸ thick 7 beams before them. And he made the porch of the throne where he might judge, even the porch of judgement: and it was covered with cedar from 8 floor to floor. And his house where he might dwell, the other court within the porch, was of the like work. He made also an house for Pharaoh's daughter, (whom Solomon had taken to wife,) 9 like unto this porch. All these were of costly stones, even of hewn stone, ⁹ according to measure, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside unto the great court. 10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. 11 And above were costly stones, even hewn stone, according to measure, and 12 cedar wood. And the great court round about had three rows of hewn stone, and a row of cedar beams; ¹⁰ like as the inner court of the house of the Lord, and the porch of the house. 13 And king Solomon sent and fetched 14 Hiram out of Tyre. ¹¹ He was the son of a widow woman of the tribe of Naphtali, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass; and he was filled with wisdom and understanding and cunning, to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon, 15 and wrought all his work. For he fashioned the two pillars of brass, ¹² of eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits compassed ¹² either 16 of them about. And he made two chapters of molten brass, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one chapter was five cubits, and the height of the other chapter was five cubits. 17 There were nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the chapters which were upon the top of the pillars; seven for the one chapter, and seven 18 for the other chapter. So he made the pillars; and there were two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the chapters that were upon the top of the ¹³ pillars: and so did he for the other 19 chapter. And the chapters that were upon the top of the pillars in the porch 20 were of lily work, four cubits. And there were chapters above also upon the two pillars, close by the belly which was beside the network: but the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows round 21 about upon the other chapter. ¹⁴ And he set up the pillars at the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof ¹⁵ Jachin: and he set up the left pillar, and called the

⁸ Or, a threshold

⁹ Or, after divers measures

¹⁰ Or, both for ... and for

¹¹ See
2 Chr.
ii. 14

¹² Heb. eighteen cubits was the height of one pillar.
¹³ Heb. the other pillar.

¹⁴ So some ancient authorities. The text has, pomegranates.

¹⁵ See
2 Chr.
iii. 17.

¹⁶ That is, He shall establish.

¹ That is, perhaps, *in its strength.*
² See 3 Chr. iv. 2, &c.

³ Or, *ten in a cubit*

⁴ Or, *panels* (and so in ver. 29, &c.)

⁵ Or, *over borders*

⁶ Or, *it was in like manner above*

⁷ Heb. *about*—*do*—*u*.

⁸ Heb. *hands*.

⁹ See 2 Chr. iv. 14.
¹⁰ See 3 Chr. iv. 6, &c.

22 name thereof ¹Boaz. And upon the top of the pillars was lily work: so was 23 the work of the pillars finished. ²And he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height thereof was five cubits: and a line of thirty cubits compassed 24 it round about. And under the brim of it round about there were knobs which did compass it, ³for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about: the knobs were in two rows, cast when it was 25 cast. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set upon them above, and all their 26 hinder parts were inward. And it was an handbreadth thick; and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it held two 27 thousand baths. And he made the ten bases of brass; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the 28 height of it. And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had ⁴borders; ⁵and there were borders between the 29 ledges: and on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim; and upon the ledges ⁶there was a pedestal above: and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths 30 of hanging work. And every base had four brazen wheels, and axles of brass: and the four feet thereof had ⁷undersetters: beneath the laver were the undersetters molten, with wreaths at 31 the side of each. And the mouth of it within the chapter and above was a cubit: and the mouth thereof was round after the work of a pedestal, a cubit and an half: and also upon the mouth of it were gravings, and their borders were foursquare, not round. 32 And the four wheels were underneath the borders; and the axletrees of the wheels were in the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. 33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their fellows, and their spokes, 34 and their naves, were all molten. And there were four undersetters at the four corners of each base: the undersetters 35 thereof were of the base itself. And in the top of the base was there a round compass of half a cubit high: and on the top of the base the ⁸stays thereof and the borders thereof were of the 36 same. And on the plates of the stays thereof, and on the borders thereof, he graved cherubim, lions, and palm trees, according to the space of each, with 37 wreaths round about. ⁹After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one 38 form. ¹⁰And he made ten lavers of brass:

one laver contained forty baths: and every laver was four cubits: and upon every one of the ten bases one laver. 39 And he set the bases, five on the right ¹¹side of the house, and five on the left side of the house: and he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, 40 toward the south. And ¹²Hiram made the ¹³lavers, and the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he wrought for king 41 Solomon in the house of the LORD: the two pillars, and the two bowls of the chapters that were on the top of the pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were 42 on the top of the pillars; and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were ¹⁴upon the 43 pillars; and the ten bases, and the ten 44 lavers on the bases; and the one sea, and 45 the twelve oxen under the sea; and the pots, and the shovels, and the basins: even all ¹⁵these vessels, which Hiram made for king Solomon, in the house of 46 the LORD, were of burnished brass. In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zarethan. And Solomon left all the vessels ¹⁶unweighed, because they were exceeding many: the weight of 47 the brass ¹⁷could not be found out. And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of the LORD: the golden altar, and the table whereupon the 48 shewbread was, of gold; and the candlesticks, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and 50 the tongs, of gold; and the cups, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the inner house, the most holy place, and for the doors of the house, *to wit*, of the 51 temple, of gold. ¹⁸Thus all the work that king Solomon wrought in the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated, *even* the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of the LORD.

8 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of 2 David, which is Zion. And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast, in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. 3 And all the elders of Israel came, and 4 the priests took up the ark. And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels

¹¹ Heb. *about*—*der*.

¹² Heb. *Hiram*.
¹³ Many ancient authorities read, *pots*.

¹⁴ Heb. *upon the face of the pillars*.

¹⁵ Another reading is, *the vessels of the Tent*.

¹⁶ Or, *was not searched out*

¹⁷ See 3 Chr. v. 1, &c.

that were in the Tent; even these did the priests and the Levites bring up.
 5 And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude.
 6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the 7 cherubim. For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark 8 and the staves thereof above. And ¹the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the holy place before the oracle; but they were not seen without: and there they are, 9 unto this day. There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb, ²when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out 10 of the land of Egypt. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, that the cloud filled 11 the house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord filled the house of the Lord.
 12 ³Then spake Solomon, The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick 13 darkness. I have surely built thee an house of habitation, a place for thee to 14 dwell in for ever. And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood. And he said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his 15 hand fulfilled it, saying, Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house, that my name might be there; but I chose David to be over my people Israel.
 17 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel.
 18 But the Lord said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well that it was in thine heart: 19 nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the 20 house for my name. And the Lord hath established his word that he spake; for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the 21 Lord, the God of Israel. And therein have I set a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 And Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth 23 his hands toward heaven: and he said, O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath; who keepest covenant and mercy ⁴with thy servants, that walk 24 before thee with all their heart: who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou didst promise him: yea, thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as 25 it is this day. Now therefore, O Lord, the God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, ⁵There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; if only thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me as thou hast walked before 26 me. Now therefore, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant 27 David my father. But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house 28 that I have builded! Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth 29 before thee this day: that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place whereof thou hast said, My name shall be there: to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward 30 this place. And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place; and when 31 thou hearest, forgive. ⁶If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come and swear before thine 32 altar in this house: then hear thou in heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to 33 his righteousness. When thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; if they turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication unto thee in this house: 34 then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou 35 gavest unto their fathers. When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, 36 ⁷when thou ⁸dost afflict them: then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of

¹ Or, they drew out the staves, so that &c.

² Or, where

³ See 2 Chr. vi. 1, &c.

⁴ Or, for

⁵ Heb. There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight.

⁶ Or, Where-ever a man shall sin

⁷ Or, because
⁸ Or, if thou dost afflict

¹ Or,
because

thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their cities; whatsoever plague, what-

² Heb.
gates.

38 soever sickness there be; what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands

39 toward this house: then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children

40 of men;) that they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which

41 thou gavest unto our fathers. Moreover concerning the stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, when he shall come out of a far country for thy name's

42 sake; (for they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy mighty hand, and of thy stretched out arm;) when he shall

43 come and pray toward this house; hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and that they may know that ³this house which

³ Or,
thy
name is
called
upon
this
house &c.

44 I have built is called by thy name. If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto the Lord toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built

45 for thy name: then hear thou in heaven their prayer and their supplication,

⁴ Or,
right

46 and maintain their ⁴cause. If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that ⁵they carry them away captive

⁵ Heb.
they that
take
them
captive
carry
them
away.

47 unto the land of the enemy, far off or near; yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captive,

saying, We have sinned, and have done ⁶perversely, we have dealt wickedly; if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, which carried them captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest

48 unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I

49 have built for thy name: then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in heaven thy dwelling place, and

50 maintain their ⁴cause; and forgive thy

people which have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee; and give them ⁶compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them:

⁶ Heb.
to be
for
com-
passion.

51 for they be thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the

52 furnace of iron: that thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them

53 whensoever they cry unto thee. For thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord God.

54 ⁷And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the Lord, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread forth toward heaven.

⁷ See
2 Chr.
vii. 1, &c.

55 And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice,

56 saying, Blessed be the Lord, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not ⁸failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by the hand

⁸ Heb.
fallen.

57 of Moses his servant. The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor for-

58 sake us: that he may incline our hearts unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his judgements, which he

59 commanded our fathers. And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord our God day and night, that he maintain the cause of his servant,

and the cause of his people Israel, ⁹as every day shall require: that all the peoples of the earth may know that the Lord, he is God; there is none else.

⁹ Heb.
the
thing
of a
day
in its
day.

61 Let your heart therefore be perfect with the Lord our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments,

62 as at this day. And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before

63 the Lord. And Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered unto the Lord, two and twenty thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated

64 the house of the Lord. The same day did the king hallow the middle of the court that was before the house of the Lord; for there he offered the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar that was before the Lord was too little to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, and the

65 fat of the peace offerings. So Solomon held the feast at that time, and all Israel with him, a great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the brook of Egypt, before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, 66 even fourteen days. On the eighth day he sent the people away, and they blessed the king, and went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David his servant, and to Israel his people.

9 ¹ And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's ² desire which he was 2 pleased to do, that the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had 3 appeared unto him at Gibeon. And the LORD said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there perpetually. 4 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep 5 my statutes and my judgements; then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom over Israel for ever; according as I ⁶ promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man 6 upon the throne of Israel. But if ye shall turn away from following me, ye or your children, and not keep my commandments and my statutes which I have set before you, but shall go and serve other gods, and worship them: 7 then will I cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight; and Israel shall be a proverb and a byword 8 among all peoples: ⁹ and though this house be so high, yet shall every one that passeth by it be astonished, and shall hiss; and they shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and 9 to this house? And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD their God, which brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath the LORD brought all this evil upon them.

10 ⁶ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the 11 LORD and the king's house, (now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty 12 cities in the land of Galilee. And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities

which Solomon had given him; and 13 they pleased him not. And he said, What cities are these which thou hast given me, my brother? And ⁶ he called them the land of Cabul, unto this day.

14 And Hiram sent to the king sixscore talents of gold.

15 And this is the ⁷ reason of the levy which king Solomon raised; for to build the house of the LORD, and his own house, and Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hazor, and Megiddo,

16 and Gezer. Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and taken Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it for a portion unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. And Solomon built Gezer,

18 and Beth-horon the nether, and Baalath, and ⁸ Tamar in the wilderness, in 19 the land, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horse-

men, and that which Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of 20 his dominion. As for all the people that were left of the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were not of

21 the children of Israel; their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel were not able utterly to destroy, of them did Solomon raise a levy of bondservants,

22 unto this day. But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondservants: but they were the men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his

23 chariots and of his horsemen. These were the chief officers that were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, which bare rule over the people that

24 wrought in the work. But Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David unto her house which Solomon had built for her: then did he build

25 Millo. And three times in a year did Solomon offer burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he built unto the LORD, burning incense there-with, ⁹ upon the altar that was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

26 And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in 27 the land of Edom. And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea, with the

28 servants of Solomon. And they came to Ophir, and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

10 ⁹ And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD, she came to prove 2 him with hard questions. And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train,

¹ See
2 Chr.
vii. 11.
etc.

² Or,
delight

³ Or,
spoke
concern-
ing

⁴ Or,
and this
house
shall be
high;
every
one etc.

⁵ See
2 Chr.
viii. 1.
etc.

⁶ Or,
they
were
called

⁷ Or,
account

⁸ Another
reading
is, Tadmor.
So
2 Chr.
viii. 4.

⁹ See
2 Chr.
ix. 1, etc.

with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not any thing hid from the king which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom. Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard. Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgement and justice. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices very great store, and precious stones: there came no more such abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. And the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almsgum trees and precious stones. And the king made of the almsgum trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, harps also and psalteries for the singers: there came no such almsgum trees, nor were seen, unto this day. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, beside that which the chapmen brought, and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of the mingled people, and of the governors of the country. And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold went to one target. And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pound of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest

gold. There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round behind: and there were stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays. And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any kingdom. And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish with the navy of Hiram: once every three years came the navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart.

25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, and armour, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance.

11 And the horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt; and the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

11 Now king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites; of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

1 Heb. standing.
2 Ma. burnt offering which he offered in etc.

3 Or. sayings

4 Heb. thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the throne.

5 In 2 Chr. ii. 8, ix. 10, almsgum trees. Perhaps, sandal wood.

6 Or, a swelling Heb. a prop.
7 Heb. which he gave her according to the hand of King Solomon.

8 Heb. match.

9 Or, arms Heb. hands.

10 See 2 Chr. i. 14-17.

11 See 2 Chr. i. 16, ix. 28.

12 Heb. in their hands.

13 Or, besides.

6 And Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, as did David his father. Then did Solomon build an high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, in the mount that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon. And so did he for all his strange wives, which burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 And the Lord was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from the Lord, the God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the Lord commanded. Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this ¹is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it, for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to thy son, for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

14 And the Lord raised up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom.

15 For it came to pass, when David ²was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, and had smitten every male in Edom; (for Joab and all Israel remained there six months, until he had cut off every male in Edom;) that Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child. And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of 20 Tahpenes the queen. And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's house among the sons of Pharaoh.

21 And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me depart in any wise.

23 And God raised up another adversary unto him, Rezon the son of Eliada, which had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah: and he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a troop, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

26 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother's name was Zeruah, a widow woman, he also lifted up his hand against the king. And this was the cause that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built Millo, and ³repaired the breach of the city of David his father. And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon saw the young man that he was industrious, and he gave him charge over all the ⁴labour of the house of Joseph. And it came to pass at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; now Ahijah had clad himself with a new garment; and they 30 two were alone in the field. And Ahijah laid hold of the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces. And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces: for thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee: (but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of 33 Israel:) because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ash-toreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon; and they have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgements, 34 as did David his father. Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand: but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servant's sake, whom I chose, ⁵because he kept my commandments and my 35 statutes: but I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it 36 unto thee, even ten tribes. And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a lamp alway before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen me to put 37 my name there. And I will take thee, and thou shalt reign ⁶according to all that thy soul desireth, and shalt be 38 king over Israel. And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I com-

¹ Heb. to with thee.

² The Sept. and Syr. read, destroyed Edom.

³ Heb. closed up.

⁴ Heb. burden.

⁵ Or, who kept

⁶ Or, over all

mand thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that which is right in mine eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and will build thee a sure house, as I built for David, 39 and will give Israel unto thee. And I will for this afflict the seed of David, but 40 not for ever. Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam: but Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 ¹ Now the rest of the ² acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the 42 book of the acts of Solomon? And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. 43 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father. And Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

12 ³ And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem 2 to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was yet in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt 3 in Egypt, and they sent and called him;) that Jeroboam and all the congregation of Israel came, and spake 4 unto Rehoboam, saying, Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will 5 serve thee. And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed. 6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to 7 return answer to this people? And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then 8 they will be thy servants for ever. But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men that were grown up with him, that stood before 9 him. And he said unto them, What counsel give ye, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke that thy father did put upon us lighter? 10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto this people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou speak unto them, My little finger is thicker 11 than my father's loins. And now where-as my father did lade you with a heavy

yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will 12 chastise you with scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come to me again the third day. 13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him; 14 and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you 15 with scorpions. So the king hearkened not unto the people; for it was a thing brought about of the Lord, that he might establish his word, which the Lord spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the 16 son of Nebat. And when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So Israel 17 departed unto their tents. But as for the children of Israel which dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned 18 over them. Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the levy; and all Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. And king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to 19 flee to Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against the house of David, unto this 20 day. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was returned, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21 ⁴ And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam 22 the son of Solomon. But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of 23 God, saying, Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the ⁵ rest of the people, saying, 24 Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is of me. So they hearkened unto the word of the Lord, and returned and went their way, according to the word of the Lord. 25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and he went out 26 from thence, and built Penuel. And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now

¹ See
² Chr.
ix. 29,
&c.
³ Or,
words
Or,
matters

³ See
² Chr.
x. 1, &c.

⁴ See
² Chr.
xi. 1, &c.

⁵ See
ver. 17

shall the kingdom return to the house
 27 of David: if this people go up to offer
 sacrifices in the house of the Lord at
 Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this
 people turn again unto their lord, even
 unto Rehoboam king of Judah; and
 they shall kill me, and return to Reho-
 28 boam king of Judah. Whereupon the
 king took counsel, and made two calves
 of gold; and he said unto them, ¹It is
 too much for you to go up to Jerusa-
 lem; behold thy gods, O Israel, which
 brought thee up out of the land of
 29 Egypt. And he set the one in Beth-
 30 el, and the other put he in Dan. And
 this thing became a sin: for the people
 went to worship before ²the one, even
 31 unto Dan. And he made houses of high
 places, and made priests from among
 all the people, which were not of the
 32 sons of Levi. And Jeroboam ordained
 a feast in the eighth month, on the
 fifteenth day of the month, like unto
 the feast that is in Judah, and he ³went
 up unto the altar; so did he in Beth-el,
⁴sacrificing unto the calves that he had
 made; and he placed in Beth-el the
 priests of the high places which he had
 33 made. And he ⁵went up unto the altar
 which he had made in Beth-el on the
 fifteenth day in the eighth month, even
 in the month which he had devised ⁶of
 his own heart: and he ordained a feast
 for the children of Israel, and ⁷went up
 unto the altar, to burn incense.

13 And, behold, there came a man of God
 out of Judah by the word of the Lord
 unto Beth-el: and Jeroboam was stand-
 2 ing by the altar to burn incense. And
 he cried against the altar by the word of
 the Lord, and said, O altar, altar, thus
 saith the Lord: Behold, a child shall
 be born unto the house of David, Josiah
 by name; and upon thee shall he sacri-
 fice the priests of the high places that
 burn incense upon thee, and men's
 3 bones shall they burn upon thee. And
 he gave a sign the same day, saying,
 This is the sign which the Lord hath
 spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent,
 and the ashes that are upon it shall be
 4 poured out. And it came to pass, when
 the king heard the saying of the man of
 God, which he cried against the altar
 in Beth-el, that Jeroboam put forth his
 hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold
 on him. And his hand, which he put
 forth against him, dried up, so that
 he could not draw it back again to
 5 him. The altar also was rent, and the
 ashes poured out from the altar,
 according to the sign which the man
 of God had given by the word of the
 6 Lord. And the king answered and
 said unto the man of God, Intreat
 now the favour of the Lord thy God,
 and pray for me, that my hand may
 be restored me again. And the man
 of God intreated the Lord, and the

king's hand was restored him again,
 7 and became as it was before. And
 the king said unto the man of God,
 Come home with me, and refresh
 thyself, and I will give thee a reward.
 8 And the man of God said unto the
 king, If thou wilt give me half thine
 house, I will not go in with thee, neither
 will I eat bread nor drink water in this
 9 place: for so was it charged me by the
 word of the Lord, saying, Thou shalt
 eat no bread, nor drink water, neither
 return by the way that thou camest.
 10 So he went another way, and re-
 turned not by the way that he came
 to Beth-el.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in
 Beth-el; and ⁸one of his sons came
 and told him all the works that the
 man of God had done that day in Beth-
 el: the words which he had spoken unto
 the king, them also they told unto their
 12 father. And their father said unto them,
 What way went he? ⁹Now his sons had
 seen what way the man of God went,
 13 which came from Judah. And he said
 unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So
 they saddled him the ass: and he rode
 14 thereon. And he went after the man
 of God, and found him sitting under an
¹⁰oak: and he said unto him, Art thou the
 man of God that camest from Judah?
 15 And he said, I am. Then he said unto
 him, Come home with me, and eat
 16 bread. And he said, I may not return
 with thee, nor go in with thee: neither
 will I eat bread nor drink water with
 17 thee in this place: for it was said to
 me by the word of the Lord, Thou
 shalt eat no bread nor drink water
 there, nor turn again to go by the way
 18 that thou camest. And he said unto
 him, I also am a prophet as thou art;
 and an angel spake unto me by the
 word of the Lord, saying, Bring him
 back with thee into thine house, that
 he may eat bread and drink water.
 19 But he lied unto him. So he went
 back with him, and did eat bread in
 20 his house, and drank water. And it
 came to pass, as they sat at the table,
 that the word of the Lord came unto
 the prophet that brought him back:
 21 and he cried unto the man of God that
 came from Judah, saying, Thus saith
 the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast
¹¹been disobedient unto the mouth of
 the Lord, and hast not kept the com-
 mandment which the Lord thy God
 22 commanded thee, but camest back, and
 hast eaten bread and drunk water in
 the place of the which he said to thee,
 Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy
 carcase shall not come unto the sepul-
 23 chre of thy fathers. And it came to
 pass, after he had eaten bread, and
 after he had drunk, that he saddled
 for him the ass, ¹²to wit, for the prophet
 24 whom he had brought back. And

¹ Or, Ye
have
gone up
long
enough

² Or,
each of
them

³ Or,
offered
upon

⁴ Or, to
sacrifice

⁵ Another
reading
is, apart.

⁸ Heb.
his son.

⁹ Accord-
ing to
some
ancient
versions,
and his
sons
saddled
him.

¹⁰ Or,
terre-
binth

¹¹ Or,
rebelled
against
the word

when he was gone, a lion met him by the way, and slew him: and his carcase was cast in the way, and the ass stood by it: the lion also stood by the carcase.

25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the carcase cast in the way, and the lion standing by the carcase: and they came and told it in the city where the 26 old prophet dwelt. And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who ¹ was disobedient unto the mouth of the LORD: therefore the LORD hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the

27 LORD, which he spake unto him. And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled it.

28 And he went and found his carcase cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the carcase: the lion had not eaten the carcase, nor torn 29 the ass. And the prophet took up the carcase of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back: and he came to the city of the old prophet, to mourn, and to bury him.

30 And he laid his carcase in his own grave; and they mourned over him, 31 saying, Alas, my brother! And it came to pass, after he had buried him, that he spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried;

32 lay my bones beside his bones. For the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Samaria, shall surely come to pass.

33 After this thing Jeroboam returned not from his evil way, but made again from among all the people priests of the high places: ² whosoever would, he consecrated him, that there might 34 be priests of the high places. And ³ this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

14 At that time Abijah the son of 2 Jeroboam fell sick. And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam: and get thee to Shiloh; behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which spake concerning me that I should be king over 3 this people. And take with thee ten loaves, and cracknels, and a ⁴ cruse of honey, and go to him: he shall tell thee what shall become of the child.

4 And Jeroboam's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Ahijah. Now Ahijah could not see; for his eyes were 5 set by reason of his age. And the LORD said unto Ahijah, Behold, the

wife of Jeroboam cometh to inquire of thee concerning her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her: for it shall be, when she cometh in, that she shall feign herself 6 to be another woman. And it was so, when Ahijah heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said, Come in, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with

7 heavy tidings. Go, tell Jeroboam, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee ⁸ prince over 8 my people Israel, and rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee: and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do that only which

9 was right in mine eyes; but hast done evil above all that were before thee, and hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy 10 back: therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every man child, him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweepeth away dung,

11 till it be all gone. Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the air eat: for the 12 LORD hath spoken it. Arise thou therefore, get thee to thine house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the 13 child shall die. And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him; for he only of Jeroboam shall come to the grave: because in him there is found some good thing toward the LORD, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

14 Moreover the LORD shall raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: ⁶ but what? 15 even now. For the LORD shall smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water; and he shall root up Israel out of this good land, which he gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the River; because they have made their Asherim, provoking the LORD to 16 anger. And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, ⁷ which he hath sinned, and wherewith he hath 17 made Israel to sin. And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and as she came to the threshold of the house, the child died.

18 And all Israel buried him, and mourned for him; according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of 19 his servant Ahijah the prophet. And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold,

¹ Or, rebelled against the word

⁸ Or, leader

² Or, whomsoever he would

³ Or, by this thing he became

⁴ Or, bottle

⁶ Or, and what even now?

⁷ Or, who did sin, and who made &c.

they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

20 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were two and twenty years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¹And Rehoboam the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Naamah the 22 Ammonitess. And Judah did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above 23 all that their fathers had done. For they also built them high places, and ²pillars, and Asherim, on every high hill, and under every green tree; 24 and there were also ³sodomites in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which the LORD drave out before the child- 25 ren of Israel. ⁴And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up 26 against Jerusalem: and he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which 27 Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam made in their stead shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the ⁵guard, which kept the door of the king's house.

28 And it was so, that as oft as the king went into the house of the LORD, the guard bare them, and brought them 29 back into the guard chamber. ⁶Now the rest of the acts of Rehoboam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings 30 of Judah? And there was war between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually.

31 And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. And ⁷Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

15 ⁸Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat began 2 Abijam to reign over Judah. Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was ⁹Maacah the 3 daughter of ¹⁰Abishalom. And he walked in all the sins of his father, which he had done before him: and his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David 4 his father. Nevertheless for David's sake did the LORD his God give him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jeru- 5 salem: because David did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and

turned not aside from any thing that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah 6 the Hittite. Now there was war between ¹¹Rehoboam and Jeroboam all 7 the days of his life. And the rest of the acts of Abijam, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Ju- dah? And there was war between 8 Abijam and Jeroboam. ¹²And Abijam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Asa his son reigned in his stead.

9 And in the twentieth year of Je- roboam king of Israel began Asa to 10 reign over Judah. And forty and one years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Maacah 11 the daughter of Abishalom. And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, as did David his father.

12 And he put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols 13 that his fathers had made. ¹³And also Maacah his mother he removed from being ¹⁴queen, because she had made an abominable image ¹⁵for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt 14 it at the brook Kidron. But the high places were not taken away: neverthe- less the heart of Asa was perfect with 15 the LORD all his days. And he brought into the house of the LORD the things that his father had dedicated, and the things that himself had dedicated, sil- 16 ver, and gold, and vessels. And there was war between Asa and Baasha 17 king of Israel all their days. ¹⁶And Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in: 18 Asa king of Judah. Then Asa took all the silver and the gold that were left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants: and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezion, king of Syria, that 19 dwelt at Damascus, saying, ¹⁷There is a league between me and thee, between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may 20 depart from me. And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinner- 21 oth, with all the land of Naphtali. And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ra- 22 mah, and dwelt in Tirzah. Then king Asa made a proclamation unto all Judah; none was exempted: and they carried a- way the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded;

¹¹ Ac-
cording
to some
author-
ities,
Abijam.

¹⁸ See
2 Chr.
xiv. 1. &c

¹³ See
9 Chr.
xv. 16—
18.
¹⁴ Or,
queen
mother
¹⁵ Or, for
Asherah

¹⁶ See
2 Chr.
xvi. 1—6.

¹⁷ Or, Let
there be

¹ See
2 Chr.
xix. 11.

² Or,
obelisks

³ See
Deut.
xxiii. 17.

⁴ See
9 Chr.
xii. 2.
—11.

⁵ Heb.
rum-
mure.

⁶ See
2 Chr.
xii. 10, 11.

⁷ In
2 Chr.
xii. 16.
Abijam.

⁸ See
2 Chr.
xii. 1.
&c.

⁹ In
2 Chr.
xii. 2.
Abishalom
the
daughter
of
Uriah.

¹⁰ In
2 Chr.
xii. 21.
Abi-
salom.

1 See
2 Chr.
xvi.
11-14

and king Asa built therewith Geba of 28 Benjamin, and Mizpah. ¹Now the rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? But in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. 24 And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead. 25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and he 26 reigned over Israel two years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying 28 siege to Gibbethon. Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. 29 And it came to pass that, as soon as he was king, he smote all the house of Jeroboam; he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him; according unto the saying of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of 30 his servant Ahijah the Shilonite: for the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and wherewith he made Israel to sin; because of his provocation wherewith he provoked the LORD, the God of 31 Israel, to anger. Now the rest of the acts of Nadab, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the 32 chronicles of the kings of Israel? And there was war between Asa and Baasha king of Israel all their days. 33 In the third year of Asa king of Judah began Baasha the son of Ahijah to reign over all Israel in Tirzah, and 34 reigned twenty and four years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith 16 he made Israel to sin. And the word of the LORD came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, 2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee ²prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; 3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam 4 the son of Nebat. Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the field 5 shall the fowls of the air eat. Now the rest of the acts of Baasha, and what

3 Or,
lender

he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles 6 of the kings of Israel? And Baasha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tirzah; and Elah his son reigned 7 in his stead. And moreover by the hand of the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of the LORD against Baasha, and against his house, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he smote ³him. 8 In the twenty and sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, 9 and reigned two years. And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him: now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, which was over the 10 household in Tirzah: and Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead. 11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he smote all the house of Baasha: he left him not a single man child, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his 12 friends. Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, 13 for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned, and wherewith they made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to 14 anger with their vanities. Now the rest of the acts of Elah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 15 In the twenty and seventh year of Asa king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Tirzah. Now the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. 16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also smitten the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, king over Israel that 17 day in the camp. And Omri went up from Gibbethon, and all Israel with 18 him, and they besieged Tirzah. And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that the city was taken, that he went into the ⁴castle of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with 19 fire, and died, for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin. 20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

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21 Then were the people of Israel divided into two parts: half of the people followed Tibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and half followed
 22 Omri. But the people that followed Omri prevailed against the people that followed Tibni the son of Ginath: so
 23 Tibni died, and Omri reigned. In the thirty and first year of Asa king of Judah began Omri to reign over Israel, and reigned twelve years: six years
 24 reigned he in Tirzah. And he bought the hill ¹Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver; and he ²built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, ³Samaria. And Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and dealt wickedly above all that were before
 26 him. For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he shewed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria: and Ahab his son reigned in his stead.
 29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. And Ahab the son of Omri did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord above
 31 all that were before him. And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife
 32 Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made ⁴the Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel that were
 34 before him. ⁵In his days did Hiel the Beth-elite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof with the loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof with the loss of his youngest son Segub; according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by the hand of Joshua the son of Nun.
 17 And Elijah the Tishbite, who was ⁶of the sojourners of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As the Lord, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word. And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook

4 Cherith, that is before Jordan. And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the
 5 ravens to feed thee there. So he went and did according unto the word of the Lord: for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before Jordan.
 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and he drank
 7 of the brook. And it came to pass after a while, that the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.
 8 And the word of the Lord came unto
 9 him, saying, Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow woman there to sustain thee.
 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow woman was there gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.
 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thine
 12 hand. And she said, As the Lord thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but an handful of meal in the barrel, and a little oil in the cruse: and, behold, I am gathering two sticks, that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, that
 13 we may eat it, and die. And Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast said: but make me thereof a little cake first, and bring it forth unto me, and afterward make for thee
 14 and for thy son. For thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.
 15 And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah: and she, and he, and
 16 her house, did eat many days. The barrel of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake by
 17 Elijah. And it came to pass after these things, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick; and his sickness was so sore, that there was no breath left in him.
 18 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? ⁷thou art come unto me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to slay my
 19 son! And he said unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the chamber, where he abode, and laid
 20 him upon his own bed. And he cried unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by
 21 slaying her son? And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the Lord, and said, O

¹ Heb. She-meron.
² Or, fortified the hill

³ Heb. Jezebel.

⁴ See 2 Kings xiii. 6.

⁵ See Josh. vi. 26.

⁶ According to the Sept., of Tishbite of Gilead.

LORD my God, I pray thee, let this 22 child's soul come into him again. And the LORD hearkened unto the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came 23 into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother: and Elijah said, See, thy son 24 liveth. And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in thy mouth is truth.

18 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of the LORD came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will 2 send rain upon the earth. And Elijah went to shew himself unto Ahab. And 3 the famine was sore in Samaria. And Ahab called Obadiah, which was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared 4 the LORD greatly: for it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and 5 water.) And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go through the land, unto all the fountains of water, and unto all the brooks: peradventure we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, ¹that 6 we lose not all the beasts. So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it: Ahab went one way by himself, and Obadiah went another 7 way by himself. And as Obadiah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Is it thou, my lord Elijah? 8 And he answered him, It is I: go, tell 9 thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. And he said, Wherein have I sinned, that thou wouldest deliver thy servant into 10 the hand of Ahab, to slay me? As the LORD thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not here, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found 11 thee not. And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. 12 And it shall come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the 13 LORD from my youth. Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with 14 bread and water? And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is 15 here: and he shall slay me. And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely shew myself unto him to-day. So Obadiah went

to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab 17 went to meet Elijah. And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Is it thou, thou troubler 18 of Israel? And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and 19 thou hast followed the Baalim. Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the Asherah four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table. 20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. And Elijah came near unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word. 22 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four 23 hundred and fifty men. Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on the wood, 24 and put no fire under. And call ye on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, 25 It is well spoken. And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your god, but put no fire under. 26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, ²hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they ³leaped 27 about the altar which was made. And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is musing, or he is gone aside, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must 28 be awaked. And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with ⁴knives and lances, till the blood gushed 29 out upon them. And it was so, when midday was past, that they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening oblation; but there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any 30 that regarded. And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me; and all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of 31 the LORD that was thrown down. And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of

¹ Or, and lose none of

² Or, answer
³ Or, leaped

⁴ Or, swords

⁵ Heb. at random

the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be
 32 thy name. And with the stones he
 built an altar in the name of the LORD;
 and he made a trench about the altar,
 as great as would contain ¹two mea-
 33 sures of seed. And he put the wood
 in order, and cut the bullock in pieces,
 and laid it on the wood. And he said,
 Fill four barrels with water, and pour
 it on the burnt offering, and on the
 34 wood. And he said, Do it the second
 time; and they did it the second time.
 And he said, Do it the third time; and
 35 they did it the third time. And the
 water ran round about the altar; and
 he filled the trench also with water.
 36 And it came to pass at the time of the
 offering of the evening oblation, that
 Elijah the prophet came near, and
 said, O LORD, the God of Abraham, of
 Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known
 this day that thou art God in Israel,
 and that I am thy servant, and that I
 have done all these things at thy word.
 37 Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this
 people may know that thou, LORD, art
 God, ²and that thou hast turned their
 38 heart back again. Then the fire of the
 LORD fell, and consumed the burnt
 offering, and the wood, and the stones,
 and the dust, and licked up the water
 39 that was in the trench. And when all
 the people saw it, they fell on their
 faces: and they said, The LORD, he is
 40 God; the LORD, he is God. And Elijah
 said unto them, Take the prophets of
 Baal; let not one of them escape. And
 they took them: and Elijah brought
 them down to the brook Kishon, and
 41 slew them there. And Elijah said unto
 Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for
 there is the sound of abundance of rain.
 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink.
 And Elijah went up to the top of
 Carmel; and he bowed himself down
 upon the earth, and put his face be-
 43 tween his knees. And he said to his
 servant, Go up now, look toward the
 sea. And he went up, and looked, and
 said, There is nothing. And he said,
 44 Go again seven times. And it came
 to pass at the seventh time, that he
 said, Behold, there ariseth a cloud out
 of the sea, as small as a man's hand.
 And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab,
³Make ready thy chariot, and get thee
 45 down, that the rain stop thee not. And
 it came to pass in a little while, that
 the heaven grew black with clouds and
 wind, and there was a great rain. And
 46 Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel. And
 the hand of the LORD was on Elijah;
 and he girded up his loins, and ran be-
 fore Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.
 19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Eli-
 jah had done, and withal how he had
 slain all the prophets with the sword.
 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto
 Elijah, saying, So let the gods do

to me, and more also, if I make not
 thy life as the life of one of them
 3 by to-morrow about this time. ⁴And
 when he saw that, he arose, and went
 for his life, and came to Beer-sheba,
 which belongeth to Judah, and left
 4 his servant there. But he himself went
 a day's journey into the wilderness, and
 came and sat down under a ⁵juniper
 tree: and he requested for himself that
 he might die; and said, It is enough;
 now, O LORD, take away my life; for I
 5 am not better than my fathers. And
 he lay down and slept under a juniper
 tree; and, behold, an angel touched him,
 6 and said unto him, Arise and eat. And
 he looked, and, behold, there was at his
 head a cake baken on the ⁶coals, and a
 cruse of water. And he did eat and
 7 drink, and laid him down again. And
 the angel of the LORD came again the
 second time, and touched him, and said,
 Arise and eat; because the journey is
 8 too great for thee. And he arose, and
 did eat and drink, and went in the
 strength of that meat forty days and
 forty nights unto Horeb the mount of
 9 God. And he came thither unto a cave,
 and lodged there; and, behold, the word
 of the LORD came to him, and he said
 unto him, What doest thou here, Eli-
 10 jah? And he said, I have been very
 jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts;
 for the children of Israel have forsaken
 thy covenant, thrown down thine al-
 tars, and slain thy prophets with the
 sword: and I, even I only, am left;
 and they seek my life, to take it away.
 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon
 the mount before the LORD. And, be-
 hold, the LORD passed by, and a great
 and strong wind rent the mountains,
 and brake in pieces the rocks before
 the LORD; but the LORD was not in the
 wind: and after the wind an earth-
 quake; but the LORD was not in the
 12 earthquake: and after the earthquake
 a fire; but the LORD was not in the
 fire: and after the fire ⁷a still small
 13 voice. And it was so, when Elijah
 heard it, that he wrapped his face in his
 mantle, and went out, and stood in the
 entering in of the cave. And, behold,
 there came a voice unto him, and said,
 14 What doest thou here, Elijah? And
 he said, I have been very jealous for the
 LORD, the God of hosts; for the children
 of Israel have forsaken thy covenant,
 thrown down thine altars, and slain thy
 prophets with the sword; and I, even I
 only, am left; and they seek my life,
 15 to take it away. And the LORD said
 unto him, Go, return on thy way ⁸to
 the wilderness of Damascus: and when
 thou comest, thou shalt anoint Hazael
 16 to be king over Syria: and Jehu the
 son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be
 king over Israel: and Elisha the son
 of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou

¹ Or, a
two-eck
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² Or, for
thou
didst
turn
their
heart
back-
ward

³ Or,
ride

⁴ Accord-
ing to
some
ancient
authori-
ties, *And
he was
afraid,
and
arose.*
⁵ Or,
broom

⁶ Or, hot
stones

⁷ Heb. a
sound of
gentle
stillness.

⁸ Or, by
the wild-
erness
to

anoint to be prophet in thy room.
 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet will I leave me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him. So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing, with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed over unto him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again; for what have I done to thee? And he returned from following him, and took the yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

20 And Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together: and there were thirty and two kings with him, and horses and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it. And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel, into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad, Thy silver and thy gold is mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the goodliest, are mine. And the king of Israel answered and said, It is according to thy saying, my lord, O king; I am thine, and all that I have. And the messengers came again, and said, Thus speaketh Ben-hadad, saying, I sent indeed unto thee, saying, Thou shalt deliver me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; but I will send my servants unto thee to-morrow about this time, and they shall search thine house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thine eyes, they shall put it in their hand, and take it away. Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see how this man seeketh mischief: for he sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold; and I denied him not. And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Hearken thou not, neither consent. Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Tell my lord the king, All that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first I will do: but this thing I may not do. And the messengers departed, and brought him word again.
 10 And Ben-hadad sent unto him, and said, The gods do so unto me, and more also,

if the dust of Samaria shall suffice for handfuls for all the people that follow me. And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell him, Let not him that girdeth on his armour boast himself as he that putteth it off. And it came to pass, when Ben-hadad heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings, in the pavilions, that he said unto his servants, Set yourselves in array. And they set themselves in array against the city. And, behold, a prophet came near unto Ahab king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the Lord, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it unto thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord. And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus saith the Lord, By the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall begin the battle? And he answered, Thou. Then he mustered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty two: and after them he mustered all the people, even all the children of Israel, being seven thousand. And they went out at noon. But Ben-hadad was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him. And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men come out from Samaria. And he said, Whether they be come out for peace, take them alive; or whether they be come out for war, take them alive. So these went out of the city, the young men of the princes of the provinces, and the army which followed them. And they slew every one his man; and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on an horse with horsemen. And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter. And the prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest: for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee.
 23 And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their god is a god of the hills; therefore they were stronger than we: but let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And do this thing; take the kings away, every man out of his place, and put captains in their room: and number thee an army, like the army that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto their voice, and did so. And it came to pass at the return of the year,

² Heb. are at my feet.

⁴ Or, hosts

⁵ Or, Place the engines. And they placed the engines

⁶ Or, servants

⁷ Heb. blind.

⁸ Or, with horses and horsemen

⁹ Or, governors See ch. x. 15

¹ Or, roasted

² Heb. all the desire of thine eyes.

that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against 27 Israel. And the children of Israel were mustered, and were victualled, and went against them: and the children of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of kids; but the 28 Syrians filled the country. And ¹a man of God came near and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus saith the Lord, Because the Syrians have said, The Lord is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys; therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thine hand, and ye shall know that 29 I am the Lord. And they encamped one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians an hundred 30 red thousand footmen in one day. But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell upon twenty and seven thousand men that were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, 31 ²into an inner chamber. And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, we pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he 32 will save thy life. So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he yet alive? 33 he is my brother. Now the men ³observed diligently, and hasted ⁴to catch whether it were ⁵his mind; and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go ye, bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. 34 And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. And I, said Ahab, will let thee go with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and let him go. 35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his fellow by the word of the Lord, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to 36 smite him. Then said he unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of the Lord, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion found 37 him, and slew him. Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, smiting 38 and wounding him. So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with his

39 headband over his eyes. And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king: and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy life be for his life, or else thou shalt pay 40 a talent of silver. And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgement be; thyself 41 hast decided it. And he hasted, and took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Israel discerned him 42 that he was of the prophets. And he said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore thy life shall go for his life, and thy people for his 43 people. And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria. 21 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the 2 palace of Ahab king of Samaria. And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it: or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the 3 worth of it in money. And Naboth said to Ahab, The Lord forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my 4 fathers unto thee. And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him: for he had said, I will not give thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid him down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and 5 would eat no bread. But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou 6 eatest no bread? And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will 7 not give thee my vineyard. And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard 8 of Naboth the Jezreelite. So she wrote ⁹letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, and that dwelt with 9 Naboth. And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth 10 on high among the people: and set two men, sons of ¹⁰Belial, before him, and let them bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst ¹¹curse God and the

1 Or, the

2 Or, from chamber to chamber

3 Or, took it as an omen (Heb. discerned), and hasted 4 Another reading is, to catch it from Ahab. 5 Heb. from him.

6 Or, a letter

7 Or, at the head of 8 That is, worthless. 9 Or, re-nounce

king. And then carry him out, and
 11 stone him, that he die. And the men
 of his city, even the elders and the
 nobles who dwelt in his city, did as
 Jezebel had sent unto them, according
 as it was written in the letters which she
 12 had sent unto them. They proclaimed
 a fast, and set Naboth ¹on high among
 13 the people. And the two men, sons of
 Belial, came in and sat before him: and
 the men of Belial bare witness against
 him, even against Naboth, in the pre-
 sence of the people, saying, Naboth did
 14 curse God and the king. Then they
 carried him forth out of the city, and
 stoned him with stones, that he died.
 15 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Na-
 both is stoned, and is dead. And it came
 to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth
 was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel
 said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of
 the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite,
 which he refused to give thee for money:
 16 for Naboth is not alive, but dead. And
 it came to pass, when Ahab heard that
 Naboth was dead, that Ahab rose up to
 go down to the vineyard of Naboth the
 Jezreelite, to take possession of it.
 17 And the word of the Lord came to
 18 Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Arise, go
 down to meet Ahab king of Israel,
 which dwelleth in Samaria: behold, he
 is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither
 he is gone down to take possession of
 19 it. And thou shalt speak unto him,
 saying, Thus saith the Lord, Hast
 thou killed, and also taken possession?
 and thou shalt speak unto him, saying,
 Thus saith the Lord, In the place
 where dogs licked the blood of Naboth
 shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine.
 20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou
 found me, O mine enemy? And he an-
 swered, I have found thee: because thou
 hast sold thyself to do that which is
 21 evil in the sight of the Lord. Behold,
 I will bring evil upon thee, and will
 utterly sweep thee away, and will cut off
 from Ahab every man child, and him
 that is shut up and him that is left at
 22 large in Israel: and I will make thine
 house like the house of Jeroboam the
 son of Nebat, and like the house of
 Baasha the son of Ahijah, for the pro-
 vocation wherewith thou hast provoked
 me to anger, and hast made Israel to
 23 sin. And of Jezebel also spake the
 Lord, saying, The dogs shall eat Jeze-
 24 bel ²by the rampart of Jezreel. Him
 that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs
 shall eat; and him that dieth in the
 field shall the fowls of the air eat.
 25 (But there was none like unto Ahab,
 which did sell himself to do that which
 was evil in the sight of the Lord, whom
 26 Jezebel his wife stirred up. And he did
 very abominably in following idols,
 according to all that the Amorites did,
 whom the Lord cast out before the

27 children of Israel.) And it came to
 pass, when Ahab heard those words,
 that he rent his clothes, and put sack-
 cloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay
 28 in sackcloth, and went softly. And the
 word of the Lord came to Elijah the
 29 Tishbite, saying, Seest thou how Ahab
 humbleth himself before me? because
 he humbleth himself before me, I will
 not bring the evil in his days: but in his
 son's days will I bring the evil upon his
 house.

30 And they continued three years with-
 out war between Syria and Israel. ³And
 it came to pass in the third year, that
 Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came
 31 down to the king of Israel. And the
 king of Israel said unto his servants,
 Know ye that Ramoth-gilead is ours,
 and we ⁴be still, and take it not out
 32 of the hand of the king of Syria? And
 he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou
 go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead?
 And Jehoshaphat said to the king of
 Israel, I am as thou art, my people as
 thy people, my horses as thy horses.
 33 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king
 of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the
 34 word of the Lord to-day. Then the
 king of Israel gathered the prophets to-
 gether, about four hundred men, and
 said unto them, Shall I go against
 Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I for-
 bear? And they said, Go up; for the
 Lord shall deliver it into the hand of
 35 the king. But Jehoshaphat said, Is
 there not here besides a prophet of the
 Lord, that we might inquire of him?
 36 And the king of Israel said unto Jeho-
 shaphat, There is yet one man by whom
 we may inquire of the Lord, Micaiah
 the son of Imlah: but I hate him; for
 he doth not prophesy good concerning
 me, but evil. And Jehoshaphat said,
 37 Let not the king say so. Then the
 king of Israel called an ⁵officer, and
 said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son
 38 of Imlah. Now the king of Israel
 and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah
 sat each on his throne, arrayed in their
 robes, in ⁶an open place at the entrance
 of the gate of Samaria; and all the
 39 prophets prophesied before them. And
 Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made
 him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith
 the Lord, With these shalt thou push
 the Syrians, until they be consumed.
 40 And all the prophets prophesied so,
 saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and
 prosper: for the Lord shall deliver it
 41 into the hand of the king. And the
 messenger that went to call Micaiah
 spake unto him, saying, Behold now,
 the words of the prophets declare good
 unto the king with one mouth: let thy
 word, I pray thee, be like the word of
 one of them, and speak thou good.
 42 And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth,
 what the Lord saith unto me, that will

¹ Or,
at the
head of

² Or, re-
nounce

³ See
2 Chr.
xviii. 2.
et.

⁴ Or, keep
silence

⁵ Or,
cousin

⁶ Heb. a
thresh-
ing-floor.

⁷ Accord-
ing to
some
ancient
authori-
ties,
in the
portion,
as in
2 Kings
ix. 10, 30.

15 I speak. And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go up, and prosper; and the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king. And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord? 17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the Lord said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? And he said, Therefore hear thou the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. And the Lord said, Who shall entice Ahab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one said on this manner; 21 and another said on that manner. And there came forth ²a spirit, and stood before the Lord, and said, I will entice him. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt entice him, and shalt prevail also: go forth, and do so. Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets; and the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee. Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the spirit of the Lord from me to speak unto thee? And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go ³into an inner chamber to hide thyself. And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, 27 and to Joash the king's son; and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, 28 until I come in peace. And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the Lord hath not spoken by me. And he said, ⁴Hear, ye peoples, all of you. 29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and 31 went into the battle. Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty and two captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, 32 save only with the king of Israel. And

it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it is the king of Israel; and they turned aside to fight against 38 him: and Jehoshaphat cried out. And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back 34 from pursuing him. And a certain man drew his bow ⁵at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between ⁶the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the 36 host; for I am sore wounded. And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at even: and the blood ran out of the wound 36 into the bottom of the chariot. And there went a cry throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and 37 every man to his country. So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and 38 they buried the king in Samaria. And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood; (⁷now the harlots washed themselves *there*;) according unto the 39 word of the Lord which he spake. Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead. 41 ⁸And Jehoshaphat the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was 43 Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in all the way of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord: howbeit the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with 45 the king of Israel. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he shewed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the 46 chronicles of the kings of Judah? And the remnant of the sodomites, which remained in the days of his father Asa, he 47 put away out of the land. And there was no king in Edom: a deputy was 48 king. Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold: but they went not; for the ships were broken 49 at Ezion-geber. Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would

¹ Or, decease

² Heb. the spirit.

³ Or, from chamber to chamber

⁴ See Micah 1. 2

⁵ Heb. in his simplicity.
⁶ Or, the lower armour and the breast-plate

⁷ Or, and they washed the armour

⁸ See 1 Chr. xx. 31, &c.

¹ See
² Chr.
xxi. 1.

50 not. ¹ And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Jehoram his son reigned in his stead.
51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years
52 over Israel. And he did that which

was evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, ² wherein he made Israel to sin.
53 And he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD, the God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

² Or, who made

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SECOND BOOK OF THE KINGS.

1 AND Moab rebelled against Israel after
2 the death of Ahab. And Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this sickness. But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of
4 Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt
5 surely die. And Elijah departed. And the messengers returned unto him, and he said unto them, Why is it that ye
6 are returned? And they said unto him, There came up a man to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that thou sendest to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art
7 gone up, but shalt surely die. And he said unto them, What manner of man was he which came up to meet you,
8 and told you these words? And they answered him, He was ¹ an hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the
9 Tishbite. Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he ² sat on the top of the hill. And he spake unto him, O man of God, the king hath
10 said, Come down. And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty.

¹ Or, a man with a garment of hair

² Or, dwelt

11 And again he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come
12 down quickly. And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven,
13 and consumed him and his fifty. And again he sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious
14 in thy sight. Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and consumed the two former captains of fifty with their fifties: but now let my life be
15 precious in thy sight. And the angel of the LORD said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the
16 king. And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art
17 gone up, but shalt surely die. So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram began to reign in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.
18 Now the rest of the acts of Ahaziah which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?
2 And it came to pass, when the LORD would take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the

LORD hath sent me as far as Beth-el. And Elisha said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el. And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he said, Yea, I know it; hold ye your peace.

4 And Elisha said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to 5 Jericho. And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the LORD will take away thy master from thy head to-day? And he answered, Yea, I know it; hold ye 6 your peace. And Elisha said unto him, Tarry here, I pray thee; for the LORD hath sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And 7 they two went on. And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood over against them afar off: and they two stood by Jordan. And Elisha took his mantle, and wrapped it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, so that they two went over on dry ground.

9 And it came to pass, ¹when they were gone over, that Elisha said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let ²a double portion of 10 thy spirit be upon me. And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: *nevertheless*, if thou see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so unto thee; but 11 if not, it shall not be so. And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, *there appeared* ³a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, which parted them both asunder; and Elisha went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the ⁴chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof! And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them 13 in two pieces. He took up also the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and went back, and stood by the bank 14 of Jordan. And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the LORD, ⁵the God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they were divided hither and thither: and 15 Elisha went over. And when the sons of the prophets which were at Jericho over against him saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him.

16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there be with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master: lest peradventure the spirit of the LORD hath taken him up, and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, Ye 17 shall not send. And when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, Send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him 18 not. And they came back to him, while he tarried at Jericho; and he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

19 And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, we pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is naught, 20 and the land ⁶miscarrieth. And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to 21 him. And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast salt therein, and said, Thus saith the LORD, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any more 22 death or ⁷miscarrying. So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spake.

23 And he went up from thence unto Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth ⁸little children out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou bald 24 head; go up, thou bald head. And he looked behind him and saw them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she-bears out of the wood, and tare 25 forty and two children of them. And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

3 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; but not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the ⁹pillar of Baal that his father had made. Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-master; and he rendered unto the king of Israel ¹⁰the wool of an hundred thousand lambs, and of an hundred thousand rams. But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab 6 rebelled against the king of Israel. And king Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and mustered all Israel. 7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against

¹ Or, as they went

² That is, the portion of the firstborn. See Deut. xxi. 17.

³ Or, chariots

⁴ Or, chariot

⁵ Or, the God of Elijah, even he I said whom he had smitten &c.

⁶ Or, scorch her fruit

⁷ Or, causing of fruit

⁸ Or, young lads

⁹ Or, obelisk

¹⁰ Or, an hundred thousand lambs, and an hundred thousand rams, with the wool

me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way of the wilderness of Edom. So the king of Israel went, and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom: and they made a circuit of seven days' journey: and there was no water for the host, nor for the beasts that followed them. And the king of Israel said, Alas! for the Lord hath called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand

11 of Moab. But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, which poured

12 water on the hands of Elijah. And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the Lord is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king

13 of Edom went down to him. And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Nay: for the Lord hath called these three kings together to deliver them into the

14 hand of Moab. And Elisha said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward

15 thee, nor see thee. But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of

16 the Lord came upon him. And he said, Thus saith the Lord, Make this valley full of trenches. For thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain, yet that valley shall be filled with water: and ye shall drink, both ye and your cattle and your

18 beasts. And this is but a light thing in the sight of the Lord: he will also deliver the Moabites into your hand.

19 And ye shall smite every fenced city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all fountains of water, and mar every good piece of

20 land with stones. And it came to pass in the morning, about the time of offering the oblation, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 Now when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered themselves together, all that were able to put on armour, and upward, and stood on the

22 border. And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water

23 over against them as red as blood: and

they said, This is blood; the kings are surely destroyed, and they have smitten each man his fellow: now

24 therefore, Moab, to the spoil. And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them: and they went forward into the land

25 smiting the Moabites. And they beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land they cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the fountains of water, and felled all the good trees: until in Kir-hareseth only they left the stones thereof; howbeit the slingers went about it, and

26 smote it. And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew sword, to break through unto the king of Edom: but they could

27 not. Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great wrath against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

4 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead: and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two children to be bondmen.

2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me; what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the

3 house, save a pot of oil. Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels;

4 borrow not a few. And thou shalt go in, and shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and pour out into all those vessels; and thou shalt set aside

5 that which is full. So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons; they brought the vessels to her, and she poured out. And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the

7 oil stayed. Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy sons of the rest.

8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither

9 to eat bread. And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is an holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. Let us make,

10 I pray thee, a little chamber on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a stool, and a

3 Or, have surely fought together

4 Heb. into it.

5 Or, there came great wrath upon Israel

1 Or, were called together
2 Heb. give themselves with a giraffe.

6 Or, with walls

candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in 11 thither. And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the 12 chamber and lay there. And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite. And when he had called her, 13 she stood before him. And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast ¹been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldst thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine 14 own people. And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Verily she hath no son, and her 15 husband is old. And he said, Call her. And when he had called her, she stood 16 in the door. And he said, At this season, when the time ²cometh round, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, Nay, my lord, thou man of God, 17 do not lie unto thine handmaid. And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season, when the time came round, as Elisha had said unto her. 18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father 19 to the reapers. And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to his servant, Carry him to his 20 mother. And when he had taken him, and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees till noon, and then died. 21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut the 22 door upon him, and went out. And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the servants, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. 23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him to-day? it is neither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, ³It shall 24 be well. Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slacken me not the riding, 25 except I bid thee. So she went, and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel. And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, 26 yonder is the Shunammite: run, I pray thee, now to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with the child? And she answered, It is well. 27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to thrust her away; but the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul is ⁴vexed within her; and the Lord hath hid it from 28 me, and hath not told me. Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? 29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thine hand,

and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my 30 staff upon the face of the child. And the mother of the child said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And he arose, 31 and followed her. And Gehazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the child; but there was neither voice, nor ⁵hearing. Wherefore he returned to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked. 32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and 33 laid upon his bed. He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them 34 twain, and prayed unto the Lord. And he went up, and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth, and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands: and he ⁶stretched himself upon him; and the flesh of the child 35 waxed warm. Then he returned, and walked in the house once to and fro; and went up, and ⁷stretched himself upon him: and the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his 36 eyes. And he called Gehazi, and said, Call this Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto 37 him, he said, Take up thy son. Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground; and she took up her son, and went out. 38 And Elisha came again to Gilgal: and there was a dearth in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and seethe pottage for the sons of the prophets. 39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage: for they knew them 40 not. So they poured out for the men to eat. And it came to pass, as they were eating of the pottage, that they cried out, and said, O man of God, there is death in the pot. And they 41 could not eat thereof. But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Pour out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no ⁸harm in the pot. 42 And there came a man from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of corn in ⁹his sack. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. And his ¹⁰servant said, What, should I set this before an hundred men? But he said, Give the people, that they may eat; for thus saith the Lord, They shall eat, and shall 44 leave thereof. So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of the Lord.

¹ Or, showed us all this reverence

² Heb. feast, or, reviveth.

³ Heb. Peace.

⁴ Heb. better.

⁵ Heb. attention.

⁶ Or, bowed himself

⁷ Or, and embraced the child

⁸ Heb. evil thing.

⁹ Or, she husk thereof
¹⁰ Or, minister

5 Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man ¹with his master, and honourable, because by him the LORD had given ²victory unto Syria: he was also a mighty man of valour, *but he was a leper.* And the Syrians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maid; and she ³waited on Naaman's wife. And she said unto her mistress, Would God my lord were ¹with the prophet that is in Samaria! then would he recover him of his leprosy. And ⁴one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maid that is of the land of Israel.

5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand ⁶pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? but consider, I pray you, and see how he ⁸seeketh ⁹a quarrel against me. And it was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood ¹⁰at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, ¹¹and ⁷thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and recover the ¹²leper. Are not ⁸Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and ¹³went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and ¹⁴be clean? Then went he down, and dipped *himself* seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was ¹⁵clean. And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came,

and stood before him: and he said, Behold now, I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a ⁹present of thy ¹⁶servant. But he said, As the LORD liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. And Naaman said, If not, yet I pray thee let there be given to thy servant two mules' burden of earth; for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but ¹⁸unto the LORD. In this thing the LORD pardon thy servant; when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, the LORD pardon thy servant in this ¹⁹thing. And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him ²⁰a little way.

20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him.

21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw one running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from the hill country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of ²²raiment. And Naaman said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of raiment, and laid them upon two of his servants; and ²⁴they bare them before him. And when he came to the ²⁵hill, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. And he said unto him, ²⁶Went not mine heart *with thee*, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards and vineyards, and sheep and oxen, and ²⁷menservants and maidservants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

6 And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold now, the place where we dwell before thee is too strait for us. 2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. And one said, Be content, I pray

¹ Heb. before.
² Heb. animation.

³ Heb. was before.

⁴ Or, he

⁵ Or, shekels

⁶ Or, an occasion

⁷ Heb. be thou clean.

⁸ Another reading is, Amnath.

⁹ Heb. blessings.

¹⁰ Or, away

¹¹ Heb. Opened

¹² Or, After heart went out from him, where etc.

thee, and go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. But as one was felling a beam, the axe-head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, my master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he shewed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither, and ¹made the iron to swim. And he said, Take it up to thee. So he put out his hand, and took it.

8 Now the king of Syria warred against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my ²camp. And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are coming down. And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor twice.

11 And the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not shew me which of us is for the king of Israel? And one of his servants said, Nay, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. And he said, Go and see where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan. Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. And when the ³servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host with horses and chariots was round about the city. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this ⁴people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. And he led them to Samaria. And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. And the king of

Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? 22 shall I smite them? And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. And he prepared great provision for them: and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

24 And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, and went up, and besieged Samaria. And there was a great famine in Samaria: and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for four-score ⁵pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a kab of dove's dung for five ⁶pieces of silver. And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. And he said, ⁷If the LORD do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the threshing-floor, or out of the winepress? And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him to-day, and we will eat my son to-morrow. So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and I said unto her on the next day, Give thy son, that we may eat him: and she hath hid her son. And it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; (now he was passing by upon the wall); and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh. Then he said, God do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this 32 day. But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away mine head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and ⁷hold the door fast against him: is not the sound of his master's feet behind him? And while he yet talked with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer? And Elisha said, Hear ye the word of the LORD: thus saith the LORD, To-morrow about this time shall a ⁸measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for 2a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if the LORD should make windows in heaven, might this thing

¹ Or, the iron did swim

² Or, encamping

³ Or, minister

⁴ Heb. next day.

⁵ Or, shekels

⁶ Or, Nay; let the LORD help thee!

⁷ Heb. thrust him back with the door.

⁸ Heb. bush.

be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

- 3 Now there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die. And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the outermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no man there. For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.
- 7 Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life. And when these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and they came back, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it. Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, ¹punishment will overtake us: now therefore come, let us go and tell the king's household. So they came and called unto the ²porter of the city: and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but the horses tied, and the asses tied, and the tents as they were. And ³he called the porters; and they told it to the king's household within. And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now shew you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we be hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city. And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, five of the horses that remain, which are left ⁴in the city, (behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are left in it; behold, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are consumed:) and let us send and
- 14 see. They took therefore two chariots

with horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. And they went after them unto Jordan: and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and spoiled the camp of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord.

17 And the king appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died as the man of God had said, who spake when the king came down to him. And it came to pass, as the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel, shall be to-morrow about this time in the gate of Samaria; and that captain answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if the Lord should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? and he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof: it came to pass even so unto him; for the people trode upon him in the gate, and he died.

8 Now Elisha had spoken unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thine household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for the Lord hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years. And the woman arose, and did according to the word of the man of God: and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. And it came to pass at the seven years' end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done. And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored to life him that was dead, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gehazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life. And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed unto her a certain ⁵officer, saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day that she left the land, even until now.

7 And Elisha came to Damascus; and Ben-hadad the king of Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thine

¹ Or, our iniquity will find us out

² Or, porters

³ Or, the porters called

⁴ Heb. in it.

⁵ Or, eunuch

hand, and go meet the man of God, and inquire of the Lord by him, saying, 9 Shall I recover of this sickness? So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present¹ with him, ²even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall 10 I recover of this sickness? And Elisha said unto him, Go, ³say unto him, Thou shalt surely recover; howbeit the Lord hath chewed me that he shall surely die. 11 And he settled his countenance steadfastly upon him, until he was ashamed: 12 and the man of God wept. And Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash in pieces their little ones, and rip up 13 their women with child. And Hazael said, But what is thy servant, which is but a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The Lord hath shewed me that thou shalt 14 be king over Syria. Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou shouldst surely recover. 15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took the coverlet, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead. 16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel, ⁴Jehoshaphat being then king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king 17 of Judah began to reign. ⁵Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned eight years 18 in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for he had ⁶the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the 19 Lord. Howbeit the Lord would not destroy Judah, for David his servant's sake, as he promised him to give unto him a lamp ⁷for his children alway. 20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king 21 over themselves. Then Joram passed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled to their 22 tents. So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, unto this day. Then did Libnah revolt at the same time. 23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings 24 of Judah? And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers

in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 ⁸In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign. Two and twenty years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Athaliah the ⁹daughter of Omri king 27 of Israel. And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, as did the house of Ahab: for he was the son in law of the house of Ahab. 28 And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians wounded Joram. And king Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick. 9 And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this vial of oil in thine hand, and go 2 to Ramoth-gilead. And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry 3 him to an inner chamber. Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the Lord, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not. 4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O 6 captain. And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people 7 of the Lord, even over Israel. And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of 8 the Lord, at the hand of Jezebel. For the whole house of Ahab shall perish: and I will cut off from Ahab every man child, and him that is shut up and 9 him that is left at large in Israel. And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the 10 son of Ahijah. And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he 11 opened the door, and fled. Then Jehu

¹ Heb. fr.
his hand.
² Or, and

³ According
to
another
reading,
say, Thou
shalt not
recover:
for the
Lord &c.

⁴ Some
ancient
authorities
omit
the words
Jehoshaphat
being then
king of
Judah.

⁵ See
2 Chr.
xii. 5, &c.
⁶ See
ver. 25.

⁷ Another
reading
is, and to
his child-
ren.

⁸ See
2 Chr.
xii. 1,
&c.

⁹ Or,
grand-
daugh-
ter
See ver.
18.

came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know
 12 the man and what his talk was. And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I have
 13 anointed thee king over Israel. Then they hastened, and took every man his garment, and put it under him ¹ on the top of the stairs, and blew the trumpet,
 14 saying, Jehu is king. So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram kept Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel,
 15 because of Hazael king of Syria: but king ² Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If this be your mind, then let none escape and go forth out of the
 16 city, to go to tell it in Jezreel. So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahaziah king of Judah was come
 17 down to see Joram. Now the watchman stood on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take an horseman, and send to meet them, and let him
 18 say, ³ Is it peace? So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not again.
 19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, which came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind
 20 me. And the watchman told, saying, He came even unto them, and cometh not again: and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nimshi; for
 21 he driveth furiously. And Joram said, ⁴ Make ready. And they made ready his chariot. And Joram king of Israel and Ahaziah king of Judah went out, each in his chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu, and found him in the
 22 portion of Naboth the Jezreelite. And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel
 23 and her witchcrafts are so many? And Joram turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery,
 24 O Ahaziah. And Jehu ⁵ drew his bow with his full strength, and smote Joram between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his
 25 chariot. Then said Jehu to Bidkar his captain, Take up, and cast him in the

portion of the field of Naboth the Jezreelite: for remember how that, when I and thou rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD ⁶ laid this burden upon him; Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the LORD; and I will requite thee in this ⁷ plat, saith the LORD. Now therefore take and cast him into the plat of ground, according
 27 to the word of the LORD. ⁸ But when Ahaziah the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden house. And Jehu followed after him, and said, Smite him also in the chariot: and they ⁹ smote him at the ascent of Gur, which is by Ibleam. And he fled to Megiddo,
 28 and died there. And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his fathers in the city of David.
 29 And in the eleventh year of Joram the son of Ahab began Ahaziah to reign over Judah.
 30 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her eyes, and tired her head, and
 31 looked out at the window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, ⁹ Is it peace, thou Zimri, thy master's murderer? And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two
 33 or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he
 34 trode her under foot. And when he was come in, he did eat and drink; and he said, See now to this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter.
 35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of
 36 her hands. Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall the dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:
 37 and the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.
 10 Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and unto them that
 2 brought up the sons of Ahab, saying, And now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master's sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fenced city also, and armour;
 3 look ye out the best and meetest of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's
 4 house. But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, the two kings stood not before him: how then shall

⁶ Or, uttered this oracle against him
⁷ Or, portion

⁸ See 2 Chr. xxii. 9.

⁹ Or, /s it well

¹ Or, on the bare steps

² Heb. Jehoram, and in vv. 17, 21, 22, 23, 24.

³ Or, /s all well?

⁴ Or, Make

⁵ Heb. filled his hand with the bow.

5 we stand? And he that was over the household, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and they that brought up the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any man king: do thou that 6 which is good in thine eyes. Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be on my side, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to-morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought 7 them up. And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that they took the king's sons, and slew them, even seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them unto 8 him to Jezreel. And there came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entering in of the 9 gate until the morning. And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye be righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew 10 him: but who smote all these? Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the Lord, which the Lord spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the Lord hath done that which he spake by his servant Eli- 11 jah. So Jehu smote all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left 12 him none remaining. And he arose and departed, and went to Samaria. And as he was at the ¹shearing house 13 of the shepherds in the way, Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ahaziah: and we go down to salute the children of the king and the 14 children of the queen. And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the ²pit of the ¹shearing house, even two and forty men; neither left he any of them. 15 And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thine heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thine hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. 16 And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for the Lord. So they made 17 him ride in his chariot. And when he came to Samaria, he smote all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till

he had destroyed him, according to the word of the Lord, which he spake 18 to Elijah. And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu 19 shall serve him much. Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his worshippers, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the wor- 20 shippers of Baal. And Jehu said, Sanctify a solemn assembly for Baal. And 21 they proclaimed it. And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled from one end 22 to another. And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vest- 23 ments. And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal; and he said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the Lord, but the worship- 24 pers of Baal only. And they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings. Now Jehu had appointed him four-score men without, and said, If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, *he that letteth him go*, his life 25 shall be for the life of him. And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the ³guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house 26 of Baal. And they brought forth the ⁴pillars that were in the house of Baal, 27 and burned them. And they brake down the pillar of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught 28 house, unto this day. Thus Jehu de- 29 stroyed Baal out of Israel. Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, ⁵wherewith he made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, *to wit*, the golden calves that were in 30 Beth-el, and that were in Dan. And the Lord said unto Jehu, Because thou hast ⁶done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in mine heart, thy sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel. But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord, the God of Israel, with all his heart: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, wherewith he made Israel to sin.

¹ Or, house of shearing

² Or, cistern

³ Heb. runners.

⁴ Or, obelisks

⁵ Or, who

⁶ Or, executed well

32 In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short: and Hazael smote them
33 in all the coasts of Israel; from Jordan eastward, all the land of Gilead, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, and the Manassites, from Aroer, which is by the valley of Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. Now the rest of the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the
35 chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Jehu slept with his fathers: and they buried him in Samaria. And Jehoahaz
36 his son reigned in his stead. And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty and eight years.

11 ¹ Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed
2 royal. But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Josiah the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons that were slain, even him and his nurse,
2 and put them in the ³ bedchamber; and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he
3 was not slain. And he was with her hid in the house of the LORD six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

4 ⁴ And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds, of the ⁵ Carites and of the ⁶ guard, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of the LORD, and shewed them the king's
5 son. And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do: a third part of you, that come in on the sabbath, shall be keepers of
6 the watch of the king's house; and a third part shall be at the gate Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guard: so shall ye keep the watch
7 of the house, and be a barrier. And the two companies of you, even all that go forth on the sabbath, shall keep the watch of the house of the
8 LORD about the king. And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he that cometh within the ranks, let him be slain: and be ye with the king when he goeth out, and when
9 he cometh in. And the captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men, those that were to come in on the sabbath, with those that were to go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the
10 priest. And the priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had been king David's, which were in the house of the
11 LORD. And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right ⁷ side of the house to

the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round
12 about. Then he brought out the king's son, and ⁸ put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made him king, and anointed him; and they clapped their hands, and said, ⁹ God
13 save the king. And when Athaliah heard the noise of the guard and of the people, she came to the people into the
14 house of the LORD: and she looked, and, behold, the king stood ¹⁰ by the pillar, as the manner was, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason, treason.
15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth between the ranks; and him that followeth her slay with the sword: for the priest said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD.
16 So they made way for her; and she went by the way of the horses' entry to the king's house: and there was she slain.
17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people; between the king also and the
18 people. And all the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and brake it down; his altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed
11 officers over the house of the LORD.
19 And he took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of the LORD, and came by the way of the gate of the guard unto the king's house. And he sat on the
20 throne of the kings. So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword at the king's house.

21 Jehoash was seven years old when
12 he began to reign. In the seventh year of Jehu began Jehoash to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was
2 Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Jehoash did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD all his days wherein Jehoiada the priest instructed him. Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.
4 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the hallowed things that is brought into the house of the LORD,
13 in current money, ¹³ the money of the persons for whom each man is rated, and all the money that it cometh into any man's heart to bring into
5 the house of the LORD, let the priests

¹ See
2 Chr.
xxiii. 10—
12.

² Or, who
were
³ Or,
chamber
for the
beds

⁴ See
3 Chr.
xxiii. 1.
&c.

⁵ Or, car-
rioners
⁶ Heb.
runners.

⁷ Heb.
shoulder.

⁸ Or, put
upon
him the
crown
and the
testi-
mony
⁹ Heb.
Let the
king live

¹⁰ Or,
on the
platform

¹¹ Heb.
officers

¹² Ch. xii.
in Heb.

¹³ Or,
even the
money of
every one
that
passeth
the num-
bering
See Ex.
xxx. 12.
¹⁴ Heb.
each man
the
money
of the
roads
of his
estimation
See Lev.
xxviii. 2.

take it to them, every man from his acquaintance: and they shall repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found. But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house.

7 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore take no more money from your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. And the priests consented that they should take no more money from the people, neither repair the breaches of the house.

9 But Jehoiada the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the LORD: and the priests that kept the door put therein all the money that was brought into the house of the LORD. And it was so, when they saw that there was much money in the chest, that the king's scribe and the high priest came up, and they put up in bags and told the money that was found in the house of the LORD. And they gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the LORD: and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD, and to the masons and the hewers of stone, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it.

13 But there were not made for the house of the LORD cups of silver, snuffers, basons, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of the LORD: for they gave that to them that did the work, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD. Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to give to them that did the work: for they dealt faithfully. The money for the guilt offerings, and the money for the sin offerings, was not brought into the house of the LORD: it was the priests'.

17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and took it: and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. And Jehoash king of Judah took all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, and Jehoram, and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and of the king's house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria: and he went away from Jerusalem. Now the rest of

¹ Heb. thresh-old.

² Or. accur-ary

³ Heb. bound up and etc.

⁴ Heb. brought it forth.

⁵ Heb. went forth.

the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and smote Joash at the house of Millo, on the way that goeth down to Silla. For Jozacar the son of Shimeath, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

18 In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Ahaziah, king of Judah, Jehoahaz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned seventeen years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

3 And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael, continually. And Jehoahaz besought the LORD, and the LORD hearkened unto him: for he saw the oppression of Israel, how that the king of Syria oppressed them. (And the LORD gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as beforetime. Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, wherewith he made Israel to sin, but walked therein: and there remained 7 the Asherah also in Samaria.) For he left not to Jehoahaz of the people save fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria destroyed them, and made them like the dust in threshing. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoahaz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

10 In the thirty and seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoahaz the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin: but he walked therein. Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherewith he fought against Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jeroboam sat upon his throne: and Joash was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

14 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his

⁶ Heb. all the days.

⁷ Heb. he walked.

⁸ Or. to transpire on

sickness whereof he died: and Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over ¹him, and said, ²My father, my father, the ³chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof! And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows: and he took unto him bow and arrows.

16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thine hand upon the bow: and he put his hand upon it. And Elisha laid his

17 hands upon the king's hands. And he said, Open the window eastward: and he opened it. Then Elisha said, Shoot: and he shot. And he said, The Lord's arrow of ⁴victory, even the arrow of ⁵victory ⁶over Syria: for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou

18 have consumed them. And he said, Take the arrows: and he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground: and he smote

19 thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice.

20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. Now the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the

21 year. And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha: and ⁶as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

22 And Hazael king of Syria oppressed

23 Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. But the Lord was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence

24 ⁷as yet. And Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned

25 in his stead. And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash smite him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

14 ⁸In the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel began Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah to reign.

2 He was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoaddin of Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, yet not like David his father: he did according to all that Joash his father had done.

4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and

5 burnt incense in the high places. And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that

he slew his servants which had slain

6 the king his father: but the children of the murderers he put not to death: according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, as the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the children be put to death for the fathers; but every man shall

7 die for his own sin. He slew of Edom in the Valley of Salt ten thousand, and took ⁹Sela by war, and called the name of it Joktheel, unto this day.

8 Then Amaziah sent messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoahaz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. And Jehoash the king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The

10 thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trode down the

10 thistle. Then hast indeed smitten Edom, and thine heart hath lifted thee up: glory thereof, and abide at home; for why shouldst thou ¹¹meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldst fall

11 even thou, and Judah with thee? But Amaziah would not hear. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which

12 belongeth to Judah. And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they

13 fled every man to his tent. And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits.

14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Amaziah king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the

16 kings of Israel? And Jehoash slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel; and Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

17 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel

18 fifteen years. Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him

20 to Lachish, and slew him there. And they brought him upon horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his

21 fathers in the city of David. And all

¹ Heb. his face.
² See ch. 11. 12.
³ Or, chariot

⁴ Heb. salvation
⁵ Or, against

⁶ Heb. when the man went and touched.

⁷ Heb. until now.

⁸ See 2 Chr. xxv. 1. &c.

⁹ Or, the rock

¹⁰ Or, thorn

¹¹ Or, provoke to anger

1 In ch.
xv. 13,
and
2 Chr.
xxvi. 1.
22 Sam.

the people of Judah took ¹Azariah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his father 22 Amaziah. He built Elath, and restored it to Judah, after that the king slept with his fathers.

23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty

24 and one years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith

25 he made Israel to sin. He restored the border of Israel from the entering in of Hamath unto the sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of

26 Gath-hepher. For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was none shut up nor left at large, neither was there any

27 helper for Israel. And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam

28 the son of Joash. Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus, and Hamath, which had belonged to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

29 And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his stead.

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began ²Azariah son of Amaziah king of Judah to reign.

3 ³Sixteen years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned two and fifty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jecoliah of Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Amaziah had done.

4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

5 ⁴And the LORD smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a ⁵several house. And Jotham the king's son was over the household, judging the people of the 6 land. Now the rest of the acts of Azariah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of 7 the kings of Judah? And Azariah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

8 In the thirty and eighth year of Azariah king of Judah did Zechariah the son of Jeroboam reign over Israel in

9 Samaria six months. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD,

as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to

10 sin. And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and

11 reigned in his stead. Now the rest of the acts of Zechariah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of 12 the kings of Israel. This was the word of the LORD which he spake unto Jehu, saying, Thy sons to the fourth generation shall sit upon the throne of Israel. And so it came to pass.

13 Shallum the son of Jabesh began to reign in the nine and thirtieth year of Uziah king of Judah; and he reigned

14 the space of a month in Samaria. And Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in

15 Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in 15 his stead. Now the rest of the acts of Shallum, and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of

16 Israel. Then Menahem smote Tiphshah, and all that were therein, and the borders thereof, from Tirzah: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that were with child he ripped up.

17 In the nine and thirtieth year of Azariah king of Judah began Menahem the son of Gadi to reign over Israel,

18 and reigned ten years in Samaria. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel

19 to sin. There came against the land Pul the king of Assyria; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver,

that his hand might be with him to 20 confirm the kingdom in his hand. And Menahem exacted the money of Israel,

even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not

21 there in the land. Now the rest of the acts of Menahem, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the 22 chronicles of the kings of Israel? And Menahem slept with his fathers; and Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

23 In the fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekahiah the son of Menahem began to reign over Israel in

24 Samaria, and reigned two years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat,

25 wherewith he made Israel to sin. And Pekah the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the ⁶castle of the king's house, with Argob and Arish; and with him were fifty men of the

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Gileadites: and he slew him, and 26 reigned in his stead. Now the rest of the acts of Pekahiah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

27 In the two and fiftieth year of Azariah king of Judah Pekah the son of Remaliah began to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned twenty years.

28 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to 29 sin. In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah, and Janoah, and Kedesh, and Hazor, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali; and he carried them 30 captive to Assyria. And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham 31 the son of Uzziah. Now the rest of the acts of Pekah, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

32 In the second year of Pekah the son of Remaliah king of Israel began Jotham the son of Uzziah king of Judah 33 to reign. Five and twenty years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerusha 34 the daughter of Zadok. And he did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord: he did according to all that his 35 father Uzziah had done. Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of the Lord.

36 Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the 37 kings of Judah? In those days the Lord began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the 38 son of Remaliah. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah began to reign. 2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the eyes of the Lord his God, like David his 3 father. But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yea, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out from 4 before the children of Israel. And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the

high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. Then Rezin king of Syria and Pekah son of Remaliah king of Israel came up to Jerusalem to war: and they besieged Ahaz, but 6 could not overcome him. At that time Rezin king of Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath: and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there, unto this 7 day. So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, which rise up against 8 me. And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent it for a present 9 to the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him: and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the 10 people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin. And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus: and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the 11 workmanship thereof. And Urijah the priest built an altar: according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so 12 did Urijah the priest make it against king Ahaz came from Damascus. And when the king was come from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king drew near unto the altar, and offered 13 thereon. And he burnt his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the 14 altar. And the brasen altar, which was before the Lord, he brought from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of the Lord, and put it on the north side of his altar.

15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt offering, and the evening meal offering, and the king's burnt offering, and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of all the people of the land, and their meal offering, and their drink offerings; and sprinkle upon it all the blood of the burnt offering, and all the blood of the sacrifice: but the brasen altar shall be for me 16 to inquire by. Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz 17 commanded. And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them; and took down the sea from off the brasen oxen that were under it, and put it upon a 18 pavement of stone. And the covered way for the sabbath that they had built in the house, and the king's entry

² Heb. Elath.
³ According to another reading, Edomites.

⁴ See 2 Chr. xxviii. 18, &c.

⁵ Or, went up unto it.

⁶ Heb. the peace offerings which were his.

⁷ Or, parate.

⁸ Or, covered place.

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without, turned he ¹unto the house of the LORD, because of the king of 19 Assyria. Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the 20 kings of Judah? And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead. 21 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel, and 2 reigned nine years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, yet not as the kings of Israel that were 3 before him. Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him 4 presents. And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered no present to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year: therefore the king of Assyria shut him 5 up, and bound him in prison. Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, 6 and besieged it three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away unto Assyria, and placed them in Halah, and in Habor, on the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 7 And it was so, because the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared 8 other gods, and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they 9 made. And the children of Israel did secretly things that were not right against the LORD their God, and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen 10 to the fenced city. And they set them up pillars and Asherim upon every high hill, and under every green tree: 11 and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom the LORD carried away before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke 12 the LORD to anger: and they served idols, whereof the LORD had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. 13 Yet the LORD testified unto Israel, and unto Judah, by the hand of every prophet, and of every seer, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by the hand of my servants the prophets. 14 Notwithstanding they would not hear, but hardened their neck, like to the neck of their fathers, who believed 15 not in the LORD their God. And they

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rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified unto them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the nations that were round about them, concerning whom the LORD had charged them that they should not do like them. 16 And they forsook all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only. 18 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they 20 made. And the LORD rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 21 For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king: and Jeroboam ⁴drove Israel from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. And the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; 23 they departed not from them; until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he spake by the hand of all his servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria, unto this day. 24 And the king of Assyria brought men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Avva, and from Hamath, and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel: and they possessed Samaria, and 25 dwelt in the cities thereof. And so it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the LORD: therefore the LORD sent lions among them, 26 which killed some of them. Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast carried away, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the manner of the God of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the 27 manner of the God of the land. Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let them go and dwell there, and let him teach them the manner of the God of the 28 land. So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them

4 According to another reading, *from Israel away.*

29 how they should fear the Lord. Howbeit every nation made gods of their own, and put them in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities where in they dwell. And the men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, and the Avvites made Nibhaz and Tartak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Adrammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. So they feared the Lord, and made unto them from among themselves priests of the high places, which sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. They feared the Lord, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they had been carried away. Unto this day they do after the former manners: they fear not the Lord, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law or after the commandment which the Lord commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; with whom the Lord had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: but the Lord, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a stretched out arm, him shall ye fear, and unto him shall ye bow yourselves, and to him shall ye sacrifice: and the statutes and the ordinances, and the law and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do for evermore; and ye shall not fear other gods: and the covenant that I have made with you ye shall not forget; neither shall ye fear other gods: but the Lord your God shall ye fear; and he shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. Howbeit they did not hearken, but they did after their former manner. So these nations feared the Lord, and served their graven images; their children likewise, and their children's children, as did their fathers, so do they unto this day.

18 Now it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Hezekiah the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. Twenty and five years old was he when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. And he did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, according to all that David his father had done. He removed the high places, and brake the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he brake in pieces the brasen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the child-

ren of Israel did burn incense to it; and he called it Nehushtan. He trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among them that were before him. For he clave to the Lord, he departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses. And the Lord was with him; whithersoever he went forth he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. He smote the Philistines unto Gaza and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

9 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, that Shalmaneser king of Assyria came up against Samaria, and besieged it. And at the end of three years they took it: even in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. And the king of Assyria carried Israel away unto Assyria, and put them in Halah, and in Habor, on the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes: because they obeyed not the voice of the Lord their God, but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded, and would not hear it, nor do it.

13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did Sennacherib king of Assyria come up against all the fenced cities of Judah, and took them.

14 And Hezekiah king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have offended; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house. At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of the Lord, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Rab-saris and Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army unto Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the high way of the fuller's field. And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder. And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah,

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8 The
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¹ Heb. a word of the lips.

² Or, make a manger with.

³ Heb. Aramaean.

⁴ Heb. Make with me a dwelling.

Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherewith thou trustest? Thou sayest, but they are but vain words, There is counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled against me? Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. But if ye say unto me, We trust in the Lord our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? Now therefore, I pray thee, give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. How then canst thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? Am I now come up without the Lord against this place to destroy it? The Lord said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not with us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall. But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men which sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you? Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and spake, saying, Hear ye the word of the great king, the king of Assyria. Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand: neither let Hezekiah make you trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. Harken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one of the waters of his own cistern; until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil olive and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, The Lord will deliver us. Hath any of the gods of the nations ever

delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivvah? have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word: for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not. Then came Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh. And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes, and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord. And he sent Eliakim, which was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of contumely: for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. It may be the Lord thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to reproach the living God, and will rebuke the words which the Lord thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left. So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith the Lord, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, whereby the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear a rumour, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah: for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee: he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered? Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed,

⁵ Or, wherewith the king of Assyria hath sent him.

⁶ Heb. devoting them.

Gozan, and Haran, and Rezep, and the children of Eden which were in
 13 Telassar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of
 14 Hena, and Ivvah? And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD.
 15 And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD, and said, O LORD, the God of Israel, that ¹sittest upon the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou
 16 hast made heaven and earth. Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear the words of Sennacherib, wherewith he hath sent him to reproach the
 17 living God. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations
 18 and their lands, and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have
 19 destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, save thou us, I beseech thee, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know ²that thou art the LORD God, even thou only.
 20 Then Isaiah the son of Amos sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king
 21 of Assyria, I have heard thee. This is the word that the LORD hath spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head ³at thee.
 22 Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice and lifted up thine eyes on high? ⁴even against the Holy
 23 One of Israel. By thy messengers thou hast reproached the LORD, and hast said, With the ⁵multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice ⁶fir trees thereof: and I will enter into his farthest lodging place, the forest
 24 of his fruitful field. I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet will I dry up all
 25 the rivers of ⁷Egypt. Hast thou not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldst be to lay waste fenced cities
 26 into ruinous heaps. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as corn blasted before it
 27 be grown up. But I know thy sitting

down, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy raging against me.
 28 Because of thy raging against me, and for that ⁷thine arrogancy is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.
 29 And this shall be the sign unto thee: ye shall eat this year that which groweth of itself, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit
 30 thereof. And ⁸the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear
 31 fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of mount Zion they that shall escape: the zeal of ⁹the LORD shall perform this.
 32 Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come unto this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come before it with shield, nor cast a mount
 33 against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and he shall not come unto this city, saith
 34 the LORD. For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.
 35 ¹⁰And it came to pass that night, that the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians an hundred fourscore and five thousand: and when men arose early in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses.
 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that ¹¹Adrammelech and Sharezer smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.
 20 ¹²In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amos came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt
 2 die, and not live. Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto the
 3 LORD, saying, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore.
 4 And it came to pass, afore Isaiah was gone ¹³out into ¹⁴the middle part of the city, that the word of the LORD
 5 came to him, saying, Turn again, and say to Hezekiah the ¹⁵prince of my people, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee: on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house

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² Or, that thou, O LORD, art God

³ Heb. after.

⁴ According to another reading, drying.

⁵ Or, cypress

⁶ Or, difference Heb. Masor.

⁷ Or, thy care: least ease

⁸ Heb. the escaped of the house of Judah that remain.

⁹ According to another reading, the Lord of hosts and so in Ia. xxvii. 32.

¹⁰ See 2 Chr. xxxii. 21.

¹¹ According to another reading, Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons and so in Ia. xxxvii. 36.

¹² See 2 Chr. xxxii. 34.

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¹⁴ According to another reading, the middle court.
¹⁵ Or, leader

6 of the LORD. And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake. And Isaiah said, Take a cake of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up unto the house of the LORD the third day? And Isaiah said, This shall be the sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing that he hath spoken: ¹shall the shadow go forward ten ²steps, or go back ten steps? And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to decline ten steps: nay, but let the shadow return backward ten steps. And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD: and he brought the shadow ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the ³dial of Ahaz.

12 ⁴At that time ⁵Berodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. And Hezekiah hearkened unto them, and shewed them all the house of his ⁶precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and ⁷the house of his ⁸armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that Hezekiah shewed them.

14 ⁹Not then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon. And he said, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shewed them.

16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD. Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, God is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, Is it not so, if peace and truth shall be in my days? Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ¹⁰And Hezekiah slept with his fathers: and Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

21 ¹⁰Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned five and fifty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hephzi-bah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made an Asherah, as did Ahab king of Israel, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. And he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. And he made his son to pass through the fire, and practised augury, and used enchantments, and ¹¹dealt with them that had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.

7 And he set the graven image of Asherah, that he had made, in the house of which the LORD said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: neither will I cause the feet of Israel to wander any more out of the land which I gave their fathers; if only they will observe to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. But they hearkened not: and Manasseh seduced them to do that which is evil more than did the nations, whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the LORD spake by his servants the prophets, saying, Because Manasseh king of Judah hath done these abominations, and hath done wickedly above all that the Amorites did, which were before him, and hath made Judah also to sin with his idols: therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Behold, I bring such evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, that whosoever heareth of it, both his ears shall tingle. And I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plummet of the house of Ahab: and I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. And I will cast off the remnant of mine inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; because they have done that which is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day.

16 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; beside

¹ Or, the shadow is gone forward ten steps, shall it go back etc.
² Or, degrees

³ Heb. steps.

⁴ Rec. xxix. 31.

⁵ In Is. xxxix. 1. Berodach-baladan.

⁶ Or, spyglass

⁷ Another reading, all the house.

⁸ Or, jewels

⁹ Rec. xxxix. 32.

¹⁰ Rec. 2 Chr. xxxix. 1. &c.

¹¹ Or, appointed Heb. made.

his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ¹ And Manasseh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Uzza: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

¹⁹ Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Meshullemeth the daughter of Haruz of Jotbah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father.

²¹ And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them: and he forsook the LORD, the God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of the LORD. And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and put the king to death in his own house.

²⁴ But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made

²⁵ Josiah his son king in his stead. Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²⁶ And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

²² ² Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned thirty and one years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jedidah the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath. And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.

³ And it came to pass in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, the son of Meshullam, the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the money which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the keepers of the door have gathered of the people:

⁵ and let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of the LORD: and let them give it to the workmen which are in the house of the LORD, to repair the breaches of the house; unto the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons; and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house. Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand; for they dealt faithfully.

And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the

LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it. And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king word again, and said, Thy servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of the LORD. And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read it before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah the priest, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that

which is written concerning us. So Hilkiah the priest, and Achikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter;) and they communed with her.

¹⁵ And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read: because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and it shall not be quenched. But unto the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: As touching the words which thou hast heard, because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before the LORD, when thou hearest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee,

²⁰ saith the LORD. Therefore, behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

²³ And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. And the king went up to the house of the

¹ See 2 Chr. xxxiii. 20-26.

² See 2 Chr. xxxiv. 1, &c.

³ Heb. through-out.

⁴ Or, poured out.

¹ Or, as joined us.

⁶ Heb. Mithnah.

⁷ Or, as unto fathers-mother.

⁸ See 2 Chr. xxxiv. 20-24.

LORD, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, both small and great: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD. And the king stood by the pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and all his soul, to confirm the words of this covenant that were written in this book: and all the people stood to the covenant. And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the keepers of the door, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven: and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried the ashes of them unto Beth-el. And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem; them also that burned incense unto Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the LORD, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and stamped it small to powder, and cast the powder thereof upon the graves of the common people. And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were in the house of the LORD, where the women wove hangings for the Asherah. And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beersheba; and he brake down the high places of the gates that were at the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. Nevertheless the priests of the high places came not up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they did eat unleavened bread among their brethren. And he defiled Topheth, which is in the valley of the children of Hinnom, that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. And he took away the horses that the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nathanaelech the chamberlain, which was in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. And the altars that were on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars

which Manasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the LORD, did the king break down, and beat them down from thence, and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. And the high places that were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had builded for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. And he brake in pieces the pillars, and cut down the Asherim, and filled their places with the bones of men. Moreover the altar that was at Beth-el, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he brake down; and he burned the high place and stamped it small to powder, and burned the Asherah. And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount; and he sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who prophesied these things. Then he said, What monument is that which I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, which came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el. And he said, Let him be; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of Samaria. And all the houses also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke the LORD to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el. And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there, upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them; and he returned to Jerusalem. And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant. Surely there was not kept such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; but in the eighteenth year of king Josiah was this passover kept to the LORD in Jerusalem. Moreover them that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the teraphim, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found

1 Or, on the platform

2 Or, perform

3 Heb. threshold

4 Heb. Chemoshim, See Hos. 2. 5. Zeph. 1. 4

5 Or, number signs

6 Heb. children of the people

7 See 1 Kings xiv. 24. xv. 12

8 Or, cross Heb. house

9 According to another reading, now

10 Or, ran from them

11 Or, destruction

12 Or, cubits

13 Or, sword

14 Or, even in all... and of

25 in the house of the LORD. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like
 26 him. Notwithstanding the LORD turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations that Manasseh had provoked
 27 him withal. And the LORD said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city which I have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the house of which I
 28 said, My name shall be there. Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of
 29 Judah? ¹In his days Pharaoh-necoh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen
 30 him. And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. ²And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.
 31 Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah.
 32 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all
 33 that his fathers had done. And Pharaoh-necoh put him in bands at Riblah in the land of Hamath, ³that he might not reign in Jerusalem; and put the land to a ⁴tribute of an hundred talents
 34 of silver, and a talent of gold. And Pharaoh-necoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in the room of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim: but he took Jehoahaz away; and he came to Egypt, and died there.
 35 And Jehoiakim gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh: he exacted the silver and the gold of the people of the land, of every one according to his taxation, to give it unto Pharaoh-necoh.
 36 ⁵Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zebidah the daughter of Pedaiah of Rumah.
 37 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all
 24 that his fathers had done. In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned

2 and rebelled against him. And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by the hand of his servants
 3 the prophets. Surely at the commandment of the LORD came this upon Judah, to remove them out of his sight, for the sins of Manasseh, according to
 4 all that he did; and also for the innocent blood that he shed; for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood: and
 5 the LORD would not pardon. Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the
 6 kings of Judah? So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers: and Jehoiachin his son
 7 reigned in his stead. And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land: for the king of Babylon had taken, from the brook of Egypt unto the river Euphrates, all that pertained to the king of Egypt.
 8 Jehoiachin was eighteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jerusalem three months: and his mother's name was Nehushta the daughter of Elmathan of Jerusalem.
 9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all
 10 that his father had done. At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged.
 11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came unto the city, while his servants
 12 were besieging it; and Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his
 13 officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign.
 14 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD
 15 had said. And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valour, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of
 16 the land. And he carried away Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his ⁶officers, and the ⁷chief men of the land, carried he into captivity from Jerusalem
 17 to Babylon. And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand, all of them strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought
 18 captive to Babylon. ⁸And the king

¹ See
2 Chr.
xxxv.
24-26.

² See
2 Chr.
xxxv.
1-4.

³ According
to
another
reading,
when he
reigned.

⁴ Or, fine

⁵ See
2 Chr.
xxxv.
5, etc.

⁶ Or,
cousins

⁷ Or,
mighty

⁸ See
2 Chr.
xxxv.
10-13.

of Babylon made Mattaniah his father's brother king in his stead, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

- 18 ¹ Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was ² Hamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. For through the anger of the LORD did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence: and Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.
- 25 ³ And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about.
- 2 So the city was besieged unto the seventh year of king Zedekiah. On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden: (now the Chaldeans were against the city round about:) and the king went by the way of the Arabah. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho: and all his army was scattered from him.
- 6 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgement upon him. And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon.
- 8 Now in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: and he burnt the house of the LORD, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, burnt he with fire. And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about. And the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away captive. But the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vine-dressers and husbandmen. And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases and the brasen sea that were in the house of the LORD, did

- the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried the brass of them to Babylon. And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away. And the firepans, and the basins; that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver, the captain of the guard took away.
- 16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the bases, which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD; the brass of all these vessels was without weight. The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a chapter of brass was upon it: and the height of the chapter was three cubits; with network and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and like unto these had the second pillar with network.
- 18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the door: and out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war; and five men of them that saw the king's face, which were found in the city; and the scribe, the captain of the host, which mustered the people of the land; and threescore men of the people of the land, that were found in the city. And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land. And as for the people that were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor.
- 23 Now when all the captains of the forces, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.
- 24 And Gedaliah sware to them and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not because of the servants of the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you.
- 25 But it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah. And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces, arose, and came to Egypt: for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.
- 27 ¹⁰ And it came to pass in the seven

¹ See Jer. xl. 1, 2.

² Heb. Hamutal.

³ See 2 Chr. xxxv. 17-24.

⁴ Or, spoke with iron of judgement.

⁵ Heb. thresh-old.
⁶ Or, omniscient
⁷ Or, scribe of the captain of the host

⁸ See Jer. xl. 7-9.

⁹ See Jer. xli. 1, 2.

¹⁰ See Jer. lli. 21-24.

and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the year that he began to reign, did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; and he spake kindly to him, and set his

throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon. And he changed his prison garments, and did eat bread before him continually all the days of his life. And for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.

THE FIRST BOOK OF THE CHRONICLES.

1 **ADAM**, Seth, Enosh; Kenan, Mahal-salel, Jared; Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech; Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.
2 The sons of Japheth; Gomer, and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. And the sons of Gomer; Ashkenaz, and

3 Diphath, and Togarmah. And the sons of Javan; Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.

4 The sons of Ham; Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. And the sons of Cush; Seba, and Havilah, and Sabta,

5 and Raamah, and Sabteca. And the sons of Raamah; Sheba, and Dedan.

6 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth. And Mizraim begat Ludim, and Ananim,

7 and Lehabim, and Naphthum, and Pathrusim, and Casluhim (from whence came the Philistines), and Caphtorim.

8 And Canaan begat Zidon his firstborn,

9 and Heth; and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, and the Girgashite; and the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite;

10 and the Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the Hamathite.

11 The sons of Shem; Elam, and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram,

12 and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. And Arpachshad begat Shelah,

13 and Shelah begat Eber. And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name

14 was Joktan. And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth,

15 and Jerah; and Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah; and Ebal, and Abimael,

16 and Shebe, and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan.

17 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelah; Eber,

18 Peleg, Reu; Serug, Nahor, Terah; Abram (the same is Abraham). The sons of Abraham; Isaac, and Ishmael.

19 These are their generations: the firstborn of Ishmael, Nebaioth; then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam,

20 Mishma, and Dumah, Massa; Hadad,

21 and Tema, Jetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishmael.

22 And the sons of Keturah, Abraham's concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of

23 Jokshan; Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Midian; Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoth, and Abida, and Eldaah.

24 All these were the sons of Keturah.

25 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac; Esau, and Israel.

26 The sons of Esau; Eliphaz, Reuel, and Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah. The sons of Eliphaz; Teman, and Omar, Zephi,

27 and Gatam, Kenaz, and Timna, and Amalek. The sons of Reuel; Nahath,

28 Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah. And the sons of Seir; Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah, and Dishon and Ezer

29 and Dishan. And the sons of Lotan; Hori and Homam: and Timna was Lotan's sister. The sons of Shobal; Alian and Manahath and Ebal, Shephi and Onam. And the sons of Zibeon; Aiah

30 and Anah. The sons of Anah; Dishon. And the sons of Dishon; Hamran and Eshban and Ithran and Cheran. The sons of Ezer; Bilhan and Zaavan, Jakan. The sons of Dishan; Uz and Aran.

31 Now these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel: Bela the son of Beor; and the name of

32 his city was Dinhabah. And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah

33 reigned in his stead. And Jobab died, and Husham of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. And Husham

34 died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, which smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of

35 his city was Avith. And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in

36 his stead. And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in

37 his stead. And Shaul died, and Baal-

¹ In Gen. x. 3, *Riphat*.

² In Gen. x. 4, *Dodanim*.

³ Heb. *Philistim*.

⁴ In Gen. x. 23, *Mesah*.

⁵ In Gen. x. 23, *Ovul*.

⁶ In Gen. xxxvi. 11, *Zepha*.

⁷ In Gen. xxxvi. 22, *Hemam*.

⁸ In Gen. xxxvi. 23, *Alvan*.

⁹ In Gen. xxxvi. 24, *Shephi*.

¹⁰ In Gen. xxxvi. 25, *Haran*.

¹¹ In Gen. xxxvi. 26, *Shaul*.

¹² In Gen. xxxvi. 27, *Shaul*.

hanan the son of Achbor reigned in 50 his stead. And Baal-hanan died, and ¹Hadad reigned in his stead; and the name of his city was ²Pai: and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of 51 Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab. And Hadad died. And the dukes of Edom were; duke Timna, duke ³Aliah, duke 52 Jetheth; duke Oholibamah, duke Elah, 53 duke Pinon; duke Kenaz, duke Teman, 54 duke Mibzar; duke Magdiel, duke Iram. These are the dukes of Edom.

2 These are the sons of Israel; Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar and 2 Zebulun; Dan, Joseph and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 3 The sons of Judah; Er, and Onan, and Shelah: which three were born unto him of Bath-shua the Canaanitess. And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the Lord; and he slew 4 him. And Tamar his daughter in law bare him Perez and Zerah. All the 5 sons of Judah were five. The sons of 6 Perez; Hezron and Hamul. And the sons of Zerah; ⁴Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and ⁵Dara: five of 7 them in all. And the sons of Carmi; ⁶Achar, the troubler of Israel, who committed a trespass in the devoted 8 thing. And the sons of Ethan; Azariah. The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him; Jerahmeel, and 10 Ram, and Chelubai. And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon, prince of the children of 11 Judah; and Nahshon begat Salma, 12 and Salma begat Boaz; and Boaz begat 13 Obed, and Obed begat Jesse; and Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third; 14 Nathanel the fourth, Raddai the fifth; 15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh: 16 and their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail. And the sons of Zeruiah; ⁷Abishai, and Joab, and Asabel, three. 17 And Abigail bare Amasa: and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite. 18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begat children of Azubah his wife, and of Jeri-oth: and these were her sons; Jeshur, 19 and Shobab, and Ardun. And Azubah died, and Caleb took unto him Ephrath, 20 which bare him Hur. And Hur begat 21 Uri, and Uri begat Bezalel. And afterward Hezron went in to the daughter of Machir the father of Gilead; whom he took to wife when he was three-score years old; and she bare him 22 Segub. And Segub begat Jair, who had three and twenty cities in the land 23 of Gilead. And Geshur and Aram took ⁸the towns of Jair from them, with Kenath, and the ⁹villages thereof, even threescore cities. All these were the sons of Machir the father of Gilead. 24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephrathah, then Abiah Hezron's wife bare him Ashhur the father

25 of Tekoa. And the sons of Jerahmeel the firstborn of Hezron were Ram the firstborn, and Bunah, and Oren, and 26 Ozem, Abijah. And Jerahmeel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; 27 she was the mother of Onam. And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel 28 were Maaz, and Jamin, and Eker. And the sons of Onam were Shammai, and Jada: and the sons of Shammai; Nadab, 29 and Abishur. And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail; and she bare 30 him Ahban, and Molid. And the sons of Nadab; Seled, and Appaim: but Seled 31 died without ¹⁰children. And the sons of Appaim; Ishi. And the sons of Ishi; Sheshan. And the sons of Sheshan; 32 Ahlai. And the sons of Jada the brother of Shammai; Jether, and Jonathan: 33 and Jether died without ¹⁰children. And the sons of Jonathan; Peleth, and Zaza. 34 These were the sons of Jerahmeel. Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, 35 whose name was Jarha. And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai. 36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan 37 begat Zabab; and Zabab begat Ephial, 38 and Ephial begat Obed; and Obed begat 39 Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah; and Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Ele- 40 asah; and Eleasah begat Sisamai, and 41 Sisamai begat Shallum; and Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat 42 Elishama. And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Meshah his firstborn, which was the father of Ziph; and the sons of Mareshah the father 43 of Hebron. And the sons of Hebron; Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and 44 Shema. And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem begat 45 Shammai. And the son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the father 46 of Beth-zur. And Ephrah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and 47 Gazez: and Haran begat Gazez. And the sons of Jahdai; Regem, and Jotham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and 48 Shaaph. Maacah, Caleb's concubine, 49 bare Sheber and Tirhanah. She bare also Shaaph the father of Madmannah, Sheva the father of Machbena, and the father of Gibeaz; and the daughter of 50 Caleb was Achsah. These were the sons of Caleb; the ¹¹son of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, Shobal the father 51 of Kiriath-jearim; Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of 52 Beth-gader. And Shobal the father of Kiriath-jearim had sons; Haroeh, half 53 of the Menuthoth. And the families of Kiriath-jearim; the Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites. The sons 54 of Salma; Beth-lehem, and the Netophathites, Atroth-beth-Joab, and half

¹ In Gen. xxxv. 23, Hadad.

² In Gen. xxxv. 23, Pai.

³ In Gen. xxxv. 23, Aliah.

⁴ In Josh. vii. 1, Zimri.

⁵ Many ancient authorities read, Dara.

⁶ In Josh. vii. 1, Achar.

⁷ Heb. Abishai.

⁸ Or, Haroeh-jair.

⁹ Heb. Menuthoth.

¹⁰ Or, sons.

¹¹ The Sept. has, sons.

of the Manahathites, the Zorites. 55 And the families of scribes which dwelt at Jabez; the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, the Sucathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

3 Now these were the sons of David, which were born unto him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelitess; the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggith; the fifth, Shephatiah of Abital; the sixth, Ithream by

4 Eglah his wife. Six were born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years. And these were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shimea, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel;

6 and Ibhar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet; and Nogah, and Nepheg, and Japhia; and Elishama, and Eliada, and 9 Eliphelet, nine. All these were the sons of David, beside the sons of the concubines; and Tamar was their

10 sister. And Solomon's son was Rehoboam, Abijah his son, Asa his son, 11 Jehoshaphat his son; Joram his son, 12 Ahaziah his son, Joash his son; Amaziah his son, Azariah his son, Jotham his

13 son; Ahaz his son, Hezekiah his son, 14 Manasseh his son; Amon his son, Josiah his son. And the sons of Josiah; the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoiakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth

16 Shallum. And the sons of Jehoiakim: Jeconiah his son, Zedekiah his son. 17 And the sons of Jeconiah, ¹ the captive; 18 Shealtiel his son, and Malchiram, and Pedaiiah, and Shenazzar, Jekamiah, Hoshaiah, and Nedabiah. And the sons of

19 Pedaiiah; Zerubbabel, and Shimei: and the ² sons of Zerubbabel; Meshullam, and Hananiah; and Shelomith was their

20 sister: and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushabhesed, five. And the ³ sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah, and Jesaiiah: the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of

22 Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah. And the sons of Shecaniah; Shemaiah: and the sons of Shemaiah; Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and

23 Shaphat, six. And the ⁴ sons of Neariah; Elioenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, 24 three. And the ⁵ sons of Elioenai; Hodaiah, and Eliashib, and Pelatiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

4 The sons of Judah; Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. And Reaiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites.

3 And these were the sons of the father

of Etam; Jezreel, and Ishma, and Idbash: and the name of their sister was 4 Hazzeleponi: and Pennel the father of Gedor, and Ezer the father of Husshah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of

5 Beth-lehem. And Ashhur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and 6 Naarah. And Naarah bare him Ahuzam, and Hephher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of

7 Naarah. And the sons of Helah were 8 Zereth, ⁶ Izhar, and Ethnan. And Hakkoz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and the families of Aharhel the son of

9 Harum. And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Be-

10 cause I bare him with sorrow. And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my border, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it be not to my sorrow! And God granted him that which he re-

11 quested. And Chelub the brother of Shuhah begat Mehir, which was the 12 father of Eshton. And Eshton begat Beth-rapha, and Paseah, and Tehinnah the father of ⁷ Ir-nahash. These are the

13 men of Rechab. And the sons of Kenaz; Othniel, and Seraiah: and the sons of 14 Othniel; Hathath. And Meonothai begat Ophrah: and Seraiah begat Joab the father of ⁸ Ge-harashim; for they

15 were craftsmen. And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh; Iru, Elah, and Naam: and the sons of Elah; and 16 Kenaz. And the sons of Jehallelel; Ziph, 17 and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel. And the sons of Ezrah; Jether, and Mered, and Ephraim, and Jalon: and she bare Miriam, and Shammai, and Ishbah the father of

18 Eshtemoa. And his wife ⁹ the Jewess bare Jered the father of Gedor, and Heber the father of Soco, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoah. And these are the sons of Bithiah the daughter

19 of Pharaoh, which Mered took. And the sons of the wife of Hodiah, the sister of Naham, were the father of Keilah the Garmite, and Eshtemoa 20 the Maacathite. And the sons of Shimon; Amnon, and Rinnah, Ben-hanan, and Tilon. And the sons of Ishi; Zoheth, 21 and Ben-zoheth. The sons of Shelah the son of Judah; Er the father of Lecah, and Laadah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of them that wrought fine linen, of the house

22 of Ashbea; and Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lehem. 23 And the ¹⁰ records are ancient. These were the potters, and ¹¹ the inhabitants of Netaim and Gederah: there they dwelt with the king for his work.

24 The sons of Simeon; ¹² Nemuel, and

¹ Another reading is, and Zohar.

⁴ Or, the city of Nahash.

⁵ Or, the valley of craftsmen.

⁶ Or, He-jehudijah.

⁷ Heb. words.

⁸ Or, those that dwell among plantations and herds.

⁹ In Gen. xvi. 34. Ex. vi. 16. Jerem.

¹ Or, Asir.

² Heb. son.

¹ In Gen.
xvi. 30,
Jacob.
² In Gen.
xvi. 30,
Zuhar.

25 Jamin, ¹Jarib, ²Zerah, Shaul: Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma his son.
26 And the sons of Mishma; Hammuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shimei his son.
27 And Shimei had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, neither did all their family multiply, like to the children of 28 Judah. And they dwelt at Beer-sheba, 29 and Moladah, and Hazar-shual; and at 30 Bilhah, and at Ezem, and at Tolad; and at Bethuel, and at Hormah, and at Zik- 31 lag; and at Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susim, and at Beth-biri, and at Shaaraim. These were their cities unto the reign 32 of David. And their villages were Etam, and Ain, Rimmon, and Tochen, and 33 Ashan, five cities: and all their villages that were round about the same cities, unto Baal. These were their habitations, and they have their genealogy.
34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the son of Amaziah; and Joel, and Jehu the son of Joshibiah, the son of 36 Seriah, the son of Asiel; and Elioenai, and Jaakobah, and Jeshohaiah, and Asaiah, and Adiel, and Jesimiel, and 37 Benaiah; and Ziza the son of Shiphi, the son of Allon, the son of Jedaiah, the son of Shimri, the son of Shema- 38 iah; these mentioned by name were princes in their families: and their 39 fathers' houses increased greatly. And they went to the entering in of Gedor, even unto the east side of the valley, 40 to seek pasture for their flocks. And they found fat pasture and good, and the land was wide, and quiet, and peaceable; for they that dwelt there 41 aforesome were of Ham. And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the Mennim that were found there, and ³destroyed them utterly, unto this day, and dwelt in their stead: because there was pasture there 42 for their flocks. And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five hundred men, went to mount Seir, having for their captains Pelatiah, and Neariah, and Rephaiah, and Uzziel, the sons 43 of Ishi. And they smote the remnant of the Amalekites that escaped, and dwelt there, unto this day.
5 And the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's couch, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel; and the genealogy is not to be reckoned 2 after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the 'prince'; but the birthright 3 was Joseph's:) the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel; Hanoch, and 4 Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi. The sons of Joel; Shemaiah his son, Gog his 5 son, Shimei his son; Micah his son, 6 Reaiah his son, Baal his son; Beerah

³ Heb.
destroyed
them.

⁴ Or,
leader

his son, whom ⁵Tilgath-pilneser king of Assyria carried away captive: he 7 was prince of the Reubenites. And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned; the chief, Jeiel, and Zechar- 8 iah, and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Baal-meon: 9 and eastward he dwelt even unto the entering in of the wilderness from the river Euphrates: because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead.
10 And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hagrites, who fell by their hand: and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the land east of Gilead.
11 And the sons of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan 12 unto Salecah: Joel the chief, and Shapham the second, and Janai, and 13 Shaphat in Bashan: and their brethren of their fathers' houses; Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven.
14 These were the sons of Abihail the son of Huri, the son of Jarohah, the son of Gilead, the son of Michael, the son of Jehishai, the son of Jahdo, the son of 15 Buz; Ahi the son of Abdiel, the son of Guni, chief of their fathers' houses.
16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in her ⁶towns, and in all the ⁷suburbs 17 of Sharon, as far as their ⁸borders. All these were reckoned by genealogies in the days of Jotham king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam king of Israel.
18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were forty and four thousand seven hundred and three-score, that were able to go forth to war.
19 And they made war with the Hagrites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab.
20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them: for they cried to God in the battle, and he was intreated of them; because they put their trust in him.
21 And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of ⁹men an hundred 22 thousand. For there fell many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their stead until the captivity.
23 And the children of the half tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon 24 and Senir and mount Hermon. And these were the heads of their fathers' houses; even Ephraim, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahdiel, mighty men of valour, famous men, heads of their fathers' houses.

⁵ In
2 Kings
xv. 29,
xvi. 7,
Tiglath-
pileser.

⁶ Heb.
dough-
ters.
⁷ Or,
pasture
lands.
⁸ Heb.
going
forth.

⁹ Heb.
souls of
men.

25 And they trespassed against the God of their fathers, and went a whoring after the gods of the peoples of the land, 26 whom God destroyed before them. And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river of Gozan, unto this day.

6 The sons of Levi; ¹Gershon, Kohath, 2 and Merari. And the sons of Kohath; Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel. And the children of Amram; Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. And the sons of Aaron; Nadab and Abihu, 4 Eleazar and Ithamar. Eleazar begat 5 Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua; and Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat 6 Uzzi; and Uzzi begat Zerachiah, and Zerachiah begat Meraioth; Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub; 8 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok 9 begat Ahimaaz; and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan; 10 and Johanan begat Azariah, (he it is that executed the priest's office in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem;) and Azariah begat Amariah, and 12 Amariah begat Ahitub; and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat ²Shallum; 13 and Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah 14 begat Azariah; and Azariah begat Seraiah, and Seraiah begat Jehozadak; and Jehozadak went into captivity, when the Lord carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 The sons of Levi; ³Gershon, Kohath, 17 and Merari. And these be the names of the sons of Gershon; Libni and 18 Shimei. And the sons of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and 19 Uzziel. The sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers' 20 houses. Of Gershon; Libni his son, Ja- 21 hath his son, Zimmah his son; ⁴Joah his son, ⁵Iddo his son, Zerah his son, ⁶Jea- 22 therai his son. The sons of Kohath; ⁷Ammiadab his son, Korah his son, 23 Assir his son; Elkanah his son, and Ebi- 24 asaph his son, and Assir his son; Tahath his son, ⁸Uriel his son, Uzziel his son, 25 and Shaul his son. And the sons of El- 26 kanah; Amasai, and Ahimoth. As for Elkanah: the sons of Elkanah; ⁹Zophai 27 his son, and ¹⁰Nahath his son; ¹¹Eliab his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his 28 son. And the sons of Samuel; the first- 29 born ¹²Joel, and the second Abiah. The sons of Merari; Mahli, Libni his son, 30 Shimei his son, Uziah his son; Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son. 31 And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of the Lord, after that the ark had 32 rest. And they ministered with song

before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of the Lord in Jerusalem: and they ¹³waited on their office according 33 to their order. And these are they that ¹³waited, and their sons. Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of 34 Samuel; the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of 35 ¹⁴Toah; the son of ¹⁵Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son 36 of Amasai; the son of Elkanah, the son of ¹⁶Joel, the son of Azariah, the son of 37 Zephaniah; the son of Tabath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebiasaph, the son 38 of Korah; the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of 39 Israel. And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea; 40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, 41 the son of Malchijah; the son of Ethni, 42 the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah; the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the 43 son of Shimei; the son of Jahath, the 44 son of Gershom, the son of Levi. And on the left hand their brethren the sons of Merari: ¹⁷Ethan the son of ¹⁸Kiashi, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch; 45 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Am- 46 aziah, the son of Hilkiah; the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of 47 Shemer; the son of Mahli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of 48 Levi. And their brethren the Levites were ¹⁹appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

49 But Aaron and his sons ²⁰offered upon the altar of burnt offering, and upon the altar of incense, for all the work of the most holy place, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had 50 commanded. And these are the sons of Aaron; Eleazar his son, Phinehas his 51 son, Abishua his son; Bukki his son, 52 Uzzi his son, Zerachiah his son; Meraioth his son, Amariah his son, Ahitub his 53 son; Zadok his son, Ahimaaz his son. 54 Now these are their dwelling places according to their encampments in their borders: to the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, for 55 theirs was the ²¹first lot, to them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about 56 it; but the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the 57 son of Jephunneh. And ²²to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron; Libnah also with her suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with her 58 suburbs; and ²³Hilen with her suburbs, 59 Debir with her suburbs; and ²⁴Ashan with her suburbs, and Beth-shemesh 60 with her suburbs; and out of the tribe of Benjamin; Geba with her suburbs, and ²⁵Alleth with her suburbs,

¹³ Heb. stood.

¹⁴ In ver. 35, Nahath.
¹⁵ In ver. 34, Zuph.
¹⁶ In ver. 31, Shaul, Uriah, Uziel.

¹⁷ In ch. ix. 16, Jeduthun.
¹⁸ In ch. xv. 17, Amasai.

¹⁹ Heb. gloss. Num. iii. 9, burnt incense.

²¹ See Josh. xxi. 4, 14.

²² See Josh. xxi. 13, &c.
²³ In Josh. xxi. 13, Holon.
²⁴ In Josh. xxi. 16, Jiz.
²⁵ In Josh. xxi. 18, Almon.

[Ch. v. 27
in Heb.]
¹ In ver. 16, (Ger- shon.

² In ch. ix. 11, Meshul- lam.

[Ch. vi. 1
in Heb.]
³ In ver. 1, Gershon.

⁴ In ver. 41, Ethan.
⁵ In ver. 41, Adai.
⁶ In ver. 41, Ethni.
⁷ In ver. 38, Izhar.
⁸ In ver. 31, Zephaniah, Azariah, Joel.
⁹ In ver. 38, Zuph.
¹⁰ In ver. 34, Toah.
¹¹ In ver. 34, Eliel.
¹² So the Syriac. See ver. 38, and 1 Sam. viii. 2. The Hebrew text has, Vashai, and Abiah.

¹ But see
vv. 65-70
and
Josh.
xii. 8.

² See
Josh. xxi.
22-26,
where
some of
the
names
are dif-
ferent.

and Anathoth with her suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities. ¹ And unto the rest of the sons of Kohath were given by lot, out of the family of the tribe, out of the half tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities. And to the sons of Gershon, according to their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

⁶³ Unto the sons of Merari were given by lot, according to their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. And the children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their suburbs. And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which are mentioned by name.

⁶⁶ And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. And they gave unto them the cities of refuge, Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim with her suburbs; Gezer also with her suburbs; ² and Jokmeam with her suburbs, and Beth-horon with her suburbs; and Aijalon with her suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with her suburbs:

⁷⁰ and out of the half tribe of Manasseh; Aner with her suburbs, and Bileam with her suburbs, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath. Unto the sons of Gershon were given, out of the family of the half tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with her suburbs, and Ashtaroth with her suburbs:

⁷² and out of the tribe of Issachar; Kedesh with her suburbs, Daberath with her suburbs; and Ramoth with her suburbs, and Anem with her suburbs; and out of the tribe of Asher; Mashal with her suburbs, and Abdon with her suburbs; and Hukok with her suburbs, and Rehob with her suburbs: and out of the tribe of Naphtali; Kedesh in Galilee with her suburbs, and Hammon with her suburbs, and Kiriathaim with her suburbs. Unto the rest of the Levites, the sons of Merari, were given, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmono with her suburbs, Tabor with her suburbs: and beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, were given them, out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with her suburbs, and Jahzah with her suburbs, and Kedemoth with her suburbs, and Mephaath with her suburbs: and out of the tribe of Gad; Ramoth in Gilead with her suburbs, and Mahanaim with her suburbs, and Heshbon with her suburbs, and Jazer with her suburbs.

⁷ And of the sons of Issachar; Tola, and ⁸ Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four.

² And the sons of Tola; Uzzi, and Rephaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers' houses, to wit, of Tola; mighty men of valour in their generations: their number in the days of David was two and twenty thousand and six hundred. And the sons of Uzzi; Izrahiah: and the sons of Izrahiah; Michael, and Obadiah, and Joel, Isshiah, five: all of them chief men. And with them, by their generations, after their fathers' houses, were bands of the host for war, six and thirty thousand: for they had many wives and sons. And their brethren among all the families of Issachar, mighty men of valour, reckoned in all by genealogy, were fourscore and seven thousand.

⁶ The sons of Benjamin; Bela, and Becher, and Jediahel, three. And the sons of Bela; Ezbon, and Uzzi, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and Iri, five; heads of fathers' houses, mighty men of valour; and they were reckoned by genealogy twenty and two thousand and thirty eight and four. And the sons of Becher; Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elioenai, and Omri, and Jeremoth, and Abijah, and Anathoth, and Alemeth.

⁹ All these were the sons of Becher. And they were reckoned by genealogy, after their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valour, twenty thousand and two hundred.

¹⁰ And the sons of Jediahel; Bilhan: and the sons of Bilhan; Jeshu, and Benjamin, and Ehud, and Chenaanah, and Zethan, and Tarshish, and Ahi-shahar. All these were sons of Jediahel, according to the heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valour, seventeen thousand and two hundred, that were able to go forth in the host for war. ⁴ Shuppim also, and Huppim, the sons of ⁶ Ir, Hushim, the sons of ⁶ Aher.

¹⁸ The sons of Naphtali; ⁷ Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and ⁸ Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

¹⁴ The sons of Manasseh; Asriel, ⁹ whom his wife bare: (his concubine the Aramiteess bare Machir the father of Gilead: and Machir took a wife ¹⁰ of Huppim and Shuppim, ¹¹ whose sister's name was Maacah;) and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had sixteen daughters. And Maacah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresah; and his sons were Ulam and Rakem. And the sons of Ulam; Bedan. These were the sons of Gilead the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh.

¹⁸ And his sister Hammolecheth bare Ish-hod, and ¹² Abiezer, and Mahlah. And the sons of Shemida were Ahian, and Shechem, and Likhi, and Aniam.

⁸ In Gen.
xvi. 13,
Puah,
and Job.

⁴ In Num.
xxvi. 30,
Shaphu-
pham, and Bu-
pham.

⁶ In ver.
7. Ir.

⁶ In Num.
xxvi. 35,
Aheram.

⁷ In Gen.
xvi. 34,
Jahseel.

⁸ In Gen.
xvi. 34,
Shilem.

⁹ Or, ac-
cording to
the Sept.,
whom
his con-
cubine
the A-
ramiteess
bare; she
bare &c.

¹⁰ Or, for

¹¹ Or, and his

¹² In Num.
xxvi. 30,
Iezer.

20 And the sons of Ephraim; Shuthelah, and Bered his son, and Tahath his son, and Eleadah his son, and Tahath his son, and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Elead, whom the men of Gath that were born in the land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. And he went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house.

24 And his daughter was Sheerah, who built Beth-horon the nether and the upper, and Uzzan-sheerah. And Rephah was his son, and Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahan his son; Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Eliashub his son, ¹Nun his son, Joshua his son. And their possessions and habitations were Beth-el and the ²towns thereof, and eastward ³Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto ⁴Azzah and the towns thereof:

29 and by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and her towns, Taanach and her towns, Megiddo and her towns, Dor and her towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 The sons of Asher; Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. And the sons of Beriah; Heber, and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith. And Heber begat Japhlet, and ⁶Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. And the sons of Japhlet; Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet.

34 let. And the sons of ⁶Shemer; Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35 And the ⁷sons of Helem his brother; Zophah, and Imna, and Sheleah, and Amal. The sons of Zophah; Snah, and Harnepher, and Shual, and Beri, and Imrah; Bezer, and Hod, and Shamma, and Shilshah, and Ithran, and Beera. And the sons of Jether; Jephunneh, and Pispah, and Ara. And the sons of Ulla; Arah, and Hanniel, and Riziah.

40 All these were the children of Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valour, chief of the princes. And the number of them reckoned by genealogy for service in war was twenty and six thousand men.

8 And Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and ⁹Aharah the third; Nohah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. And Bela had sons, ¹⁰Addar, and Gera, and Abihud; and Abishua, and Naaman, and Abhoah; and Gera, and ¹⁰Shephuphan, and Huram. And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried

7 them captive to Manahath: and Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera, he carried them captive; and he begat Uzza and Ahihud. And Shaharaim begat children in the field of Moab, after he had ¹¹sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives. And he begat of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Mesha, and Malcam; and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirmah. These were his 11 sons, heads of fathers' houses. And of Hushim he begat Abitub and Elpaal.

12 And the sons of Elpaal; Eber, and Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with the towns thereof: and Beriah, and Shema, who were heads of fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Aijalon, who put to fight the inhabitants of Gath; and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth; and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder; and Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha, the sons of Beriah; and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber; and Ishmerai, and Izliah, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal; and 20 Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi; and 21 Elienai, and Zillethai, and Eliel; and Adaiah, and Beraiah, and Shimmrath, the sons of ¹²Shimei; and Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel; and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan; and Hananiah, and Elam, and Anthothijah; and Iphdeiah, and Pennel, the sons of Shashak; and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah; and Jaareeshiah, and Elijah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham. These were heads of fathers' houses throughout their generations, chief men: these 29 dwelt in Jerusalem. And in Gibeon there dwelt the father of Gibeon, ¹³Jehiel, whose wife's name was Maacah; and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab; and Gedor, and Ahio, and ¹⁴Zechar. And Mikloth begat ¹⁵Shimeah. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren. And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and ¹⁶Abinadab, and ¹⁷Eshbaal. And the son of Jonathan was ¹⁸Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah. And the sons of Micah; Pithon, and Melech, and ¹⁹Tarea, and Ahaz. And Ahaz begat ²⁰Jehoaddah; and Jehoaddah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza; and Moza begat Binea; ²¹Raphah was his son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son: and Azel had six sons, whose names are these; Azrikam, Bokeru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan. All these were 39 the sons of Azel. And the sons of Eshek his brother; Ulam his firstborn, Jeush the second, and Eliphelet the third. And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valour, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, an hundred and fifty. All these were of the sons of Benjamin.

¹ Heb. Non.

² Heb. daughters.

³ In Josh. xvi. 7. Naarab.

⁴ Many MSS. read, Ayyah.

⁵ In ver. 34. Shomer.

⁶ In ver. 34. Shomer.

⁷ Heb. son.

⁸ See ch. vii. 12.

⁹ In Gen. xvi. 21. Ard.

¹⁰ In Num. xvi. 36. Shephuphan.

¹¹ Or, sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.

¹² In ver. 15. Shime.

¹³ See ch. ix. 25.

¹⁴ In ch. ix. 27. Zechariah.

¹⁵ In ch. ix. 28. Shimeon.

¹⁶ In 1 Sam. xiv. 21. Ishai.

¹⁷ In 2 Sam. ii. 5. Ishbaal.

¹⁸ In 2 Sam. iv. 4. Merib-baal.

¹⁹ In ch. ix. 29. Jeush.

²⁰ In ch. ix. 30. Jeush.

²¹ In ch. ix. 31. Jeush.

9 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel: and Judah was carried away captive to 2 Babylon for their transgression. ¹ Now the first inhabitants that dwell in their possessions in their cities were, Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim. And in Jerusalem dwell of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children 4 of Ephraim and Manasseh; Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bani, of the children of Perez the son of Judah. 5 And of the Shilonites; Asaiah the first-born, and his sons. And of the sons of Zerah; Jeuel, and their brethren, six 7 hundred and ninety. And of the sons of Benjamin; Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of 8 Hassenuah; and Ibaneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son 9 of Ibmijah; and their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were heads of fathers' houses by their fathers' houses. 10 And of the priests; Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, Jachin; and ² Azariah the son of Hilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God; 12 and Adaiash the son of Jeroham, the son of Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and Maasai the son of Adiel, the son of Jahzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of 13 Meshillemith, the son of Immer; and their brethren, heads of their fathers' houses, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the service of the house of God. 14 And of the Levites; Shemaiah the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, of the sons of Merari; 15 and Bakbakkar, Heresh, and Galal, and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of 16 Zichri, the son of Asaph; and ⁴ Obadiah the son of ⁶ Shemaiah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun, and Berechiah the son of Asa, the son of Elkanah, that dwell in the villages of the Netophath- 17 ites. And the porters; Shallum, and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren: Shallum was the chief; 18 who hitherto waited in the king's gate eastward: they were the porters for 19 the camp of the children of Levi. And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of his father's house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the ⁶ gates of the ⁷ tabernacle: and their fathers had been over the camp of the Lord, keep- 20 ers of the entry; and Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time

past, and the Lord was with him. 21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of the door of the tent of meet- 22 ing. All these which were chosen to be porters in the ⁶ gates were two hundred and twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain 23 in their ⁸ set office. So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the Lord, even the house of the ⁷ tabernacle, by wards. 24 ⁹ On the four sides were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25 And their brethren, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from 26 time to time to be with them: for the four chief porters, who were Levites, were in a set office, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the 27 house of God. And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge *thereof* was upon them, and to them pertained the opening thereof 28 morning by morning. And certain of them had charge of the vessels of service; for by tale were they brought in 29 and by tale were they taken out. Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the 30 frankincense, and the spices. And some of the sons of the priests pre- 31 pared the confection of the spices. And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the set office over the things that 32 were baked in pans. And some of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the shewbread, to prepare it 33 every sabbath. And these are the singers, heads of fathers' houses of the Levites, who dwell in the chambers and were free from other service: for they were employed in their work day and 34 night. These were heads of fathers' houses of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men: these dwell at Jerusalem. 35 And in Gibeon there dwell the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife's name was 36 Maacah: and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, 37 and Nadab; and Gedor, and Ahio, and 38 Zechariah, and Mikloth. And Mikloth begat Shimeam. And they also dwell with their brethren in Jerusalem, over 39 against their brethren. And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchishua, and 40 Abinadab, and Eshbaal. And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baal; and Merib- 41 baal begat Micah. And the sons of Micah; Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, 42 ¹⁰ and Ahaz. And Ahaz begat Jarah; and Jarah begat Alemeth, and Azmaveth, 43 and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza; and Moza begat Binea; and Rephaiah his

¹ See Neh. xi. 3, &c.

² In Neh. xi. 11, Seraiah.

³ In Neh. xi. 17, Zebai.

⁴ In Neh. xi. 17, Adai.

⁵ In Neh. xi. 17, Shammass.

⁶ Heb. thresholds.
⁷ Heb. Tent.

⁸ Or, trust.

⁹ Heb. Towards the four winds.

¹⁰ See ch. viii. 35.

son, Eleasah his son, Azel his son: 44 and Azel had six sons, whose names are these; Azrikam, Boeheru, and Ishmael, and Sheariah, and Obadiah, and Hanan: these were the sons of Azel.

10 ¹ Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell

2 down ² slain in mount Gilboa. And the Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and ³ Abinadab, and 3 Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was distressed by reason of the archers.

4 Then said Saul unto his armourbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and ⁴ abuse me. But his armourbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword,

5 and fell upon it. And when his armourbearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons; and 7 all his house died together. And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them.

8 And it came to pass on the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and 9 his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. And they stripped him, and took his head, and his armour, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about,

10 to carry the tidings unto their idols, and to the people. And they put his armour in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the house of

11 Dagon. And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done

12 to Saul, all the valiant men arose, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jabesh, and buried their bones

under the ⁶ oak in Jabesh, and fasted 13 seven days. So Saul died ⁶ for his trespass which he committed against the LORD, because of the word of the LORD, which he kept not; and also

for that he asked counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire there- 14 by, and inquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

11 ⁷ Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, 2 we are thy bone and thy flesh. In times past, even when Saul was king, it was thou that leddest out and broughtest in Israel: and the LORD thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be ⁸ prince

3 over my people Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Samuel. And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (the same is Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, 5 were there. And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion; the same 6 is the city of David. And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and 7 was made chief. And David dwelt in the strong hold; therefore they called 8 it the city of David. And he built the city round about, from Millo even round about: and Joab ⁹ repaired the 9 rest of the city. And David waxed greater and greater; for the LORD of hosts was with him.

10 ¹⁰ Now these are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who ¹¹ shewed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of a Hachmonite, the chief of the ¹² thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred ¹³ and slew them at one 12 time. And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodo, the Ahohite, who was one

13 of the three mighty men. He was with David at ¹⁴ Pas-dammim, and there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from be-

14 fore the Philistines. And they stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and the LORD saved them by a great ¹⁵ victory.

15 And three of the thirty chief went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines were encamped in the valley of

16 Rephaim. And David was then in the hold, and the garrison of the Philistines 17 was then in Beth-lehem. And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of

18 Beth-lehem, which is by the gate! And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto the

19 LORD, and said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this: shall I drink the blood of these men ¹⁶ that have put their lives in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their lives they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These

¹ See
¹ Sam.
xxxi. 1,
&c.

² Or,
wound-
ed

³ In
¹ Sam.
xiv. 46,
Jabai.

⁴ Or,
make a
mock of
me

⁵ Or,
terre-
brink

⁶ Or, in

⁷ See
² Sam.
v. 1, &c.

⁸ Or,
leader

⁹ Heb.
revised

¹⁰ See
Sam.
xxii. 5
&c.
¹¹ Or,
held
strongly
with him

¹² An-
other
reading
is, capt-
ains.

¹³ Heb.
slain.

¹⁴ In
¹ Sam.
xxv. 1,
Apher-
dammim.

¹⁵ Heb.
victory.

¹⁶ Heb.
with
their
lives.

¹ Heb. Abishai.

² Heb. slain.

³ Or, Of the three in the second rank he was the most honourable.

⁴ Or, counsel.

⁵ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 25, Harod, much the Harodite.

⁶ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 26, Paltier.

⁷ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 27, Mebunai.

⁸ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 28, Bahmon.

⁹ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 29, Heleb.

¹⁰ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 30, Hiddai.

¹¹ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 31, Abdon.

¹² In 2 Sam. xxiii. 32, Zashen.

¹³ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 33, Sheror.

¹⁴ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 34, Eliphalet the son of Ahisai.

¹⁵ In 2 Sam. xxiii. 35, Pasurai the Arvite.

¹⁶ Heb. being yet about up.

20 things did the three mighty men. And ¹Abishai, the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three: for he lifted up his spear against three hundred ²and slew them, and had a name among the three. ³Of the three, he was more honourable than the two, and was made their captain: howbeit he attained not to the ⁴first three. Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two sons of Ariel of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the ⁵midst of a pit in time of snow. And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew ⁶him with his own spear. These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighty ⁷men. Behold, he was more honourable than the thirty, but he attained not to the ⁸first three: and David set him over his ⁹guard. ¹⁰Also the mighty men of the armies; Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem; ¹¹Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the ¹²Pelonite; ¹³Ira the son of Ikkeah the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite; ¹⁴Sibbecai the Hushathite, ¹⁵Ithai the Ahohite; Maharai the Netophathite, ¹⁶Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite; ¹⁷Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite; ¹⁸Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, ¹⁹Abiel the Arbathite; Aznaveth the Baharumite, Eliahba the Shaalbonite; the sons of ²⁰Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shageh the Hararite; Ahiam the son of ²¹Sacar the Hararite, ²²Eliphal the son of ²³Uri; Hephher the Mecherathite, Ahijah the Pelonite; Hezro the Carmelite, ²⁴Naarai the son of Ebzai; Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hagri; Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Bersothite, the armourbearer of ²⁵Joab the son of Zeruiah; Ira the Ithrite, ²⁶Gareb the Ithrite; Uriah the Hittite, ²⁷Zabad the son of Ahlai; Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him; Hanan the son of Maacah, and Joshaphat the Mithnite; Uzzia the Ashterathite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite; ²⁸Jediael the son of Shimri, and ²⁹Joah his brother, the Tizite; Eliel the Mahavite, and Jeribai, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elnaam, and Ithmah the Moabite; Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobaite. ³⁰Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, ³¹while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men.

2 his helpers in war. They ¹⁷were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow; they were of Saul's brethren of Benjamin. ³The chief was Abiezer, then Joash, the sons of Shemaah the Gibeathite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth; and Bersacah, and Jehu the Anathothite; and Iahmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite; Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphite; Elkanah, and Isshiah, and Azarel, and Jo ezer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites; and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor. And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David to the hold in the wilderness, mighty men of valour, men trained for war, that could handle shield and spear; whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the roes upon the mountains; Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliab the ¹⁰third, Miahmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth; Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh; Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth; Jeremiah the tenth, Machabbaiah the eleventh. These of the sons of Gad were captains of the host: he that was least was ¹⁸equal to an hundred, and the greatest ¹⁹to a thousand. These are they that went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to fight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west. And there came of the children of Benjamin and ¹⁷Judah to the hold unto David. And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, mine heart shall be knit unto you: but if ye be come to betray me to mine adversaries, seeing there is no ¹⁹wrong in mine hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. Then the spirit ²⁰came upon Amasai, who was chief of the ²¹thirty, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thine helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the ¹⁹band. Of Manasseh also there fell away some to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle, but they helped them not: for the lords of the Philistines upon advisement sent him away, saying, He will fall away to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our ²⁰heads. As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Jediael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai,

¹⁷ Or, drew the bow.

¹ Or, over.

¹⁸ Or, violence.

²⁰ Heb. clothed. ²¹ Another reading in capitals.

1 See
1 Sam.
xxx. l.

captains of thousands that were of Ma-
21 nasseh. And they helped David against
the band of rovers: for they were all
mighty men of valour, and were capt-
22 ains in the host. For from day to day
there came to David to help him, until
it was a great host, like the host of God.
23 And these are the numbers of the heads
of them that were armed for war, which
came to David to Hebron, to turn the
kingdom of Saul to him, according to
24 the word of the Lord. The children
of Judah that bare shield and spear
were six thousand and eight hundred,
25 armed for war. Of the children of
Simeon, mighty men of valour for the
war, seven thousand and one hundred.
26 Of the children of Levi four thousand
27 and six hundred. And Jehoiada was the
leader of the house of Aaron, and with
him were three thousand and seven
28 hundred; and Zadok, a young man
mighty of valour, and of his father's
29 house twenty and two captains. And of
the children of Benjamin, the brethren
of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto
the greatest part of them had kept
their allegiance to the house of Saul.
30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty
thousand and eight hundred, mighty
men of valour, famous men in their
31 fathers' houses. And of the half tribe
of Manasseh eighteen thousand, which
were expressed by name, to come and
32 make David king. And of the children of
Issachar, men that had understanding
of the times, to know what Israel ought
to do; the heads of them were two
hundred; and all their brethren were
33 at their commandment. Of Zebulun,
such as were able to go out in the host,
that could set the battle in array, with
all manner of instruments of war, fifty
thousand; and that could order the bat-
tle array, and were not of double heart.
34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains,
and with them with shield and spear
35 thirty and seven thousand. And of
the Danites that could set the battle
in array, twenty and eight thousand
36 and six hundred. And of Asher, such
as were able to go out in the host,
that could set the battle in array, forty
37 thousand. And on the other side of
Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the
Gadites, and of the half tribe of Ma-
nasseh, with all manner of instruments
of war for the battle, an hundred and
38 twenty thousand. All these, being men
of war, that could order the battle
array, came with a perfect heart to
Hebron, to make David king over all
Israel: and all the rest also of Israel
were of one heart to make David king.
39 And they were there with David three
days, eating and drinking: for their
brethren had made preparation for
40 them. Moreover they that were nigh
unto them, even as far as Issachar and

3 Heb.
kept the
charge
of the
house.

Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread
on asses, and on camels, and on mules,
and on oxen, victual of meal, cakes of
figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine,
and oil, and oxen, and sheep in abun-
dant: for there was joy in Israel.

13 And David consulted with the capt-
ains of thousands and of hundreds,
2 even with every leader. And David
said unto all the assembly of Israel,
If it seem good unto you, and if it be
of the Lord our God, let us send a-
broad every where unto our brethren
that are left in all the land of Israel,
4 with whom the priests and Levites
are in their cities that have suburbs,
that they may gather themselves unto
us: and let us bring again the ark of
our God to us: for we sought not unto
it in the days of Saul. And all the
assembly said that they would do so:
for the thing was right in the eyes of
5 all the people. So David assembled
all Israel together, from Shihor the
brook of Egypt even unto the enter-
ing in of Hamath, to bring the ark of
6 God from Kiriath-jearim. And David
went up, and all Israel, to Baalah, that
is, to Kiriath-jearim, which belonged
to Judah, to bring up from thence the
ark of God, the Lord that sitteth up-
on the cherubim, which is called by
7 the Name. And they carried the ark
of God upon a new cart, and brought
it out of the house of Abinadab: and
8 Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. And
David and all Israel played before God
with all their might: even with songs,
and with harps, and with psalteries, and
with timbrels, and with cymbals, and
9 with trumpets. And when they came
unto the threshing-floor of Chidon,
Uzza put forth his hand to hold the
10 ark: for the oxen stumbled. And the
anger of the Lord was kindled against
Uzza, and he smote him, because he
put forth his hand to the ark: and
11 there he died before God. And David
was displeased, because the Lord had
broken forth upon Uzza: and he called
that place Perez-uzza, unto this day.
12 And David was afraid of God that day,
saying, How shall I bring the ark of
13 God home to me? So David removed
not the ark unto him into the city
of David, but carried it aside into the
14 house of Obed-edom the Gittite. And
the ark of God remained with the
family of Obed-edom in his house
three months: and the Lord blessed
the house of Obed-edom, and all that
he had.

14 And Hiram king of Tyre sent mes-
sengers to David, and cedar trees, and
masons, and carpenters, to build him
2 an house. And David perceived that
the Lord had established him king
over Israel, for his kingdom was exalted
on high, for his people Israel's sake.

3 Heb.
lands.
4 Or, and
with
them
to the
priests
and
Levites
which
are etc.
5 Or,
pasture
lands.
6 See
2 Sam.
vi. 1. &c.

7 Or,
dweller
between
8 Or,
where
the
Name is
called on

9 Or,
were
rattled
Or,
threw
it down

10 That
is, The
breach of
Uzza.

11 See
2 Sam.
v. 11. &c.

3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem: and David begat more sons and daughters. And these are the names of the children which he had in Jerusalem; Shammua, and Shobab, 5 Nathan, and Solomon; and Ithar, and 6 Elishua, and Elpelet; and Nogah, and 7 Nepheg, and Japhia; and Eliahama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

8 And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard of it, 9 and went out ¹against them. Now the Philistines had come and made a raid 10 in the valley of Rephaim. And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into mine hand? And the Lord said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thine hand.

11 So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there; and David said, God hath ²broken mine enemies by mine hand, like the breach of waters. Therefore they called the name of that

12 place ³Baal-perazim. And they left their gods there; and David gave commandment, and they were burned with 13 fire. And the Philistines yet again 14 made a raid in the valley. And David inquired again of God; and God said unto him, Thou shalt not go up after them: turn away from them, and come upon them over against the ⁴mulberry

15 trees. And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle: for God is gone out before thee to smite the host 16 of the Philistines. And David did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from ⁵Gibeon 17 even to Gezer. And the fame of David went out into all lands; and the Lord brought the fear of him upon all nations.

18 And David made him houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a 2 tent. Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath the Lord chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto

3 him for ever. And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Lord unto its place, which

4 he had prepared for it. And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, 5 and the Levites: of the sons of Kohath; Uriel the chief, and his brethren

6 an hundred and twenty: of the sons of Merari; Asaiah the chief, and his 7 brethren two hundred and twenty: of the sons of Gershon; Joel the chief,

8 and his brethren an hundred and thirty: of the sons of Elizaphan; Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two

9 hundred: of the sons of Hebron; Eliel

the chief, and his brethren fourscore: 10 of the sons of Uzziel; Amminadab the chief, and his brethren an hundred

11 and twelve. And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, and Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Am-

12 minadab, and said unto them, Ye are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye

and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel, unto the place that I have pre-

13 pared for it. For because ye bare it not at the first, the Lord our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not according to the ordin-

14 ance. So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord, the God of Israel.

15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of

16 the Lord. And David spake to the chief of the Levites to appoint their brethren the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting

17 up the voice with joy. So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel; and of his brethren, Asaph the son of Berechiah; and of the sons of Merari their brethren, Ethan the son of Ku-

18 shaiah; and with them their brethren of the second degree, Zechariah, Ben, and Jaaziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, Eliab, and Benaiah, and Maaseiah, and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-

19 edom, and Jeiel, the doorkeepers. So the singers, Heman, Asaph, and Ethan, were appointed, with cymbals of brass

20 to sound aloud; and Zechariah, and Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Unni, and Eliab, and Maaseiah, and Benaiah, with psalteries set to

21 ⁶Alamoth; and Mattithiah, and Eliphelehu, and Mikneiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, and Azariah, with harps set

22 to ⁷the Sheminith, to lead. And Chenaniah, chief of the Levites, was over ⁸the song: he instructed about ⁸the

23 song, because he was skillful. And Berechiah and Elkanah were door-

24 keepers for the ark. And Shebaniah, and Joshaphat, and Nethanel, and Amasai, and Zechariah, and Benaiah, and Eliezer, the priests, did blow with the trumpets before the ark of God: and Obed-edom and Jehiah were door-

25 keepers for the ark. ⁹So David, and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the

26 house of Obed-edom with joy: and it came to pass, when God helped the Levites that bare the ark of the coven-

ant of the Lord, that they sacrificed

¹ Or, before

² Or, broken forth upon enemies
³ That is, the place of breaking forth

⁴ Or, balsam trees

⁵ In 2 Sam. v. 25, Gibeon.

⁶ See Ps. xlii. title.

⁷ See Ps. vi.

⁸ Or, the carrying of the ark Heb. the lifting up.

⁹ See 2 Sam. vi. 12, &c.

1 Or, the carrying of the ark Heb. the lifting up.

2 Or, of wine

3 In ch. xv. 18. Jaaziel.

4 Or, make it the chief work
5 See Ps. cv. 1-18.

6 Or, Meditate

27 seven bullocks and seven rams. And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites that bare the ark, and the singers, and Chenaniah the master of ¹the song *with* the singers: and David had upon him an ephod of linen. Thus all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, sounding aloud with psalteries and harps. And it came to pass, as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David dancing and playing; and she despised him **16** in her heart. And they brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before God. And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. And he dealt to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a portion ²of flesh, and a cake of raisins.

4 And he appointed certain of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to celebrate and to thank and praise the LORD, the God of Israel: Asaph the chief, and second to him Zechariah, ⁵Jeiel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehiel, and Mattithiah, and Eliab, and Benaiah, and Obed-edom, and Jeiel, with psalteries and with harps; and Asaph with cymbals, sounding aloud; and Benaiah and Jahaziel the priests with trumpets continually, before the ark of the covenant of God.

7 Then on that day did David ⁴first ordain to give thanks unto the LORD, by the hand of Asaph and his brethren.

8 ⁵O give thanks unto the LORD, call upon his name;
Make known his doings among the peoples.

9 Sing unto him, sing praises unto him; ⁶Talk ye of all his marvellous works.

10 Glory ye in his holy name:
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD.

11 Seek ye the LORD and his strength;
Seek his face evermore.

12 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done;
His wonders, and the judgements of his mouth;

13 O ye seed of Israel his servant,
Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

14 He is the LORD our God:
His judgements are in all the earth.

15 Remember his covenant for ever,
The word which he commanded to a thousand generations;

The covenant which he made with Abraham.
And his oath unto Isaac;

17 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute,
To Israel for an everlasting covenant:

18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan,
The ⁷lot of your inheritance:

19 When ye were but a few men in number;
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it;

20 And they went about from nation to nation,
And from one kingdom to another people.

21 He suffered no man to do them wrong;
Yea, he reprov'd kings for their sakes;

22 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
And do my prophets no harm.

23 ⁸Sing unto the LORD, all the earth;
Shew forth his salvation from day to day.

24 Declare his glory among the nations,
His marvellous works among all the peoples.

25 For great is the LORD, and highly to be praised:
He also is to be feared above all gods.

26 For all the gods of the peoples are ⁹idols:
But the LORD made the heavens.

27 Honour and majesty are before him:
Strength and gladness are in his place.

28 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the peoples,
Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

29 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name:
Bring an offering, and come before him:
Worship the LORD ¹⁰in the beauty of holiness.

30 Tremble before him, all the earth:
The world also is stablished that it cannot be moved.

31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
And let them say among the nations,
The LORD reigneth.

32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
Let the field exult, and all that is therein;

33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing for joy before the LORD,
For he cometh to judge the earth.

34 ¹¹O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

35 ¹²And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation,

⁷ Heb. cord, or line.

⁸ See Ps. xcvi. 1. &c.

⁹ Or, things of nought

¹⁰ Or, in holy array

¹¹ See Ps. cxi. 1.

¹² See Ps. cxi. 47. &c.

And gather us together and deliver us from the nations,
To give thanks unto thy holy name,
And to triumph in thy praise.

36 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
From everlasting even to everlasting.

And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

37 So he left there, before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required:

38 and Obed-edom with their brethren, threescore and eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be

39 doorkeepers: and Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of the LORD in the high place

40 that was at Gibeon, to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of burnt offering continually morning and evening, even according to all that is written in the law of the LORD, which

41 he commanded unto Israel; and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because his mercy endureth for

42 ever; and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should sound aloud, and with instruments for the songs of God: and the sons of Jeduthun to be

43 at the gate. And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

17 ² And it came to pass, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD dwelleth under curtains.

2 And Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thine heart; for God is with thee. And it came to pass the same night, that the word of God came

4 to Nathan, saying, Go and tell David my servant, Thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt not build me an house to dwell in:

5 for I have not dwelt in an house since the day that I brought up Israel, unto this day; but ⁶ have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another.

6 In all places wherein I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people, saying, Why have ye not built me an house of cedar?

7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, I took thee from the ⁸ sheepcote, from following the sheep, that thou shouldst be ⁹ prince over my

8 people Israel: and I have been with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and I will make thee a name, like unto the name of the great ones that

9 are in the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first,

10 and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I ¹¹ will subdue all thine enemies. Moreover I tell thee that the LORD will

11 build thee an house. And it shall come to pass, when thy days be fulfilled that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will

12 establish his kingdom. He shall build me an house, and I will establish his throne for ever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee:

14 but I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for ever.

15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

16 Then David the king went in, and sat before the LORD; and he said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus

17 far? And this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; but thou hast spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree,

18 O LORD God. What can David say yet more unto thee concerning the honour which is done to thy servant?

19 for thou knowest thy servant. O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make known all these

20 great things. O LORD, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have

21 heard with our ears. ²² And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem unto himself for a people, to make thee a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before thy people, which thou redeemedst out of

22 Egypt? For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God.

23 And now, O LORD, let the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, be established for ever, and do as thou hast

24 spoken. ²⁵ And let thy name be established and magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and the house of David thy servant is established before thee. For thou, O my God, hast revealed to thy servant that thou wilt build him an house: therefore hath thy servant found in his heart to

⁶ Or, have subdued

⁷ Or, And who is like thy people Israel, a nation that is alone in the earth &c.

⁸ Or, Yea, for it be established, and let thy name be magnified &c.

¹ See 1 Chr. xxv. 7; 2 Chr. vii. 6. xxix. 27.

² See 2 Sam. vii.

³ Heb. have born.

⁴ Or, pasture
⁵ Or, leader

26 pray before thee. And now, O Lord, thou art God, and hast promised this good thing unto thy servant: and now it hath pleased thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord, hast blessed, and it is blessed for ever.

18 And after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them, and took Gath and her towns out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab; and the Moabites became servants to David, and brought presents. And David smote Hadarezer king of Zobah² unto Hamath, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Euphrates. And David took from him a thousand chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David houghed all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for an hundred chariots. And when³ the Syrians of⁴ Damascus came to succour Hadarezer king of Zobah, David smote of⁵ the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. Then David put garrisons in⁶ Syria of⁷ Damascus; and⁸ the Syrians became servants to David, and brought presents. And the Lord⁹ gave victory to David whithersoever he went. And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem.

8 And from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadarezer, David took very much brass, wherewith Solomon made the brasen sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass. And when Tou king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah, he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadarezer and smitten him; for Hadarezer had wars with Tou; and he had with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver

11 and brass. These also did king David dedicate unto the Lord, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations; from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek. Moreover¹² Abishai the son of Zeruiah smote of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand.

13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. And the Lord¹⁴ gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

14 And David reigned over all Israel; and he executed judgement and justice unto all his people. And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was¹⁵ recorder. And Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Shavsha was¹⁶ scribe; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and the Peleth-

ites; and the sons of David were chief about the king.

19^a And it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. And David said, I will shew kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father shewed kindness to me. So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David's servants came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honour thy father, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee for to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? So Hanun took David's servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. Then there went certain, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return. And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Aram-masach, and out of Zobah. So they hired them thirty and two thousand chariots, and the king of Masach and his people; who came and pitched before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field. Now when Joab saw that¹⁰ the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians.

11 And the rest of the people he committed into the hand of¹¹ Abishai his brother, and they put themselves in array against the children of Ammon.

12 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me: but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee.

13 Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and the Lord do that which seemeth him good. So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before the Syrians unto the battle: and they fled before him. And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered

^a See 2 Sam. x.

¹⁰ Heb. the face of the battle was against.

into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem. And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the River, with Shophach the captain of the host of Hadarezer at their head. And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against the Syrians, they fought with him. And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians the men of seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host. And when the servants of Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and served him: neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

20 ¹ And it came to pass, at the time of the return of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that Joab led forth the power of the army, and wasted the country of the children of Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And ² Joab smote Rabbah, and overthrew it. ³ And David took the crown of their king from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and there were precious stones in it; and it was set upon David's head: and he brought forth the spoil of the city, exceeding much. And he brought forth the people that were therein, and cut them with saws, and with harrows of iron, and with axes. And thus did David unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 ⁵ And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines: then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Sippai, of the sons of the giant; and they were subdued. And there was again war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. And there was again war at Gath, where was a man of great stature, whose fingers and toes were four and twenty, six on each hand, and six on each foot; and he also was born unto the giant. And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea David's brother slew him. 8 These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

21 ¹⁰ And ¹¹ Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. 2 And David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba even to Dan; and bring me word, that I may know

8 the sum of them. And Joab said, The Lord make his people an hundred times so many more as they be: but, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? why doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of guilt unto Israel? Nevertheless the king's word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and an hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred threescore and ten thousand men that drew sword. 6 But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab. And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing: but now, put away, I beseech thee, the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly. 9 And the Lord spake unto Gad, David's seer, saying, Go and speak unto David, saying, Thus saith the Lord, I offer thee three things; choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. 11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith the Lord, Take which thou wilt; either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before thy foes, while that the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of the Lord, even pestilence in the land, and the angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the coasts of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall now into the hand of the Lord; for very great are his mercies: and let me not fall into the hand of man. So the Lord sent a pestilence upon Israel: and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was about to destroy, the Lord beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the destroying angel, It is enough; now stay thine hand. And the angel of the Lord stood by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the Lord stand between the earth and the heaven, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, O Lord

¹³ Heb. stretch out unto.

¹³ Or. and

¹⁴ Or. many

¹⁵ In 2 Sam. xiv. 16, Ac., Aram-mah.

¹ See 2 Sam. xii. 1.

² See 2 Sam. xii. 26.
³ See 2 Sam. xii. 29, 31.

⁴ Or, Malcam See Zeph. i. 5.

⁵ See 2 Sam. xxi. 18-22.

⁶ In 2 Sam. xxi. 24, Gath.

⁷ Heb. Rapha. According to another reading, giants Heb. Rapha-im.

⁸ Heb. Rapha.
⁹ Or, reproach-ed

¹⁰ See 2 Sam. xiv. 1, Ac.

¹¹ Or, as an adversary

my God, be against me, and against my father's house; but not against thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 Then the angel of the Lord commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and rear an altar unto the Lord in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of the Lord. And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. Then David said to Ornan, Give me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build thereon an altar unto the Lord: for the full price shalt thou give it me: that the plague may be stayed from the people. And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering; I give it all. And king David said to Ornan, Nay; but I will verily buy it for the full price: for I will not take that which is thine for the Lord, nor offer a burnt offering without cost.

25 So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight.

26 And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the Lord; and he answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. And the Lord commanded the angel; and he put up his sword again into the sheath thereof.

28 At that time, when David saw that the Lord had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. For the tabernacle of the Lord, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. But David could not go before it to inquire of God: for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the Lord. Then David said, This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel.

2 And David commanded to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel; and he set masons to hew wrought stones to build the house of God. And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the couplings; and brass in abundance without weight; and cedar trees without number: for the Zidonians and they of Tyre brought cedar trees in abundance to David. And

David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be build for the Lord must be exceeding magnifical, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build an house for the Lord, the God of Israel. And David said to Solomon his son, As for me, it was in my heart to build an house unto the name of the Lord my God. But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build an house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight: behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days: he shall build an house for my name; and he shall be my son, and I will be his father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. Now, my son, the Lord be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken concerning thee. Only the Lord give thee discretion and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel; that so thou mayest keep the law of the Lord thy God.

13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou observe to do the statutes and the judgments which the Lord charged Moses with concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; fear not, neither be dismayed. Now, behold, in my saffiction I have prepared for the house of the Lord an hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver; and of brass and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto.

15 Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all men that are cunning in any manner of work; of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number; arise and be doing, and the Lord be with thee. David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying,

18 Is not the Lord your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath delivered the inhabitants of the land into mine hand; and the land is subdued before the Lord, and before his people. Now set your heart and your soul to seek after the Lord your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the Lord God, to bring the ark of the

1 Accord-
ing to
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My son,
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me &c.

2 That is,
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3 Or, how
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covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

23 Now David was old and full of days; and he made Solomon his son 2 king over Israel. And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with 3 the priests and the Levites. And the Levites were numbered from thirty years old and upward: and their number by their polls, man by man, was 4 thirty and eight thousand. Of these, twenty and four thousand were to oversee the work of the house of the LORD; and six thousand were officers and 5 judges: and four thousand were doorkeepers; and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith. 6 And David divided them into 1 courses according to the sons of Levi; Gershon, 7 Kohath, and Merari. Of the Gershonites: 2 Ladan and Shimei. The sons of Ladan; Jehiel the chief, and Zetham, 9 and Joel, three. The sons of Shimei; Shelomoth, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the 10 others' houses of Ladan. And the sons of Shimei; Jahath, 2 Zina, and Jeush, and Beriah. These four were the sons of 11 Shimei. And Jahath was the chief, and Zizah the second: but Jeush and Beriah had not many sons; therefore they became a fathers' house in one reckoning. The sons of Kohath; Amram, 13 Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel, four. The sons of Amram; Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was separated, 4 that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons, for ever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto him, and 14 to bless in his name, for ever. But as for Moses the man of God, his sons were 15 named among the tribe of Levi. The sons of Moses; Gershon and Eliezer. 16 The sons of Gershon; 5 Shebuel the 17 chief. And the sons of Eliezer were, Behabiah the chief. And Eliezer had none other sons; but the sons of Re- 18 habiah were very many. The sons of 19 Izhar; 6 Shelomith the chief. The sons of Hebron; Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Je- 20 kameam the fourth. The sons of Uz- ziel; Micah the chief, and Isshiah the 21 second. The sons of Merari; Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli; Elea- 22 zar and Kish. And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters only: and their brethren the sons of Kish took 23 them to wife. The sons of Mushi; Mahli, 24 and Eder, and Jeremoth, three. These were the sons of Levi after their fathers' houses, even the heads of the fathers' houses of those of them that were counted, in the number of names by their polls, who did the work for the service of the house of the LORD, from 25 twenty years old and upward. For Da-

vid said, The LORD, the God of Israel, hath given rest unto his people; and he dwelleth in Jerusalem for ever: 26 and also the Levites shall no more have need to carry the tabernacle and all the vessels of it for the service thereof. 27 For 7 by the last words of David the sons of Levi were numbered, from twenty 28 years old and upward. For 8 their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of the 29 house of God; for the shewbread also, and for the fine flour for a meal offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is soaked, and for all manner 30 of measure and size; and to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, 31 and likewise at even; and to offer all burnt offerings unto the LORD, in the sabbaths, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number according to the ordinance concerning them, con- 32 tinually before the LORD: and that they should keep the charge of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the holy place, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, for the service of the house of the LORD.

24 And the courses of the sons of Aaron were these. The sons of Aaron; Nadab 2 and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the 3 priest's office. 9 And David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their ordering in their 4 service. And there were more chief men found of the sons of Eleazar than of the sons of Ithamar; and thus were they divided: of the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen, heads of fathers' houses; and of the sons of Ithamar, according 5 to their fathers' houses, eight. Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for there were princes of the sanctuary, and princes of God, both of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons 6 of Ithamar. And Shemaiah the son of Nathanel the scribe, who was of the Levites, wrote them in the presence of the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and of the Levites: one fathers' house being taken for Eleazar, and 10 one taken for Itha- 7 mar. Now the first lot came forth to 8 Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaiiah; the 9 third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim, the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin; 10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to 11 Abijah; the ninth to Jeshua, the tenth 12 to Shecaniah; the eleventh to Eliashib,

¹ Heb. divisions.

² In ch. vi. 17, Ladan.

³ In ver. 11, Zelah.

⁴ Or, to sanctify as most holy him. &c.

⁵ In ch. xiv. 30, Shebuel.

⁶ In ch. xiv. 22, Shelomoth.

⁷ Or, in the last acts
⁸ Heb. their station was of the hand of the sons of Aaron. See Neh. xi. 24.

⁹ Or, And David divided them, even Zadok &c.

¹⁰ The Hebrew text has, taken, taken.

13 the twelfth to Jakim; the thirteenth to Huppah, the fourteenth to Jeshebeah; 14 the fifteenth to Bilgah, the sixteenth to 15 Immer; the seventeenth to Hezir, the 16 eighteenth to Happizzze; the nineteenth to Pethahiah, the twentieth to Jehez- 17 kel; the one and twentieth to Jachin, 18 the two and twentieth to Gamul; the three and twentieth to Delaiah, the four 19 and twentieth to Maaziah. This was the ordering of them in their service, to come into the house of the Lord according to the ordinance given unto them by the hand of Aaron their father, as the Lord, the God of Israel, had commanded him.

20 And of the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, ¹Shubael; of 21 the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Isshiah 22 the chief. Of the Izharites, ²Shelomoth; of the sons of Shelomoth, Ja- 23 hath. And the sons ³of Hebron; Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel 24 the third, Jekameam the fourth. The sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of 25 Micah, Shamir. The brother of Micah, Isshiah: of the sons of Isshiah, Zechar- 26 iah. The sons of Merari; Mahli and 27 Muhi: the sons of Jaaziah, Beno. The sons of Merari; of Jaaziah, Beno, and 28 Shoham, and Zaccur, and Itri. Of Mah- 29 li; Eleazar, who had no sons. Of Kish; 30 the sons of Kish, Jerahmeel. And the sons of Mushi; Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after their fathers' houses.

31 These likewise cast lots even as their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zadok, and Ahimelech, and the heads of the fathers' houses of the priests and of the Levites; the fathers' houses of the chief even as those of his younger brother.

25 Moreover David and the captains of the host separated for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of them that did the work according to their service 2 was: of the sons of Asaph; Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and ⁴Asharel, the sons of Asaph; under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied ⁵after the order 3 of the king. Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun; Gedaliah, and ⁶Zeri, and Jeshaiiah, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, ⁷six; under the hands of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in 4 giving thanks and praising the Lord. Of Heman: the sons of Heman; Bukkiah, Mattaniah, ⁸Uzziel, ⁹Shebuel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Joshbekashah, 5 Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth: all these were the sons of Heman the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons

6 and three daughters. All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the Lord, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God; ¹⁰Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the order of 7 the king. And the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in singing unto the Lord, even all that were skilful, was two hundred four- 8 score and eight. And they cast lots ¹¹for their charges, all alike, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the 9 scholar. Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: the second to Gedaliah; he and his brethren and sons 10 were twelve: the third to Zaccur, his 11 sons and his brethren, twelve: the fourth to Itri, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his 13 brethren, twelve: the sixth to Bukkiah, 14 his sons and his brethren, twelve: the seventh to Jesharelah, his sons and 15 his brethren, twelve: the eighth to Jeshaiiah, his sons and his brethren, 16 twelve: the ninth to Mattaniah, his 17 sons and his brethren, twelve: the tenth to Shimel, his sons and his brethren, 18 twelve: the eleventh to Azarel, his sons 19 and his brethren, twelve: the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, 20 twelve: for the thirteenth, Shubael, 21 his sons and his brethren, twelve: for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and 22 his brethren, twelve: for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, 23 twelve: for the sixteenth to Hananiah, 24 his sons and his brethren, twelve: for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his 25 sons and his brethren, twelve: for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his 26 brethren, twelve: for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, 27 twelve: for the twentieth to Eliathah, 28 his sons and his brethren, twelve: for the one and twentieth to Hothir, his 29 sons and his brethren, twelve: for the two and twentieth to Giddalti, his sons 30 and his brethren, twelve: for the three and twentieth to Mahazioth, his sons 31 and his brethren, twelve: for the four and twentieth to Romamti-ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

26 For the courses of the doorkeepers: of the Korahites; ¹²Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of ¹³Asaph. 2 And Meshelemiah had sons; Zechariah the firstborn, Jediah the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth; 3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, 4 Eliehoenai the seventh. And Obededom had sons; Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joash the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Neth- 5 anel the fifth; Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peullethai the eighth: 6 for God blessed him. Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled over the house of their father: for they

¹⁰ Or, after the order of the king, even Asaph &c.

¹¹ Or, word against word, as well &c.

¹ In ch. xxiii. 16. Shubael.

² In ch. xxiii. 18. Shelomoth.

³ See ch. xxiii. 19.

⁴ In ver. 14. Asharel.

⁵ Heb. by the hands of the king.

⁶ In ver. 11. Zeri.

⁷ With Shimel, mentioned in ver. 17.

⁸ In ver. 18. Azarel.

⁹ In ver. 20. Shubael.

¹² In ver. 14. Shemaiah.

¹³ In ch. ix. 18. Asaph.

7 were mighty men of valour. The sons of Shemaiah; Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were valiant men, Elihu, and Semachiah.

8 All these were of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men in strength for the service; threescore and two of Obed-edom. And Meshelemiah had sons and 10 brethren, valiant men, eighteen. Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons; Shimri the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father 11 made him chief;) Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah were 12 thirteen. Of these were the courses of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having ¹ charges like as their brethren, to minister in the house of the LORD.

13 And they cast lots, as well the small as the great, according to their fathers' 14 houses, for every gate. And the lot eastward fell to ² Shelemiah. Then for Zechariah his son, a discreet counselor, they cast lots; and his lot came out 15 northward To Obed-edom southward; 16 and to his sons the storehouse. To Shuppim and Hosah westward, by the gate of ³ Shallecheth, at the causeway that 17 goeth up, ward against ward. Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and for the store- 18 house two and two. For ⁴ Parbar westward, four at the causeway, and two at 19 ⁴ Parbar. These were the courses of the doorkeepers; of the sons of the Korahites, and of the sons of Merari.

20 ⁵ And of the Levites, Ahijah was over the treasures of the house of God, and over the treasures of the ⁶ dedicated 21 things. The sons of ⁷ Ladan; the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the fathers' ⁸ houses belonging to Ladan the Gershonite; 22 ⁹ Jehieli. The sons of Jehieli; Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasures 23 of the house of the LORD. Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebron- 24 ites, of the Uzzielites; and Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, was 25 ruler over the treasures. And his brethren; of Eliezer came Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelo- 26 moth his son. This Shelomoth and his brethren were over all the treasures of the dedicated things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers' ⁹ houses, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the 27 host, had dedicated. ¹⁰ Out of the spoil won in battles did they dedicate to re- 28 pair the house of the LORD. And all that Samuel the seer, and Sani the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruiah, had dedicated; whosoever had dedicated any thing, it was under the hand of ¹¹ Shelomoth,

29 and of his brethren. Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for of- 30 ficers and judges. Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valour, a thousand and seven hundred, had the oversight of Israel beyond Jordan westward; for all the business of the LORD, and for the service of the 31 king. Of the Hebronites was Jeriah the chief, even of the Hebronites, ac- cording to their generations by fathers' ¹² houses. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men 32 of valour at Jazer of Gilead. And his brethren, men of valour, were two thou- sand and seven hundred, heads of fa- thers' ¹³ houses, whom king David made overseers over the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of the Ma- nassites, for every matter pertaining to God, and for the affairs of the king.

27 Now the children of Israel after their number, to wit, the heads of fathers' ¹⁴ houses and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and their officers that served the king, in any matter of the courses which came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, of every course 2 were twenty and four thousand. Over the first course for the first month was Jashobeam the son of Zabdiel: and in his course were twenty and four thou- 3 sand. *He was* of the children of Perez, the chief of all the captains of the host 4 for the first month. And over the course of the second month was Do- dai the Ahohite, and his course; and Mikloth the ruler: and in his course 5 were twenty and four thousand. The third captain of the host for the third month was Benaiah, the son of Jehoia- da the ¹⁵ priest, chief: and in his course 6 were twenty and four thousand. This is that Benaiah, who was the mighty man of the thirty, and over the thirty: and of his course was Ammizabab his 7 son. The fourth captain for the fourth month was Asabel the brother of Joab, and Zebadiah his son after him: and in his course were twenty and four thou- 8 sand. The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shamhuth the Izrahite: and in his course were twenty and four 9 thousand. The sixth captain for the sixth month was Ira the son of Ikesh the Tekoite: and in his course were 10 twenty and four thousand. The seventh captain for the seventh month was Helez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twen- 11 ty and four thousand. The eighth captain for the eighth month was Sib- becai the Hushathite, of the Zerah- ites: and in his course were twenty 12 and four thousand. The ninth captain for the ninth month was Abiezer the

¹ Or, words over against their brethren

² In ver. 1. Je- shelemiah.

³ That is, Casting forth.

⁴ Or, the Precinct

⁵ According to the Sept., And the Levites their brethren were over etc.

⁶ Heb. holy things.

⁷ In ch. vi. 17. Libni.

⁸ In ch. xxiii. 8. Jachiel.

⁹ Heb. Out of the battles and the spoil.

¹⁰ Heb. Shelomoth.

¹¹ Or, chief minister See 2 Sam. viii. 18.

Anathothite, of the Benjamites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. The tenth captain for the tenth month was Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zerahites: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. The eleventh captain for the eleventh month was Benaiah the Pirathonite, of the children of Ephraim: and in his course were twenty and four thousand. The twelfth captain for the twelfth month was ¹Heldai the Netophathite, of Othniel: and in his course were twenty and four thousand.

16 Furthermore over the tribes of Israel: of the Reubenites was Eliezer the son of Zichri the ruler: of the Simeonites, 17 Shephatiah the son of Maacah: of Levi, Hashabiah the son of Kemuel: of Aaron, 18 Zadok: of Judah, ²Elihu, one of the brethren of David: of Issachar, Omri the son of Michael: of Zebulun, Ishmaiah the son of Obadiah: of Naphtali, Jeremoth the son of Azriel: of the children of Ephraim, Hoshai the son of Azariah: of the half tribe of 21 Manasseh, Joel the son of Pedaiiah: of the half tribe of Manasseh in Gilead, Iddo the son of Zechariah: of Benjamin, Jaasiel the son of Abner: of Dan, Azarel the son of Jeroham. These were the captains of the tribes 23 of Israel. But David took not the number of them from twenty years old and under: because the Lord had said he would increase Israel like to the stars 24 of heaven. Joab the son of Zeruiah began to number, but finished not; and there came wrath for this upon Israel; neither was the number put into the account in the chronicles of king David. 25 And over the king's treasures was Azmaveth the son of Adiel: and over the treasures in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jonathan the son of 26 Uziah: and over them that did the work of the field for tillage of the ground was Ezri the son of Chelub: 27 and over the vineyards was Shimei the Ramathite: and over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was 28 Zabdi the Shiphmite: and over the olive trees and the sycomore trees that were in the lowland was Baal-hanan the Gederite: and over the cellars of 29 oil was Joash: and over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of 30 Adlai: and over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was 31 Jehdeiah the Meronothite: and over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's.

32 Also Jonathan David's ³uncle was a counsellor, a man of understanding, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of

Hachmoni was with the king's sons: 33 and Alithophel was the king's counsellor: and Hushai the Archite was the 34 king's friend: and after Alithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the captain of the king's host was Joab.

28 And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that served the king by course, and the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all the substance and ⁴possessions of the king and of his sons, with the ⁵officers, and the mighty men, even all the mighty 2 men of valour, unto Jerusalem. Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: as for me, it was in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God; and I 8 had made ready for the building. But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou art a man of war, and hast shed blood. 4 Howbeit the Lord, the God of Israel, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be ⁶prince; and in the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he took pleasure in me to 5 make me king over all Israel: and of all my sons, (for the Lord hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over 6 Israel. And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. 7 And I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgements, as 8 at this day. Now therefore, in the sight of all Israel, the congregation of the Lord, and in the audience of our God, observe and seek out all the commandments of the Lord your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance to your 9 children after you for ever. And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

10 Take heed now; for the Lord hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it. 11 Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch of the temple, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasures thereof, and of

¹ In ch. xl. 30. *Heb.*

² In 1 Sam. xvi. 6. *Eliab.*

³ Or, brother's son

⁴ Or, cattle
⁵ Or, counsellor

⁶ Or, leader

the upper rooms thereof, and of the inner chambers thereof, and of the
 12¹ place of the mercy-seat: and the pattern of all that he had ²by the spirit, for the courts of the house of the LORD, and for all the chambers round about, for the treasures of the house of God, and for the treasures of the dedicated
 13 things: also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the
 14 house of the LORD: of gold by weight for the vessels of gold, for all vessels of every kind of service; of silver for all the vessels of silver by weight, for all vessels of every kind of service: by weight also for the candlesticks of gold, and for the lamps thereof, of gold, by weight for every candlestick and for the lamps thereof: and for the candlesticks of silver, silver by weight for every candlestick and for the lamps thereof, according to the use of every candlestick: and the gold by weight for the tables of shewbread, for every table; and silver
 17 for the tables of silver: and the flesh-hooks, and the basins, and the cups, of pure gold: and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl:
 18 and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight: and gold for the pattern of the chariot, even the cherubim, that spread out *their wings*, and covered the ark of the covenant of the
 19 LORD. All this, said David, ³have I been made to understand in writing from the hand of the LORD, even all
 20 the works of this pattern. And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, is with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until all the work for the service of the
 21 house of the LORD be finished. And, behold, there are the courses of the priests and the Levites, for all the service of the house of God: and there shall be with thee in all manner of work every willing man that hath skill, for any manner of service: also the captains and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.
 29 And David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for
 2 the LORD God. Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the *things of gold*, and the silver for the *things of silver*, and the brass for the *things of brass*, the iron for the *things of iron*, and wood for the *things of wood*; ⁴onyx stones, and stones to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of divers colours, and all manner

of precious stones, and marble stones
 8 in abundance. Moreover also, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, seeing that I have a treasure of mine own of gold and silver, I give it unto the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the
 4 holy house; even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal:
 5 of gold for the *things of gold*, and of silver for the *things of silver*, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. Who then offereth willingly ⁵to consecrate himself this day
 6 unto the LORD? Then the princes of the fathers' houses, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers over the king's work, offered
 7 willingly; and they gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and of iron a hundred thousand talents.
 8 And they with whom *precious stones* were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, under the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.
 9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, O LORD, the God of Israel our father,
 11 for ever and ever. Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head
 12 above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou rulest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise
 14 thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should
 6 be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and
 7 of thine own have we given thee.
 15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no ⁶abiding. O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and
 17 is all thine own. I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people,

¹ Heb. house.
² Or, in his spirit

³ Or, the LORD made me understand in writing by his hand upon me, even &c.

⁴ Heb. to all his hand.

⁵ Heb. retain strength.

⁶ Heb. of thine hand.

⁷ Heb. hope.

⁸ Or, beryl

which are present here, to offer will-
18ingly unto thee. O LORD, the God of
Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our
fathers, keep this for ever in the im-
agination of the thoughts of the heart
of thy people, and ¹prepare their heart
19 unto thee: and give unto Solomon my
son a perfect heart, to keep thy com-
mandments, thy testimonies, and thy
statutes, and to do all these things, and
to build the palace, for the which I
20 have made provision. And David said
to all the congregation, Now bless the
LORD your God. And all the congreg-
ation blessed the LORD, the God of
their fathers, and bowed down their
heads, and worshipped the LORD, and
21 the king. And they sacrificed sacrifices
unto the LORD, and offered burnt offer-
ings unto the LORD, on the morrow after
that day, even a thousand bullocks, a
thousand rams, and a thousand lambs,
with their drink offerings, and sacri-
22 fices in abundance for all Israel; and did
eat and drink before the LORD on that
day with great gladness. And they made
Solomon the son of David king the
second time, and anointed him unto the
LORD to be ²prince, and Zadok to be

23 priest. Then Solomon sat on the throne
of the LORD as king instead of David
his father, and prospered; and all Is-
24 rael obeyed him. And all the princes,
and the mighty men, and all the sons
likewise of king David, ³submitted
25 themselves unto Solomon the king. And
the LORD magnified Solomon exceed-
ingly in the sight of all Israel, and be-
stowed upon him such royal majesty
as had not been on any king before
him in Israel.
26 Now David the son of Jesse reigned
27 over all Israel. ⁴And the time that
he reigned over Israel was forty years;
seven years reigned he in Hebron, and
thirty and three years reigned he in
28 Jerusalem. And he died in a good old
age, full of days, riches, and honour:
and Solomon his son reigned in his
29 stead. Now the acts of David the
king, first and last, behold, they are
written in the ⁵history of Samuel the
seer, and in the ⁶history of Nathan the
prophet, and in the ⁷history of Gad the
30 seer; with all his reign and his might,
and the times that went over him, and
over Israel, and over all the kingdoms
of the countries.

¹ Or,
establish

³ Heb.
gave the
hand
under
Solomon.

⁴ See
2 Sam.
7. 13.
1 Kings
11. 11.

⁵ Heb.
words.

² Or,
leader

THE SECOND BOOK

OR

THE CHRONICLES.

1 AND Solomon the son of David was
strengthened in his kingdom, and the
LORD his God was with him, and mag-
2 nified him exceedingly. And Solomon
spoke unto all Israel, to the captains of
thousands and of hundreds, and to the
judges, and to every prince in all Israel,
3 the heads of the fathers' houses. So
Solomon, and all the congregation with
him, went to the high place that was at
Gibeon; for there was the tent of meet-
ing of God, which Moses the servant
of the LORD had made in the wilder-
4 ness. But the ark of God had David
brought up from Kiriath-jearim to the
place that David had prepared for it:
for he had pitched a tent for it at Je-
5 rusalem. Moreover the brasen altar,
that Bezazel the son of Uri, the son of
Hur, had made, ¹was there before the
tabernacle of the LORD: and Solomon
and the congregation sought unto it.
6 And Solomon ²went up thither to the
brasen altar before the LORD, which
was at the tent of meeting, and offered
a thousand burnt offerings upon it.
7 ³In that night did God appear unto
Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what
8 I shall give thee. And Solomon said

unto God, Thou hast shewed great
kindness unto David my father, and
9 hast made me king in his stead. Now,
O LORD God, let thy promise unto
David my father be established: for
thou hast made me king over a people
like the dust of the earth in multitude.
10 Give me now wisdom and knowledge,
that I may go out and come in before
this people: for who can judge this
11 thy people, that is so great? And
God said to Solomon, Because this
was in thine heart, and thou hast not
asked riches, wealth, or honour, nor
the life of them that hate thee, neither
yet hast asked long life; but hast
asked wisdom and knowledge for thy-
self, that thou mayest judge my people,
over whom I have made thee king:
12 wisdom and knowledge is granted unto
thee; and I will give thee riches, and
wealth, and honour, such as none of
the kings have had that have been be-
fore thee, neither shall there any after
13 thee have the like. So Solomon ⁴came
from his journey to the high place that
was at Gibeon, from before the tent
of meeting, unto Jerusalem; and he
reigned over Israel.

¹ Or, as
other-
wise
read, he
had put
² Or,
offered
there,
upon...
see, he
offered
³ See
1 Kings
11. 8. &c.

⁴ The
Sept.
and
Vulg.
have,
came
from
the high
place

¹ See
1 Kings
1. 30-32.

14 ¹ And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And the king made silver and gold to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycamore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. And the horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt; the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. And they fetched up, and brought out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and an horse for an hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

(Ch. 1. 10
in Heb.)

(Ch. 1. 1
in Heb.)

2 Now Solomon purposed to build an house for the name of the LORD, and a house for his kingdom. And Solomon told out threescore and ten thousand men to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand men that were hewers in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them. And Solomon sent to ² Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him an house to dwell therein, *even so deal with me*. Behold, I build an house for the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate it to him, and to burn before him incense of sweet spices, and for the continual shewbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts of the LORD our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel.

¹ In
1 Kings
v. 1.
Hiram.

5 And the house which I build is great: for great is our God above all gods. 6 But who ³ is able to build him an house, seeing the heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him an house, save only to burn incense before him?

³ Heb.
retain-
eth
strength.

7 Now therefore send me a man cunning to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and in crimson, and blue, and that can skill to grave *all manner* of gravings, to be with the cunning men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom

¹ Or,
cypress
² In
1 Kings
x. 11,
almug
trees.

8 David my father did provide. Send me also cedar trees, ⁴ fir trees, and ⁵ al gum trees, out of Lebanon: for I know that thy servants can skill to cut timber in Lebanon; and, behold, my servants

9 shall be with thy servants, even to prepare me timber in abundance: for the house which I am about to build shall be wonderful great. And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand ⁶ measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand ⁶ measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thou-

⁶ Heb.
corn.

11 sand baths of oil. Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD loveth his people, he hath made thee king over them. Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, endued with discretion and understanding, that should build an house for the LORD, and an house for his kingdom. And now I have sent a cunning man, endued with understanding, ⁷ of Hiram my father's, ⁸ the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson; also to grave any manner of graving, and to devise any device: that there may be a place appointed unto him with thy cunning men, and with the cunning men of my lord David thy father. Now therefore the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants: and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need: and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to ⁹ Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem. And Solomon numbered all the strangers that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found an hundred and fifty thousand and three thousand and six hundred.

18 ¹⁰ And he set threescore and ten thousand of them to bear burdens, and fourscore thousand that were hewers in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people a work.

3 ¹¹ Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, ¹² which he made ready ¹³ in the place that David had appointed, in the threshing-floor of

2 ¹⁴ Ornan the Jebusite. And he began to build in the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. 3 Now ¹⁵ these are the foundations which Solomon laid for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was threescore cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits.

4 And the porch that was before the house, the length of it, according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the height an hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold.

5 And the greater house he ciled with ¹⁶ fir tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and wrought thereon palm trees and chains. And he garnished the house with precious stones for beauty: and the gold was gold of Parvaim. He over-

⁷ Or,
even Hiram my
father.
See ch.
iv. 16.
⁸ See
1 Kings
vii. 14.

⁹ Heb.
Japho.

¹⁰ See
ver. 2.

¹¹ See
1 Kings
vi. 1, ac.

¹² The
Sept.
and
Vulgate
have,
in the
place
which
David
had pre-
pared,
in the
thresh-
ing-floor.

¹³ Heb.
in the
place of
David.

¹⁴ In
2 Sam.
xxiv. 16,
ac.,
Arava-
nuth.

¹⁵ Or,
these
are the
things
wherewith
Solomon
was in-
warded
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laid also the house, the beams, the thresholds, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and 8 graven cherubim on the walls. And he made the most holy house; the length thereof, according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits: and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to six hundred talents. And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper 10 chambers with gold. And in the most holy house he made two cherubim of image work; and they overlaid them 11 with gold. And the wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the wing of the one cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was likewise five cubits, reaching to the wing 12 of the other cherub. And the wing of the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house: and the other wing was five cubits also, joining to the wing of the other cherub. 13 The wings of these cherubim spread themselves forth twenty cubits: and they stood on their feet, and their 14 faces were toward the house. And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought 15 cherubim thereon. ²Also he made before the house two pillars of thirty and five cubits high, and the chapter that was on the top of each of them 16 was five cubits. And he made chains in the oracle, and put them on the tops of the pillars; and he made an hundred pomegranates, and put them on 17 the chains. ³And he set up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand, and the other on the left; and called the name of that on the right hand ⁴Jachin, and the name of that 4 on the left ⁵Boaz. Moreover he made an altar of brass, twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the 2 height thereof. ⁶Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height thereof was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits compassed it round about. 3 And under it was the similitude of 7 oxen, which did compass it round about, ⁸for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about. The 7 oxen were in two 4 rows, cast when it was cast. It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east: and the sea was set upon them above, and all their hinder parts were 5 inward. And it was an handbreadth thick; and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it received and held three thou-

6 sand baths. He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such things as belonged to the burnt offering they washed in them: but the sea was for 7 the priests to wash in. And he made the ten candlesticks of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he set them in the temple, five on the 8 right hand, and five on the left. He made also ten tables, and placed them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the left. And he made an 9 hundred basins of gold. Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them 10 with brass. And he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south. And Hiram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. 10 Hiram made an end of doing the work that he wrought for king Solomon in the house of God: the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two chapters which were on the top of the pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the chapters that 12 were on the top of the pillars; and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the chapters that were ⁹upon the 14 pillars. He made also the bases, and the lavers made he upon the bases; 15 one sea, and the twelve oxen under it. 16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all the vessels thereof, did ¹⁰Hiram his father make for king Solomon for the house of the Lord 17 of bright brass. In the plain of Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Succoth and Zeredah. 18 ¹¹Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the brass ¹²could not be found out. 19 And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon was 20 the shewbread; and the candlesticks with their lamps, that they should burn according to the ordinance before the oracle, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, 22 of gold, and that perfect gold; and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the firepans, of pure gold: and as for the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the most holy place, and the doors of the house, to 5 wit, of the temple, were of gold. Thus all the work that Solomon wrought for the house of the Lord was finished. And Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated: even the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasures of the house of God. 2 ¹³Then Solomon assembled the

¹ Or, inward

² See 1 Kings vii. 13, &c.

³ See 1 Kings vii. 21.

⁴ That is, He shall establish.

⁵ That is, perhaps, In it is strength.

⁶ See 1 Kings vii. 23, &c.

⁷ See 1 Kings vii. 24, &c.

⁸ Or, ten in a cubit

⁹ Heb. upon the face of the pillars.

¹⁰ See ch. ii. 14

¹¹ See 1 Kings vii. 47.

¹² Or, was not overcast

¹³ See 1 Kings vii. 1, &c.

elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion.

3 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king at the feast, 4 which was in the seventh month. And all the elders of Israel came, and the 5 Levites took up the ark. And they brought up the ark, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these did the priests 6 the Levites bring up. And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be told nor numbered for multitude. And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto its place, into the oracle of the house, to the most holy place, even under the wings of the cherubim.

8 For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the 9 staves thereof above. And the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle; but they were not seen without: 10 and there it is, unto this day. There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put there at Horeb, 11 when the Lord made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place, (for all the priests that were present had sanctified themselves, and 12 did not keep their courses; also the Levites which were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brethren, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding 13 with trumpets;) it came even to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the 14 house of the Lord, so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

6 Then spake Solomon, The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick 2 darkness. But I have built thee an house of habitation, and a place for 3 thee to dwell in for ever. And the king turned his face, and blessed all the congregation of Israel: and all the con-

gregation of Israel stood. And he said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, which spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his 5 hands fulfilled it, saying, Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be prince 6 over my people Israel: but I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be 7 over my people Israel. Now it was in the heart of David my father to build an house for the name of the Lord, the 8 God of Israel. But the Lord said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thine heart to build an house for my name, thou didst well that it was in 9 thine heart: nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.

10 And the Lord hath performed his word that he spake; for I am risen up in the room of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord promised, and have built the house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel.

11 And there have I set the ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with the children of Israel.

12 And he stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth 13 his hands: (for Solomon had made a brasen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court; and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his 14 hands toward heaven:) and he said, O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in the heaven, or in the earth; who keepest covenant and mercy 6 with thy servants, that walk before 15 thee with all their heart: who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou didst promise him: yea, thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is 16 this day. Now therefore, O Lord, the God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel; if only thy children take heed to their way, to walk in my law as thou hast walked before me.

17 Now therefore, O Lord, the God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David. 18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house 19 which I have builded! Yet have thou

1 Or, they drew out the staves, so that etc.

2 Or, where

3 Or, for song

4 Reg 1 Kings viii. 12, etc.

5 Or, leader

6 Or, for

7 Heb. There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight.

respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth
 20 before thee: that thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward
 21 this place. And hearken thou to the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yea, hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven;
 22 and when thou hearest, forgive. ¹If a man sin against his neighbour, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come and swear before
 23 thine altar in this house: then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, requiting the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him
 24 according to his righteousness. And if thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall turn again and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in
 25 this house: then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their
 26 fathers. When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, ²when thou ³dost
 27 afflict them: then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, ⁴when thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy
 28 people for an inheritance. If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemies besiege them in the land of their ⁵cities; whatsoever plague or whatsoever sickness
 29 there be; what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread forth his hands
 30 toward this house: then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of the children of men;) ⁶
 31 that they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.
 32 Moreover concerning the stranger, that is not of thy people Israel, when he shall come from a far country for thy great name's sake, and thy mighty hand,

and thy stretched out arm; when they shall come and pray toward this house:
 33 then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling place, and do according to all that the stranger calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and that they may know that ⁷this house which
 34 I have built is called by thy name. If thy people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have
 35 built for thy name: then hear thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their ⁸cause.
 36 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that ⁹they carry them away captive unto a land far off or
 37 near; yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done perversely,
 38 and have dealt wickedly; if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I
 39 have built for thy name: then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their ¹⁰cause; and forgive thy people which have sinned
 40 against thee. Now, O my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent, unto the prayer
 41 that is made in this place. ¹¹Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into thy resting place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice
 42 in ¹²goodness. O LORD God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember the ¹³mercies of David thy servant.
 7 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the
 2 LORD filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD
 3 filled the LORD's house. And all the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD was upon the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and gave thanks unto the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his
 4 mercy endureth for ever. ¹⁴Then the

¹ Or, Where-
insoever
it shall sin

² Or, because
³ Or, an-
swerest

⁴ Heb.
gates.

⁵ Or, thy
name is
called
upon
this
house &c.

⁶ Or,
right

⁷ Heb.
they that
take
them
captive
carry
them
away.

⁸ See Ps.
cxviii.
3. v.

⁹ Or,
good

¹⁰ Or,
good
deeds
See ch.
xxiii. 3.

¹¹ See
1 Kings
viii. 10.

king and all the people offered sacrifice 5 before the LORD. And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house 6 of God. And the priests stood, according to their offices; the Levites also with instruments ¹ of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to give thanks unto the LORD, for his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them; 7 and all Israel stood. ² Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD; for there he offered the burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings: because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offering, and the meal offering, 8 and the fat. So Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto 9 the brook of Egypt. And on the eighth day they held a ³ solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. 10 And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away unto their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people. 11 ⁴ Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously 12 effected. And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an 13 house of sacrifice. If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; 14 if my people, ⁵ which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent, unto the prayer that 16 is made in this place. For now have I chosen and hallowed this house, that my name may be there for ever: and mine eyes and mine heart shall be there 17 perpetually. And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my judgements; 18 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I covenanted with David thy father, saying, There

shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in 19 Israel. But if ye turn away, and forsake my statutes and my commandments which I have set before you, and shall go and serve other gods, and worship them: then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all 20 peoples. And this house, which is so high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall say, Why hath the LORD done thus unto this land, and 21 to this house? And they shall answer, Because they forsook the LORD, the God of their fathers, which brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them. 22 ⁶ And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of the LORD, and his 23 own house, that the cities which Huram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 24 And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store cities, which he built in Hamath. 25 Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fenced cities, 26 with walls, gates, and bars; and Baalath, and all the store cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his 27 dominion. As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which were 28 not of Israel; of their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, of them did Solomon raise a levy of 29 bondservants, unto this day. But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his 30 horsemen. And these were the chief officers of king Solomon, even two hundred and fifty, that bare rule over the 31 people. And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her: for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because ⁷ the places are holy, whereunto the ark of the LORD hath come. 32 Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD, which he had built before 33 the porch, even as the duty of every

¹ Or, for the song of the LORD

² See 1 Kings viii. 64-66

³ Or, choosing, festival

⁴ See 1 Kings ix. 1, &c.

⁵ Heb. upon whom my name is called.

⁶ See 1 Kings ix. 10, &c.

⁷ Heb. they are.

day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts, three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the 14 feast of tabernacles. And he appointed, according to the ordinance of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise, and to minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required: the doorkeepers also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded.

15 And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or 16 concerning the treasures. Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of the Lord, and until it was finished. So the house of the Lord was perfected.

17 Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Eloth, on the sea shore in the 18 land of Edom. And Hiram sent him by the hands of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they came with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and fetched from thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

9 ¹And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great train, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in 2 her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions: and there was not any thing hid from Solomon which he told 3 her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 4 and the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord; 5 there was no more spirit in her. And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine ⁶acts, and of thy wisdom.

6 Howbeit I believed not their words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half of the greatness of thy wisdom was not told me: thou exceedest the fame that I heard.

7 Happy are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and hear thy wisdom. Blessed be the Lord thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on his throne, to be king for the Lord thy God: because thy God loved Israel, to

establish them for ever, therefore made he thee king over them, to do judgement 9 and justice. And she gave the king an hundred and twenty talents of gold, and spices in great abundance, and precious stones: neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave to 10 king Solomon. And the servants also of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon, which brought gold from Ophir, brought 11 ¹algum trees and precious stones. And the king made of the algum trees terraces for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, and harps and psalteries for the singers: and there were none such seen before in the land 12 of Judah. And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which she had brought unto the king. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

13 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and threescore and six talents of gold; 14 beside that which the chapmen and merchants brought: and all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred *shekels* of beaten gold went to one target. 16 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of 17 Lebanon. Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it 18 with pure gold. And there were six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, which were fastened to the throne, and 19 ⁵stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the 19 ⁶stays. And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in 20 any kingdom. And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: silver was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. For the king had ships that went to Tarshish with the servants of Hiram: once every three years came the ships of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, 22 ivory, and apes, and peacocks. So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of 23 the earth in riches and wisdom. And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, 24 which God had put in his heart. And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, armour, and spices, horses, 25 and mules, a rate year by year. And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, which he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at

⁴ In
1 Kings
x. 11,
almug
trees.

⁵ Or,
arab
Hob.
hams.

¹ See
1 Kings
x. 1, &c.

² Heb.
stund-
ing.

³ Or,
sayings

26 Jerusalem. And he ruled over all the kings from the River even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 28 And they brought horses for Solomon out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

29 ¹ Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the ² history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of ³ Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat? And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. 31 And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

10 ⁴ And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Solomon,) that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spake to Rehoboam, saying, Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. 5 And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the 6 people departed. And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants for 8 ever. But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men that were grown up with him, that 9 stood before him. And he said unto them, What counsel give ye, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke that thy father did put upon us 10 lighter? And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger is 11 thicker than my father's loins. And now whereas my father did lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. So Jeroboam and all the people

came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come to me again 13 the third day. And the king answered them roughly; and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 15 So the king hearkened not unto the people; for it was brought about of God, that the Lord might establish his word, which he spake by the hand of Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat. And when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to your tents, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So all Israel departed unto their 17 tents. But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the levy; and the children of Israel stoned him with stones, that he died. And king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to 19 Jerusalem. So Israel rebelled against the house of David, unto this day. 11 ⁵ And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, an hundred and fourscore thousand chosen men, which were warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom again 2 to Rehoboam. But the word of the Lord came to Shemaiah the man of 3 God, saying, Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, Thus saith the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house; for this thing is of me. So they hearkened unto the words of the Lord, and returned from going 5 against Jeroboam. And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for 6 defence in Judah. He built even Bethlehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, and 8 Beth-zur, and Socco, and Adullam, and 9 Gath, and Maresbah, and Ziph, and Adonaim, and Lachish, and Azekah, and Zorah, and Ajalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, fenced 11 cities. And he fortified the strong holds, and put captains in them, and store 12 of victual, and oil and wine. And in every several city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong. And Judah and Benjamin belonged to him. And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their border. For the Levites left their suburbs and their

¹ See 1 Kings xi. 41, &c.

² Heb. words.

³ Heb. Jrdai, or, Jrdai.

⁴ See 1 Kings xii. 1, &c.

⁵ See 1 Kings xii. 21-24.

possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that they should not execute the priest's office unto the LORD: 15 and he appointed him priests for the high places, and for the ¹he-goats, and 16 for the calves which he had made. And after them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek the LORD, the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice unto the LORD, the 17 God of their fathers. So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years: for they walked three years in the way of David and Solomon. 18 And Rehoboam took him a wife, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, ²and of Abihail the daughter 19 of Eliab the son of Jesse; and she bare him sons: Joush, and Shemariah, and 20 Zahan. And after her he took ³Maacah the daughter of Absalom; and she bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and 21 Shelomith. And Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and threescore concubines, and begat twenty and eight 22 sons and threescore daughters.) And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah to be chief, *even the prince* among his brethren: *for he was minded* 23 to make him king. And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city: and he gave them victual in abundance. And he ⁴sought for them many wives. 12 And it came to pass, when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established, and he was strong, that he forsook the law of the LORD, and all Israel with 2 him. ⁵And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had trespassed 3 against the LORD, with twelve hundred chariots, and threescore thousand horsemen: and the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt; the Lubim, the Sukkiim, 4 and the Ethiopians. And he took the fenced cities which pertained to Judah, 5 and came unto Jerusalem. Now Shemaiah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, Ye have forsaken me, therefore have I also left 6 you in the hand of Shishak. Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The 7 LORD is righteous. And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves; I will not destroy them:

but I will grant them ⁶some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the 8 hand of Shishak. Nevertheless they shall be his servants; that they may know my service, and the service of the 9 kingdoms of the countries. So Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house; he took all away: he took away also the shields of gold 10 which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam made in their stead shields of brass, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the ⁷guard, that 11 kept the door of the king's house. And it was so, that as oft as the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and bare them, and brought them back into the guard chamber. 12 And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him, that he would not destroy him altogether: and moreover in Judah ⁸there were 13 good things found. ⁹So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was forty and one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Naamah the Ammonitess. 14 And he did that which was evil, because he set not his heart to seek the 15 LORD. ¹⁰Now the acts of Rehoboam, first and last, are they not written in the ¹¹histories of Shemaiah the prophet and of Iddo the seer, ¹²after the manner of genealogies? And there were wars between Rehoboam and Jeroboam continually. And Rehoboam slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David: and Abijah his son reigned in his stead. 13 ¹³In the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam began Abijah to reign over Judah. 2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was ¹⁴Micaiah the daughter of Uriel of Gibeah. ¹⁵And there was war between Abijah and Jeroboam. And Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men: and Jeroboam set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, who were mighty men 4 of valour. And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill country of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, 5 O Jeroboam and all Israel; ought ye not to know that the LORD, the God of Israel, gave the kingdom over Israel to David for ever, even to him and to 6 his sons by a covenant of salt? Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up, and 7 rebelled against his lord. And there

¹ Or, satyrs
See Lev.
xvii. 7.

² Or, and
Abihail

³ In ch.
xiii. 2.
Micaiah
the daugh-
ter of
Uriel.

⁴ Or,
sought a
multi-
tude of
wives

⁵ See
1 Kings
xiv. 28,
29.

⁶ Or,
deliver-
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Or, a few
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⁷ Heb.
guard.

⁸ See
ch. xix. 1.
⁹ See
1 Kings
xv. 21.

¹⁰ See
1 Kings
xiv. 28,
29.

¹¹ Heb.
words.

¹² Or,
see prob-
ably the gene-
alogies

¹³ See
1 Kings
xv. 1, 2.

¹⁴ See
ch. xi. 28.

¹⁵ See
1 Kings
xv. 2.

¹ That is, worthlessness.

were gathered unto him vain men, sons of ¹Belial, which strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tenderhearted, and could not withstand them. And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hand of the sons of David; and ye be a great multitude, and there are with you the golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. Have ye not driven out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made you priests after the manner of the peoples of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods. But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and we have priests ministering unto the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites in their work: and they burn unto the LORD every morning and every evening burnt offerings and sweet incense: the shewbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the candlestick of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of the LORD our God; but ye have forsaken him. And, behold, God is with us at our head, and his priests with the trumpets of alarm to sound an alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against the LORD, the God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper. But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them. And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind them: and they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. And the children of Israel fled before Judah: and God delivered them into their hand. And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon the LORD, the God of their fathers. And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Zephon with the towns thereof. Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and the LORD smote him, and he died. But Abijah waxed mighty, and took unto himself fourteen wives, and begat twenty and two sons, and sixteen

22 daughters. And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo.

14 ² So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David, and Asa his son reigned in his stead: in his days the land was quiet ten years. And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God: for he took away the strange altars, and the high places, and brake down the pillars, and hewed down the Asherim; and commanded Judah to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun-images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. And he built fenced cities in Judah: for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years; because the LORD had given him rest. For he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, gates, and bars; the land is yet before us, because we have sought the LORD our God; we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. And Asa had an army that bare bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred and fourscore thousand: all these were mighty men of valour. And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and he came unto Mare-shah. Then Asa went out to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, there is none beside thee to help, between the mighty and him that hath no strength: help us, O LORD our God; for we rely on thee, and in thy name are we come against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee. So the LORD smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar: and there fell of the Ethiopians so many that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before the LORD, and before his host; and they carried away very much booty. And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of the LORD came upon them: and they spoiled all the cities; for there was much spoil in them. They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep in abundance and camels, and returned to Jerusalem. And the spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: and he

[Ch. xiii. 23 in Heb.]

² See 1 Kings xv. 8.

[Ch. xiv. 1 in Heb.]

⁴ Or, obelisks.
⁵ See Ex. xxxiv. 13.

⁶ Or, there is no difference with thee to help, whether the mighty or him.

⁷ Or, like

⁸ Or, so that none remained alive.

⁹ Heb. broken.

¹⁰ Or, a terror from the LORD.

⁵ Another reading is, Zephon.

went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: the LORD is with you, while ye be with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you.

8 Now for long seasons Israel hath been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law: but when in their distresses they turned unto the LORD, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the lands. And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city: for God did vex them with all adversity. But be ye strong, and let not your hands be slack: for your work shall be rewarded. And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of the LORD, that was before the porch of the LORD. And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and them that sojourned with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him.

10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa.

11 And they sacrificed unto the LORD in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. And they entered into the covenant to seek the LORD, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul; and that whosoever would not seek the LORD, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. And they sware unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. And all Judah rejoiced at the oath: for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire; and he was found of them: and the LORD gave them rest round about.

16 And also Maacah the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. And he brought into the house of God the things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had

dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels.

19 And there was no more war unto the five and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa.

16 In the six and thirtieth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah.

2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me.

4 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store cities of Naphtali.

5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building of Ramah, and let his work cease. Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah. And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and hast not relied on the LORD thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thine hand.

8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge host, with chariots and horsemen exceeding many? yet, because thou didst rely on the LORD, he delivered them into thine hand. For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; for from henceforth thou shalt have wars. Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in the prison house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people the same time.

11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And in the thirty and ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet; his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought not to the LORD, but to the physicians. And Asa slept with his fathers, and died in the one and fortieth year of his reign. And they buried him in his own sepulchres, which he had hewn out for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odours and divers kinds of spices prepared by the apothecaries.

⁶ See 1 Kings xv. 17, &c.

⁷ Heb. Damascus.

⁸ Or, Let there be

⁹ Heb. store-house of the cities.

¹⁰ Heb. house of the stocks.

¹¹ See 1 Kings xv. 22, &c.

carries art: and they made a very great burning for him.

- 17 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. And he placed forces in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set garrisons in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto the Baalim; but sought to the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. Therefore the Lord established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat presents; and he had riches and honour in abundance. And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord: and furthermore he took away the high places and the Asherim out of Judah. Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Ben-hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah; and with them the Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, the Levites; and with them Eliabana and Jehoram, the priests.
- 9 And they taught in Judah, having the book of the law of the Lord with them; and they went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught among the people. And ¹the fear of the Lord fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. And some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; the Arabians also brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats.
- 12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah castles and cities of store. And he had many works in the cities of Judah; and men of war, mighty men of valour, in Jerusalem.
- 14 And this was the numbering of them according to their fathers' houses: of Judah, the captains of thousands; Adnah the captain, and with him mighty men of valour three hundred thousand:
- 15 and next to him Jehohanan the captain, and with him two hundred and sixteen thousand: and next to him Amasiah the son of Zichri, who willingly offered himself unto the Lord; and with him two hundred thousand
- 17 mighty men of valour: and of Benjamin; Eliada a mighty man of valour, and with him two hundred thousand
- 18 armed with bow and shield: and next to him Jehozabad, and with him an hundred and fourscore thousand ready

1 Or, a
terror
from the
Lord

19 prepared for war. These were they that waited on the king, beside those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

- 18 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honour in abundance; and he joined affinity with Ahab. ²And after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that were with him, and moved him to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead. And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war. And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, at the word of the Lord to-day. Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; for God shall deliver it into the hand of the king. But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here besides a prophet of the Lord, that we might inquire of him? And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of the Lord: but I hate him; for he never prophesieth good concerning me, but always evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. Then the king of Israel called an ³officer, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla.
- 9 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they sat in ⁴an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith the Lord, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until they be consumed. And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper: for the Lord shall deliver it into the hand of the king. And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good. And Micaiah said, As the Lord liveth, what my God saith, that will I speak. And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, ⁵Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper; and they shall be delivered into your hand. And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me nothing but the truth in the name of the Lord? And he said, I saw

¹ See
1 Kings
xxii. 2,
&c.

² Or,
sunshin

⁴ Heb.
a thresh-
ing floor.

⁵ Heb.
Micah.

all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and the LORD said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house
 17 in peace. And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? And he said, Therefore hear ye the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his
 19 left. And the LORD said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner.
 20 And there came forth ²a spirit, and stood before the LORD, and said, I will entice him. And the LORD said
 21 unto him, Wherewith? And he said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt entice him, and shalt prevail also: go forth, and do so.
 22 Now therefore, behold, the LORD hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets; and the LORD hath
 23 spoken evil concerning thee. Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the spirit of the LORD from me to speak
 24 unto thee? And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go ³into an inner chamber to hide
 25 thyself. And the king of Israel said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and
 26 to Joash the king's son; and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction,
 27 until I return in peace. And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, the LORD hath not spoken by me. And he said, ⁴Hear, ye peoples, all of you.
 28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went into the
 30 battle. Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel.
 31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they turned about to fight against him: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and the LORD helped him; and God moved
 32 them to depart from him. And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing
 33 him. And a certain man drew his

bow ⁵at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between ⁶the joints of the harness: wherefore he said to the driver of the chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I
 34 am sore wounded. And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed himself up in his chariot against the Syrians until the even: and about the time of the going down of the sun he died.
 19 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the wicked, and love them that hate the LORD? for this thing wrath is upon thee from before the LORD.
 3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast put away the Asheroth out of the land, and hast set thine heart to seek God.
 4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again among the people from Beer-sheba to the hill country of Ephraim, and brought them back unto the LORD, the God of their fathers.
 5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city
 6 by city, and said to the judges, Consider what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for the LORD; and *he is* with
 7 you ⁷in the judgement. Now therefore let the fear of the LORD be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.
 8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites and the priests, and of the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel, for the judgement of the LORD, and for controversies. And they returned to Jerusalem. And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with
 10 a perfect heart. And whosoever any controversy shall come to you from your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgements, ye shall warn them, that they be not guilty towards the LORD, and so wrath come upon you and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall
 11 not be guilty. And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king's matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. ⁸Deal courageously, and the LORD be with the good.
 20 And it came to pass after this, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them some of the ⁹Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat
 2 to battle. Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh

⁵ Heb. in his simplicity.

⁶ Or, the lower armour and the breast-plate

⁷ Or, in giving judgement
 Heb. in the matter of judgement.

⁸ Heb. Be strong and do.

⁹ Perhaps an error for Moabites.
 So the Sept. See ch. xxxv. 7.

¹ Or, deceive

² Heb. the spirit.

³ Or, from chamber to chamber

⁴ See Micaiah I. 2.

a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea from Syria; and, behold, they be in Hazazon-tamar (the same is Eng-gedi). And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek unto the LORD; and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to seek help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD. And Jehoshaphat stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court; and he said, O LORD, the God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and art not thou ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in thine hand is power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee. Didst not thou, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, If evil come upon us, the sword, judgement, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house, and before thee, (for thy name is in this house), and cry unto thee in our affliction, and thou wilt hear and save. And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned aside from them, and destroyed them not; behold, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children. Then upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, came the spirit of the LORD in the midst of the congregation; and he said, Harken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat: thus saith the LORD unto you, Fear not ye, neither be dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's. Tomorrow go ye down against them: behold, they come up by the ascent of Ziz; and ye shall find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jermel. Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you. O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed: to-morrow go out against them; for the LORD is with you. And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell

down before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites and of the children of the Korathites, stood up to praise the LORD, the God of Israel, with an exceeding loud voice. And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed them that should sing unto the LORD, and praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and say, Give thanks unto the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set liers in wait against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they weresmitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another. And when Judah came to the watch-tower of the wilderness, they looked upon the multitude; and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none that escaped. And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both riches and dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: and they were three days in taking of the spoil, it was so much. And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the valley of Beracah; for there they blessed the LORD: therefore the name of that place was called The valley of Beracah, unto this day. Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy; for the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD. And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when they heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel. So the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet: for his God gave him rest round about. And Jehoshaphat reigned over Judah: he was thirty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and five years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Azubah the daughter of Shilhi. And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and turned not aside from it, doing that which was right

¹ Or, the sword of judgement

² Or, in the beauty of holiness

³ According to some ancient authorities, giv-menia.

⁴ That is, Blessing.

⁵ See 1 Kings xxii. 41, &c.

33 in the eyes of the LORD. Howbeit the high places were not taken away; neither as yet had the people set their hearts unto the God of their fathers.

34 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the ¹history of Jehu the son of Hanani, ²which is inserted in the book of the kings of Israel.

35 ³And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join himself with Ahaziah king of Israel; the same did very wickedly: and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tarshish: and they made the ships in Ezion-geber.

37 Then Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshab prophesied against Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with Ahaziah, the LORD hath ⁴destroyed thy works. And the ships were broken, that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

21 ⁵And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Jehoram his 2 son reigned in his stead. And he had brethren the sons of Jehoshaphat, Azariah, and Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, and Michael, and Shephatiah: all these were the sons of Jehoshaphat king of Israel. And their father gave them great gifts, of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, because he was the first-born. Now when Jehoram was risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers 5 also of the princes of Israel. ⁶Jehoram was thirty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eight 6 years in Jerusalem. And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as did the house of Ahab: for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the

7 LORD. Howbeit the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to give a lamp 8 to him and to his children alway. In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over 9 themselves. Then Jehoram passed over with his captains, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites which compassed him about, and the captains of the 10 chariots. So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, unto this day: then did Libnah revolt at the same time from under his hand: because he had forsaken the LORD, the God of his fa-

11 thers. Moreover he made high places in the ⁷mountains of Judah, and made the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a 12 whoring, and ⁸led Judah astray. And there came a writing to him from Elijah

the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor 18 in the ways of Asa king of Judah; but hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like as the house of Ahab ⁹did; and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself:

14 behold, the LORD will smite with a great ¹⁰plague thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy substance: and thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness, 16 ¹¹day by day. And the LORD stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians which 17 are beside the Ethiopians: and they came up against Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found ¹²in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save ¹³Jehoshaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 And after all this the LORD smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. 19 And it came to pass, in process of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning of his fathers. Thirty and two years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years: and he departed without being desired; and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

22 ¹⁴And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made ¹⁵Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead: for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah

2 reigned. ¹⁶Forty and two years old was Ahaziah when he began to reign; and he reigned one year in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Athaliah the

3 ¹⁷daughter of Omri. He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab: for his mother was his counsellor to do wickedly. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab: for they were his counsellors after the death of his father, to his 5 destruction. He walked also after their counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: 6 and the Syrians wounded Joram. And he returned to be healed in Jezreel ¹⁸of the wounds which they had given him at Ramah, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And ¹⁹Azariah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Ahab in Jezreel,

¹ Heb. words.

² Or, who is mentioned.

³ See 1 Kings xxii. 45, 46.

⁴ Or, made a breach in.

⁵ See 1 Kings xxii. 50.

⁶ See 2 Kings vii. 17, &c.

⁷ According to some ancient authorities, cities.

⁸ Or, compelled Judah thereto.

⁹ Heb. made to go a whoring.

¹⁰ Heb. stroke.

¹¹ Or, year after year.

¹² Or, belonging to.

¹³ In ch. xxii. 1, Ahaziah.

¹⁴ See 2 Kings viii. 24, &c.

¹⁵ In ch. xxi. 17, Jehoahaz.

¹⁶ In 2 Kings viii. 26, Two and twenty.

¹⁷ Or, grand-daughter.

¹⁸ So in 2 Kings viii. 28, and in the Sept. and Syriac versions. The text has, And cover the wounds which he.

¹⁹ In ver. 1, Azariah.

¹ Heb.
travelling
down.

⁸ See
2 Kings
i. 11, &c.

² See
2 Kings
ix. 27.

⁴ Or, And
there
was none
of the
house of
Athaliah
that had
power
&c.

⁸ See
2 Kings
xi. 1, &c.
⁹ In
2 Kings
xi. 2, Je-
hoashah.

⁷ Or,
chamber-
for the
beds

⁸ See
2 Kings
xi. 4, &c.

⁹ See
1 Chr.
xxiv. 4.

¹⁰ Heb.
through-
out.

7 because he was sick. Now the ¹ destruction of Ahaziah was of God, in that he went unto Joram: for when he was come, he went out with Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. ² And it came to pass, when Jehu was executing judgement upon the house of Ahab, that he found the princes of Judah, and the sons of the brethren of Ahaziah, ministering to 9 Ahaziah. And slew them. ³ And he sought Ahaziah, and they caught him, (now he was hiding in Samaria,) and they brought him to Jehu, and slew him; and they buried him, for they said, He is the son of Jehoshaphat, who sought the LORD with all his heart. ⁴ And the house of Ahaziah had no power to hold the kingdom.

¹⁰ ⁵ Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed ¹¹ royal of the house of Judah. But ⁶ Jehoshabeath, the daughter of the king, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king's sons that were slain, and put him and his nurse in the ⁷ bedchamber. So Jehoshabeath, the daughter of king Jehoram, the wife of Jehoiada the priest, (for she was the sister of Ahaziah,) hid him from Athaliah, so that ¹² she slew him not. And he was with them hid in the house of God six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

²³ ⁸ And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jeroham, and Ishmael the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obed, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into ² covenant with him. And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of fathers' houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD hath spoken concerning the sons of 4 David. This is the thing that ye shall do: ⁹ a third part of you, that come in on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the ¹⁰ doors; and a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the 6 house of the LORD. But let none come into the house of the LORD, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall come in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep 7 the watch of the LORD. And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons

in his hand; and whosoever cometh into the house, let him be slain: and be ye with the king when he cometh 8 in, and when he goeth out. So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men, those that were to come in on the sabbath, with those that were to go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the 9 priest dismissed not the courses. And Jehoiada the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds the spears, and bucklers, and shields, that had been king David's, which were in the house 10 of God. And he set all the people, every man with his weapon in his hand, from the right ¹¹ side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round 11 about. Then they brought out the king's son, and ¹² put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him; and they said, ¹² ¹³ God save the king. And when Athaliah heard the noise ¹⁴ of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of 13 the LORD: and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets; the singers also played on instruments of music, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason, treason. 14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth between the ranks; and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword: for the priest said, Slay her 15 not in the house of the LORD. So they made way for her; and she went to the entry of the horse gate to the king's house: and they slew her there. 16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and all the people, and the king, that they should be the 17 LORD's people. And all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan his 18 priest of Baal before the altars. And Jehoiada appointed the offices of the house of the LORD under the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, 19 ¹⁵ according to the order of David. And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, that none which was unclean in any thing should enter in. 20 And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors

¹¹ Heb.
shoulder.

¹² Or, put
upon
him the
crown
and the
testi-
mony
¹³ Heb.
Let the
king live.

¹⁴ Or,
of the
people,
of the
guards,
and of
those who
praised
the king

¹⁵ Heb.
By the
hands of
David.

of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought down the king from the house of the LORD: and they came through the upper gate unto the king's house, and set the king upon ²¹the throne of the kingdom. So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet: and they slew Athaliah with the sword.

²⁴ ¹Joash was seven years old when he began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. And Joash did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD all the days of Jehoiada the priest. And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters. And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to restore the house of the LORD. And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit

the Levites hastened it not. And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the tax of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation ²of Israel, for the tent of the testimony? For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD did they bestow upon the Baalim. So the king commanded, and they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of the LORD.

And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in for the LORD the tax that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness. And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end. And it was so, that at what time the chest was brought unto the king's office ⁴by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king's scribe and the chief priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it, and carried it to its place again. Thus they did day by day, and gathered

money in abundance. And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to repair the house of the

LORD. So the workmen wrought, and the work was perfected by them, and they set up the house of God ⁷in its state, and strengthened it. And when they had made an end, they brought

the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of the LORD, even vessels to minister, and ⁸to offer withal, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD continually all the days of Jehoiada. But Jehoiada waxed old and was full of days, and he died; an hundred and thirty years old was he when he died.

And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, and toward God and his house. Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. And they forsook the house of the LORD, the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guiltiness. Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto the LORD; and they testified against them:

but they would not give ear. And the spirit of God ⁹came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the LORD, that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken the LORD, he hath also forsaken you. And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the

court of the house of the LORD. Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehoiada his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The LORD look upon it, and require it. And it came to pass at the ¹⁰end of the year, that the army of the Syrians came up against him: and they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them unto the king

of Damascus. For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; and the LORD delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken the LORD, the God of their fathers. So they executed judgement upon Joash. And when they were departed from him, (for they left him in great diseases,) his own servants conspired against him for the blood of the ¹²sons of Jehoiada the priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and they buried him in the city of David, but they buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings. And these are they that conspired against him; ¹³Zabab the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehoazabab the son of

Shimri the Moabitess. Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens ¹⁵laid upon him, and the

⁸ Or,
 vessels

⁹ Heb.
 looked
 upon
 with

¹⁰ Heb.
 round
 round

¹¹ Heb.
 Judg-
 ment

¹² The
 Sept.
 and
 Vulgar
 read,
 son.
 ¹³ In
 2 Kings
 xlii. 21.
 Joazabab

¹⁵ Or,
 uttered
 against

¹ See
 2 Kings
 xli. 21.
 xli. 1. etc.

² Or, for
 Israel

³ Or,
 officers
 ⁴ Or,
 which
 was in
 the hand
 ⁵ Or,
 secret-
 ary

⁶ Heb.
 healing
 went up
 upon the
 work.

⁷ Or, ac-
 cording
 to the
 pro-
 portion
 thereof

¹ Heb.
from edom-
ing.

² See
2 Kings
xiv. 1, &c.

³ Or,
ye thou

⁴ Heb.
troop.

⁵ See
2 Kings
xiv. 7.

⁶ Or, *Sela*

⁷ Heb.
the sons
of the
troop.

¹ rebuilding of the house of God, behold, they are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 ² Amaziah was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned twenty and nine years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jehoadan of Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, but not with a perfect heart.

3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established unto him, that he slew his servants which had killed the king his father. But he put not their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the book of Moses, as the Lord commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin. Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and ordered them according to their fathers' houses, under captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, even all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and found them three hundred thousand chosen men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield.

6 He hired also an hundred thousand mighty men of valour out of Israel for an hundred talents of silver. But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the Lord is not with Israel, *to wit*, with all the children of Ephraim. But ⁸ if thou wilt go, do valiantly, be strong for the battle: God shall cast thee down before the enemy; for God hath power to help, and to cast down. And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The Lord is able to give thee much more than this.

10 Then Amaziah separated them, *to wit*, the army that was come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in fierce

11 anger. And Amaziah took courage, and led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. And other

ten thousand did the children of Judah carry away alive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, that they all were broken in pieces. But

the men of the army which Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote of them three thousand, and took much spoil.

14 Now it came to pass, after that

Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. Wherefore the

anger of the Lord was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, which said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, which have not delivered their own people out of thine hand? And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Have we made thee of the king's counsel? forbear; why shouldst thou be smitten? Then the prophet forbore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

17 ⁸ Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoahaz the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. And Joash king of Israel sent to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and

trode down the thistle. Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten Edom; and thine heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldst thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldst fall, even thou, and Judah with thee? but Amaziah would not hear; for it was of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they had sought after the gods

21 of Edom. So Joash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Bethshemesh, which belongeth to Judah.

22 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. And Joash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of Jehoahaz, at Bethshemesh, and brought him to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

25 And Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Joash son of Jehoahaz king of Israel fifteen years. Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the 27 kings of Judah and Israel? Now from the time that Amaziah did turn away from following the Lord they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem;

⁹ See
2 Kings
xiv. 6,
&c.

¹⁰ Or,
thorn

¹¹ Or,
proceed
colum-
bly

¹² So in
2 Kings
xiv. 13.
The text
has, the
gate that
looketh.

¹³ See
1 Chr.
xxvi. 15.

and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him ²⁸there. And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in ¹the city of Judah.

²⁶ And all the people of Judah took

²Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the room of his ²father Amaziah. He built Eloth, and restored it to Judah, after that the

³king slept with his fathers. ⁸Sixteen years old was Uzziah when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty and two years in Jerusalem: and his mother's

⁴name was Jechiliah of Jerusalem. And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his

⁵father Amaziah had done. And he set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who ⁴had understanding in ⁵the vision of God: and as long as he sought the LORD, God made him to

⁶prosper. And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in the country of Ashdod,

⁷and among the Philistines. And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in

⁸Gur-baal, and the Meunim. And the Ammonites gave gifts to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt; for he waxed

⁹exceeding strong. Moreover Uzziah built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning of the wall, and fortified them.

¹⁰ And he built towers in the wilderness, and hewed out many cisterns, for he had much cattle; in the lowland also, and in the ⁶plain: and he had husbandmen and vinedressers in the mountains

and in ⁷the fruitful fields; for he loved ¹¹husbandry. Moreover Uzziah had an army of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king's

¹²captains. The whole number of the heads of fathers' houses, even the mighty men of valour, was two thou-

¹³sand and six hundred. And under their hand was ⁸a trained army, three hundred thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that made war with mighty power, to help the king against

¹⁴the enemy. And Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats of mail,

¹⁵and bows, and stones for slinging. And he made in Jerusalem engines, invented by cunning men, to be on the towers and upon the ⁹battlements, to shoot arrows and great stones withal. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvelously helped, till he was strong.

¹⁶ But when he was strong, his heart

was lifted up ¹⁰so that he did corruptly, and he trespassed against the LORD his God; for he went into the temple of the LORD to burn incense upon the

¹⁷altar of incense. And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him fourscore priests of the LORD, that were

¹⁸valiant men: and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It pertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine

¹⁹honour from the LORD God. Then Uzziah was wroth; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy

¹¹brake forth in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, beside the altar of incense. And Azariah the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him, and, behold, he was leprous in his forehead, and they thrust him out quickly from thence; yea, himself hastened also to go out, because the

²¹LORD had smitten him. ¹²And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a ¹³several house, being a leper; for he was cut off from the house of the LORD: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, judging

²²the people of the land. Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz,

²³write. So Uzziah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

²⁷ ¹⁴Jotham was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Jerushah

²the daughter of Zadok. And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that his father Uzziah had done: howbeit he entered not into the temple of the LORD. And the people did yet corruptly. He built the upper gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ophel he built much.

⁴ Moreover he built cities in the hill country of Judah, and in the forests he

⁵built castles and towers. He fought also with the king of the children of Ammon, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year an hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand ¹⁵measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon render unto him, in the second year also,

⁶and in the third. So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways before the LORD his God. Now the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, behold, they are written

¹⁰ Or, to his destruction

¹¹ Heb. rose in the sun

¹² See 2 Kings xv. 1-7.

¹³ Or. leper house

¹⁴ See 2 Kings xv. 25, 26.

¹⁵ Heb. corn.

in the book of the kings of Israel and 8 Judah. He was five and twenty years old when he began to reign, and reigned 9 sixteen years in Jerusalem. And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Ahaz his son reigned in his stead.

28 ¹Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, like David his father: 2 but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images 3 for the Baalim. Moreover he burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen, whom the Lord cast out 4 before the children of Israel. And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and 5 under every green tree. Wherefore the Lord his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away of his a great multitude of captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a 6 great slaughter. For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah an hundred and twenty thousand in one day, all of them valiant men; because they had forsaken the Lord, the God of their 7 fathers. And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maasseiah the king's son, and Azrikam the ruler of the house, and Elkanah that was ²next to the king. 8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of the Lord was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out to meet the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because the Lord, the God of your fathers, was wrath with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage which hath 10 reached up unto heaven. And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: but are there not even with you ³trespasses of your 11 own against the Lord your God? Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives, which ye have taken captive of your brethren: for the fierce wrath 12 of the Lord is upon you. Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against 13 them that came from the war, and said unto them, Ye shall not bring in

the captives hither: for ye purpose that which will bring upon us ⁴a trespass against the Lord, to add unto our sins and to our ⁵trespass: for our ⁶trespass is great, and there is fierce wrath 14 against Israel. So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the 15 princes and all the congregation. And the men which have been expressed by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm trees, unto their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

16 ⁷At that time did king Ahaz send unto the ⁸kings of Assyria to help 17 him. For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried 18 away ⁹captives. The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland, and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Socoth with the ¹⁰towns thereof, and Timnah with the ¹¹towns thereof, Gimzo also and the ¹²towns 19 thereof: and they dwelt there. For the Lord brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he had ¹³dealt wantonly in Judah, and trespassed sore 20 against the Lord. And Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria came ¹⁴unto him, and distressed him, but ¹⁵strengthened him 21 not. For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of the Lord, and out of the house of the king and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: 22 but it helped him not. And in the time ¹⁶of his distress did he trespass yet more against the Lord, this same king 23 Ahaz. For he sacrificed unto the gods of ¹⁷Damascus, which smote him: and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, therefore will I sacrifice to them, that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him, and of 24 all Israel. And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the Lord; and he made him altars 25 in every corner of Jerusalem. And in every several city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the Lord, 26 the God of his fathers. Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book 27 of the kings of Judah and Israel. And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, even in Jerusalem; for they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead. 28 ¹⁸Hezekiah began to reign when he was five and twenty years old;

¹ See 2 Kings xvi. 2-4.

² Heb. second.

³ Heb. guiltiness.

⁴ Or. guilt.

⁵ See 2 Kings xvi. 7, &c.

⁶ Many ancient authorities read, king.

⁷ Heb. a captivity.

⁸ Heb. daughters.

⁹ Or, cast away restraint.

¹⁰ Or. against.

¹¹ Or, provoked not against him.

¹² Or, that he distressed him.

¹³ Heb. Damascus.

¹⁴ See 2 Kings xviii. 1-3.

and he reigned nine and twenty years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Abijah the daughter of Zechariah.

2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

3 He in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the LORD, and repaired 4 them. And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the broad place on the 5 east, and said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites; now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of the LORD, the God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place.

6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the sight of the LORD our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of the LORD, and 7 turned their backs. Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel.

8 Wherefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to be ¹tossed out and fro, to be an astonishment, and an 9 hissing, as ye see with your eyes. For, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our 10 wives are in captivity for this. Now it is in mine heart to make a covenant with the LORD, the God of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from 11 us. My sons, be not now negligent: for the LORD hath chosen you to stand before him, to minister unto him, and that ye should be his ministers, and burn incense.

12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites: and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel: and of the Gershonites, Joah the son of Zimmah, and Eden the son of 13 Joah: and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri and Jenei: and of the sons of 14 Asaph, Zechariah and Mattaniah: and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimel: and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shema- 15 iah and Uzziel. And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the commandment of the king by the words of the LORD, to cleanse the house of 16 the LORD. And the priests went in unto the inner part of the house of the LORD, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took it, to carry it out 17 abroad to the brook Kidron. Now they began on the first day of the

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first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of the LORD; and they sanctified the house of the LORD in eight days: and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end.

18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king within *the palace*, and said, We have cleansed all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the table of shewbread, with all the vessels 19 thereof. Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away when he trespassed, have we prepared and sanctified; and, behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.

20 Then Hezekiah the king arose early, and gathered the princes of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD.

21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he-goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom and for the sanctuary and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer them on the altar 22 of the LORD. So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: and they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and sprinkled the blood upon 23 the altar. And they brought near the he-goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they 24 laid their hands upon them: and the priests killed them, and they made a sin offering with their blood upon the altar, to make atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering 25 *should be made* for all Israel. And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: for the commandment was of the LORD 26 by his prophets. And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the 27 priests with the trumpets. And Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD began also, and the trumpets, together with the instruments of David king of 28 Israel. And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this *continued* until the burnt offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves and 30 worshipped. Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises unto the LORD with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads

¹ Heb.
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31 and worshipped. Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have ¹consecrated yourselves unto the LORD, come near and bring sacrifices and thank offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart ³²brought burnt offerings. And the number of the burnt offerings, which the congregation brought, was threescore and ten bullocks, an hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were ³³for a burnt offering to the LORD. And the consecrated things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. ³⁴But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves: for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify ³⁵themselves than the priests. And also the burnt offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace offerings, and with the drink offerings for every burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in ³⁶order. And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, because of that which God had prepared for the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

³⁷And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the passover ²unto the LORD, the God of Israel. For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the ³second month. For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem.

⁴And the thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the congregation. ⁵So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto the LORD, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem: for they had not kept it

⁶in great numbers in such sort as it is written. So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto the LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant that are escaped of you out of the hand of the kings ⁷of Assyria. And be not ye like your fathers, and like your brethren, which trespassed against the LORD, the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up

⁸to desolation, as ye see. Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were; but ⁹yield yourselves unto the LORD, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever, and serve the LORD your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. For if ye turn again unto the LORD, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that led them captive, and shall come again into this land: for the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

¹⁰So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked ¹¹them. Nevertheless divers of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to Jerusalem.

¹²Also in Judah was the hand of God to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes ¹³by the word of the LORD. And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great con-

¹⁴gregation. And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the ¹⁵altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron. Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt offerings into the house of the LORD.

¹⁶And they stood in their place after their order, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood, ¹⁷which they received of the hand of the Levites. For there were many in the congregation that had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites had the charge of killing the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them

¹⁸unto the LORD. For a multitude of the people, even many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it is written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, The good LORD pardon ¹⁹every one that setteth his heart to seek God, the LORD, the God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the ²⁰sanctuary. And the LORD hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness: and the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, ²¹singing with loud instruments unto the LORD.

²²And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that were well skilled

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⁴ Heb.
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⁵ Or,
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² Or, of
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⁶ Or,
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1 Or.
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in the service of the LORD. So they did eat throughout the feast for the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace offerings, and ¹making confession to the LORD, the God of their fathers. And the whole congregation took counsel to keep other seven days: and they kept other seven days with gladness.

24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the congregation for offerings a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and a great number

25 of priests sanctified themselves. And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah,

26 rejoiced. So there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel there was not the like in Jerusalem.

27 Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people: and their voice was heard, and their prayer came up to his holy habitation, even unto heaven.

31 Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake in pieces the ²pillars, and hewed down the Asherim, and brake down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession,

2 into their own cities. And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Levites, for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of the LORD.

3 He appointed also the king's portion of his substance for the burnt offerings, to wit, for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is written in the law of the LORD.

4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might ³give themselves to the law of the LORD. And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things

6 brought they in abundantly. And the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of dedicated things which were consecrated unto the LORD their

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7 God, and laid them by heaps. In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD, and his people Israel. Then Hezekiah questioned with the priests and the Levites

10 concerning the heaps. And Azariah the chief priest, of the house of Zadok, answered him and said, Since the people began to bring the oblations into the house of the LORD, we have eaten and had enough, and have left plenty: for the LORD hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.

11 Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of the LORD; and

12 they prepared them. And they brought in the oblations and the tithes and the dedicated things faithfully: and over them Conaniah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was second.

18 And Jehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benaiah, were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler

14 of the house of God. And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter at the east gate, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of the LORD, and the most

15 holy things. And under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shecaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their

4 set office, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the

16 small: beside them that were reckoned by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even every one that entered into the house of the LORD, ⁵as the duty of every day required, for their service in their charges

17 according to their courses; and them that were reckoned by genealogy of the priests by their fathers' houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their charges by their

18 courses; ⁶and them that were reckoned by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation: for in their ⁷set office they

19 sanctified themselves in holiness: also for the sons of Aaron the priests, which were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every several city, there were men that were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogy among the Levites.

20 And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah; and he wrought that which was good and right and ⁸faithful before the LORD his God. And in every

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5 Or. for
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6 Or. even
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7 Heb.
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work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

- 32 ¹After these things, and this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fenced cities, and thought ²to win them for himself. And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that ³he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city; and they helped him. So there was gathered much people together, and they stopped all the fountains, and the brook that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? And he took courage, and built up all the wall that was broken down, and ⁴raised it up to the towers, and ⁵the other wall without, and strengthened Millo in the city of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the broad place at the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for ⁶there is a greater with us than with him: with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.
- 9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (now he was before Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide ⁷the siege in Jerusalem? Doth not Hezekiah persuade you, to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, The Lord our God shall deliver us out of the ¹²hand of the king of Assyria? Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and ¹³upon it shall ye burn incense? Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands any ways able to deliver their land out of mine hand? Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers ⁸utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver

- 15 you out of mine hand? Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you on this manner, neither believe ye him: for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of mine hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your ⁹God deliver you out of mine hand? And his servants spake yet more against the Lord God, and against ¹⁷his servant Hezekiah. He wrote also ¹⁰letters, to rail on the Lord, the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of mine hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his ¹⁸people out of mine hand. And they cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might ¹⁹take the city. And they spake of the God of Jerusalem, as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the ²⁰work of men's hands. And Hezekiah the king, and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, prayed because of this, and ²¹cried to heaven. And the Lord sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains, in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels ²¹slew him there with the sword.
- 22 Thus the Lord saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, ²³and guided them on every side. And many brought gifts unto the Lord to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.
- 24 ¹²In those days Hezekiah was sick even unto death: and he prayed unto the Lord; and he spake unto him, and gave ²⁵him a ¹³sign. But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, ²⁶and upon Judah and Jerusalem. Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for ¹⁴the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the Lord came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.
- 27 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honour: and he provided him treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of goodly vessels; storehouses also for the increase of corn and wine and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and flocks ²⁹in folds. Moreover he provided him

⁹ Or, gods

¹⁰ Or, a letter

¹¹ Heb. caused him to fall.

¹² See 2 Kings xx. 1, &c., ix. xxxviii. 1, &c.
¹³ Or, wonder

¹⁴ Heb. the lifting up.

¹ See 2 Kings xviii. 13, &c., ix. xvi. 1, &c.

² Heb. to break them up.

³ Heb. his face was to fight.

⁴ Or, height—end the towers
⁵ Or, went up upon the towers
⁶ The Vainite has, built towers, room.
⁸ Or, another

⁹ Or, there be more

⁷ Or, in the strong hold

⁸ Heb. devoted.

cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him very much substance. This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and brought them straight down on the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart. Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his good deeds, behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. And Hezekiah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the ascent of the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem did him honour at his death. And Manasseh his son reigned in his stead.

33 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty two and five years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he reared up altars for the Baalim, and made Asheroth, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.

4 And he built altars in the house of the LORD, whereof the LORD said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. He also made his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: and he practised augury, and used enchantments, and practised sorcery, and dealt with them that had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger. And he set the graven image of the idol, which he had made, in the house of God, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, 8 will I put my name for ever: neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers; if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. And Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, so that they did evil more than did the nations, whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

10 And the LORD spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they gave no heed.

11 Wherefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh in chains, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. And when he was in distress, he besought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. 13 And he prayed unto him; and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD he was God.

14 Now after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west side of Gihon, in the valley, even to the entering in at the fish gate; and he compassed about Ophel, and raised it up a very great height: and he put valiant captains in all the fenced cities of Judah. And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and 16 cast them out of the city. And he built up the altar of the LORD, and offered thereon sacrifices of peace offerings and of thanksgiving, and commanded Judah to serve the LORD, the God of Israel. Nevertheless the people did sacrifice still in the high places, but only unto the LORD their God. Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers that spake to him in the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, behold, they are written among the acts of the kings of Israel. His prayer also, and how God was intreated of him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places wherein he built high places, and set up the Asherim and the graven images, before he humbled himself: behold, they are written in the history of Hozai. So Manasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house: and Amon his son reigned in his stead.

21 Amon was twenty and two years old when he began to reign; and he reigned 22 two years in Jerusalem. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, as did Manasseh his father: and Amon sacrificed unto all the graven images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. And he humbled not himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself; but this same Amon trespassed more and more. And his servants conspired against him, and put him to death in his own house. But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead.

34 Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned

3 Or.
with
hooks

4 Or.
captains
of the
army

5 Accord-
ing to
another
reading,
pre-
pared.

6 Or, the
seers
So the
Sept.

7 See
2 Kings
xii. 19,
20.

8 Or.
became
guilty

9 See
2 Kings
xiii. 1, 2.

1 Heb.
inter-
preters.

2 See
2 Kings
xii. 1, 2.

thirty and one years in Jerusalem.
 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left.
 3 For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images.
 4 And they brake down the altars of the Baalim in his presence; and the sun-images, that were on high above them, he hewed down; and the Asherim, and the graven images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and purged Judah and Jerusalem. And so did he in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, in their ruins round about. And he brake down the altars, and beat the Asherim and the graven images into powder, and hewed down all the sun-images throughout all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.
 8 Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land, and the house, he sent Shaphan the son of Azaliah, and Maaseiah the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Joahaz the recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. And they came to Hilkiah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the keepers of the door, had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And they delivered it into the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of the LORD; and the workmen that wrought in the house of the LORD gave it to amend and repair the house; even to the carpenters and to the builders gave they it, to buy hewn stone, and timber for couplings, and to make beams for the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. And the men did the work faithfully: and the overseers of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons of the Kohathites, to set it forward: and other of the Levites, all that could skill of instruments of music. Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all that did the work in every manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters. And when they brought out the money that was brought into the

house of the LORD, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of the LORD given by Moses. And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover brought the king word again, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they do it. And they have emptied out the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen. And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read therein before the king. And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king's servant, saying, Go ye, inquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do according unto all that is written in this book. So Hilkiah, and they whom the king had commanded, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tokhath, the son of ¹³Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter;) and they spake to her to that effect. And she said unto them, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore is my wrath poured out upon this place, and it shall not be quenched. But unto the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: As touching the words which thou hast heard, because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and hast humbled thyself before me, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith the LORD. Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in

⁸ Heb. by the hand of.

⁹ Or, poured out

¹⁰ In 2 Kings xlii. 12. Achbuz the son of Micah.

¹¹ In 2 Kings xlii. 14. Tikvah. ¹² In 2 Kings xlii. 14. Harhas. ¹³ Heb. Meshah.

¹ Or, as other-wise read, with their case. The text is probably corrupt.

² See 2 Kings xlii. 4. &c.

³ Or, chron-icler

⁴ Heb. through-out.

⁵ Another reading is, and they re-turned to Jerusalem.

⁶ Or, they gave it to the work-men &c. See 2 Kings xlii. 5.

⁷ Or, to provide out it

peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof. And they brought the king word again.

29 ¹Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and 30 Jerusalem. And the king went up to the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, both great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of 31 the LORD. And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant that were 32 written in this book. And he caused all that were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fa- 33 thers. And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were found in Israel to serve, even to serve the LORD their God. All his days they departed not from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

35 And Josiah kept a passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the 2 first month. And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD. 3 And he said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, which were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; there shall no more be a burden upon your shoulders: now serve the LORD your God, and his people 4 Israel. And prepare yourselves after your fathers' houses by your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing 5 of Solomon his son. And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of your brethren the children of the people, ²and let there be for each a portion of a fathers' house 6 of the Levites. And kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren, to do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of 7 Moses. And Josiah ³gave to the children of the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all of them for the passover offerings, unto all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of 8 the king's substance. And his princes gave ⁴for a freewill offering unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites.

Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover offerings two thousand and six hundred *small cattle*, 9 and three hundred oxen. Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for the passover offerings five thousand *small cattle*, and 10 five hundred oxen. So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites by their courses, according to the king's commandment. 11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled the *blood*, which they received of their hand, and the Levites 12 flayed them. And they removed the burnt offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers' houses of the children of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so 13 did they with the oxen. And they roasted the passover with fire according to the ordinance: and the holy offerings sod they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the 14 children of the people. And afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests; because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in offering the burnt offerings and the fat until night: therefore the Levites prepared for themselves, and for the priests the sons of 15 Aaron. And the singers the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the porters were at every gate: they needed not to depart from their service, for their brethren the 16 Levites prepared for them. So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the command- 17 ment of king Josiah. And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast 18 of unleavened bread seven days. And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither did any of the kings of Israel keep such a passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel that were present, and the inhabitants of Jerusa- 19 lem. In the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah was this passover kept. 20 ⁵After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight against Carchemish by Euphrates: and Josiah went out against 21 him. But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war; and God ⁶hath

¹ See
2 Kings
xxiii. 1.
ac.

³ Or, and
according to the
distribution of
each
fathers' house

⁴ Or, gave for
offerings
and so
in verse
8, 9.
See ch.
xxx. 24.

⁵ Or,
willingly

⁵ See
2 Kings
xxiii. 28.

⁶ Or, hath
given
command to
oppose me

commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddling with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not. 22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Neco, from the mouth of God, and came to 23 fight in the valley of Megiddo. And the archers shot at king Josiah; and the king said to his servants, Have me away; 24 for I am sore wounded. So his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for 25 Josiah. And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations, unto this day; and they made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations. Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his good deeds, according to that which is written in the law of 27 the Lord, and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

36 ¹Then the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. Jehoahaz was twenty and three years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. 3 And the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and amerced the land in an hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. And the king of Egypt made Eliakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoiakim. And Neco took Jehoahaz his brother, and carried him to Egypt.

5 ²Jehoiakim was twenty and five years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God. 6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and bound him in 7 fetters, to carry him to Babylon. Nebuchadnezzar also carried of the vessels of the house of the Lord to Babylon, and put them in his ⁸temple at Babylon.

8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found ⁹in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah: and ¹⁰Jehoiachin his son reigned in his stead.

9 ⁶Jehoiachin was ⁷eight years old when he began to reign; and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem: and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord. And ⁸at the return of the year king Nebuchadnezzar sent, and brought him to Babylon, with the

goodly vessels of the house of the Lord, and made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem.

11 ²Zedekiah was twenty and one years old when he began to reign; and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem: 12 and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord his God; he humbled not himself before Jeremiah the prophet speaking from the mouth of the 13 Lord. And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and ¹⁰hardened his heart from turning unto the Lord, the God of Israel.

14 Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the heathen; and they polluted the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. And the Lord, the God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending; because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling place: but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against his people, till there was 17 no ¹¹remedy. Therefore he brought upon them the king of the Chaldeans, who slew their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion upon young man or maiden, old man or ancient: he gave 18 them all into his hand. And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes; all these he 19 brought to Babylon. And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed 20 all the goodly vessels thereof. And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia:

21 to fulfil the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her sabbaths: for as long as she lay desolate she kept sabbath, to fulfil threescore and ten years. 22 ¹²Now in the first year of ¹³Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the Lord stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in 23 writing, saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord, the God of heaven, given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whosoever there is among you of all his people, the Lord his God be with him, and let him go up.

⁹ See 2 Kings xiv. 18. &c.

¹⁰ Heb. strengthened.

¹¹ Heb. healing.

¹ See 2 Kings xiii. 30. &c.

² See 2 Kings xiii. 30. &c.

³ Or, palace
⁴ Or, against
⁵ In 1 Chr. iii. 16, Jeconiah. In Jer. xiii. 24, Coniah.

⁶ See 2 Kings xiv. 8. &c.
⁷ In 2 Kings xiv. 8. right over.
⁸ See 2 Sam. xi. 1.

¹² See Ezra i. 1-3.
¹³ Heb. Cerech.

E Z R A.

¹ Heb.
Coresch.

1 Now in the first year of ¹ Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and *put it* also in writing, ² saying, Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the LORD, the God of heaven, given me; and he hath charged me to build him an house in Jerusalem, which is in ³ Judah. Whosoever there is among you of all his people, his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD, the God of Israel, ⁴ (he is God,) which is in Jerusalem. And whosoever is left, in any place where he sojourneth, let the men of his place help him with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the free-will offering for the house of God which ⁵ is in Jerusalem. Then rose up the heads of fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, even all whose spirit God had stirred to go up to build the house of the LORD which ⁶ is in Jerusalem. And all they that were round about them strengthened their hands with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that ⁷ was willingly offered. Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put them in the house of ⁸ his gods; even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of ⁹ Judah. And this is the number of them: thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty ¹⁰ knives; thirty bowls of gold, silver bowls of a second sort four hundred and ten, and other vessels a thousand. ¹¹ All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when they of the captivity were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

² ³ Now these are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity of those which had been carried away, whom ⁴ Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and that returned unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city; ² which came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua,

Nehemiah, ⁵ Seraiah, ⁶ Reelaiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, ⁷ Mispar, Bigvai, ⁸ Rehum, Baanah. The number of the men of ³ the people of Israel: the children of Parosh, two thousand an hundred ⁴ seventy and two. The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy ⁵ and two. The children of Arah, seven ⁶ hundred seventy and five. The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight ⁷ hundred and twelve. The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty ⁸ and four. The children of Zattu, nine ⁹ hundred forty and five. The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and threescore. ¹⁰ The children of ⁹ Bani, six hundred forty ¹¹ and two. The children of Bebai, six ¹² hundred twenty and three. The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred ¹³ twenty and two. The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and six. ¹⁴ The children of Bigvai, two thousand ¹⁵ fifty and six. The children of Adin, four ¹⁶ hundred fifty and four. The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. ¹⁷ The children of Bezai, three hundred ¹⁸ twenty and three. The children of ¹⁹ ¹⁰ Jorah, an hundred and twelve. The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty ²⁰ and three. The children of ¹¹ Gib- ²¹ bar, ninety and five. The children of Beth-lehem, an hundred twenty and ²² three. The men of Netophah, fifty and ²³ six. The men of Anathoth, an hundred ²⁴ twenty and eight. The children of ²⁵ ¹² Azbaveth, forty and two. The children of ¹³ Kiriath-arim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and ²⁶ three. The children of Ramah and Geba, ²⁷ six hundred twenty and one. The men of Michmas, an hundred twenty and two. ²⁸ The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred ²⁹ twenty and three. The children ³⁰ of Nebo, fifty and two. The children of Magbish, an hundred fifty and six. ³¹ The children of the other Elam, a thousand ³² and two hundred fifty and four. The children of Harim, three hundred and ³³ twenty. The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and five. ³⁴ The children of Jericho, three hundred ³⁵ forty and five. The children of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and ³⁶ thirty. The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine ³⁷ hundred seventy and three. The children of Immer, a thousand fifty and two. ³⁸ The children of Pashhur, a thousand ³⁹ two hundred forty and seven. The children of Harim, a thousand and

² Or, he is the God which is in Jerusalem

⁵ In Neh. vii. 7. *Azer-tach.*

⁶ In Neh. vii. 7. *Ezraiah.*

⁷ In Neh. vii. 7. *Mispar.*

⁸ In Neh. vii. 7. *Yehon.*

⁹ In Neh. vii. 13. *Beniamin.*

¹⁰ In Neh. vii. 24. *Haraph.*

¹¹ In Neh. vii. 25. *Gibbar.*

¹² In Neh. vii. 26. *Beeroth.*

¹³ In Neh. vii. 27. *Michmas.*

¹⁴ In Neh. vii. 28. *Netophah.*

² See Neh. vii. 6, &c.

⁴ Heb. Nebuchadnezzar.

40 seventeen. The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of ¹Hodaviah, seventy and four. The singers: the children of Asaph, an 42 hundred twenty and eight. The children of the porters: the children of Shalum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, in all an hundred thirty and 43 nine. The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the 44 children of Tabbaoth; the children of Keros, the children of ²Siaha, the children of Padon; the children of Lebanah, the children of Hagabah, the children 46 of Akkub; the children of Hagab, the children of ³Shamlai, the children of 47 Hanan; the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah; 48 the children of Rezin, the children of 49 Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Pa- 50 seah, the children of Besai; the children of Asnah, the children of Menim, 51 the children of ⁴Nephthim; the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, 52 the children of Harhur; the children of ⁵Bazluth, the children of Mehida, 53 the children of Harsha; the children of Barkos, the children of Siaera, the 54 children of Temah; the children of 55 Neziah, the children of Hatipha. The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sotai, the children of ⁶Has- 56 sophereth, the children of ⁷Peruda; the children of Jaalah, the children of Dar- 57 kon, the children of Giddel; the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hatil, the children of Pochereth-hazzebaim, 58 the children of ⁸Ami. All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred ninety and 59 two. And these were they which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, ⁹Addan, and Immer: but they could not show their fathers' houses, and their 60 seed, whether they were of Israel: the children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred 61 red fifty and two. And of the children of the priests: the children of ¹⁰Habaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was 62 called after their name. These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore ¹¹ were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. 63 And the ¹²Tirathatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with 64 Urim and with Thummin. The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and three- 65 score, beside their menservants and their maid servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty

and seven: and they had two hundred singing men and singing women. 66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty 67 and five; their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. And some of the heads of fathers' houses, when they came to the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to set it 69 up in its place: they gave after their ability into the treasury of the work threescore and one thousand darics of gold, and five thousand ¹³ pound of silver, and one hundred priests' garments. 70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, dwell in their cities, and all Israel in their cities. 3 ¹⁴ And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2 Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of 3 Moses the man of God. And they set the altar ¹⁵ upon its base; for fear was upon them because of the people of the countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the Lord, even burnt 4 offerings morning and evening. And they kept the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the ordinance, as the duty of every day required; and afterward the continual burnt offering, and the offerings of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the Lord that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a free- 6 will offering unto the Lord. From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the Lord: but the foundation of the temple of the Lord was not yet laid. They gave money also unto the ¹⁶ masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea, unto Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia. 8 Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the rest of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to ¹⁷ have the oversight of the work of the house 9 of the Lord. Then stood Jeshua

¹ In ch. iii. 9. Judah. In Neh. vii. 63. Hodaviah.

² In Neh. vii. 47. Sotai.

³ In Neh. vii. 48. Shamlai.

⁴ Another reading is, *Yephthaimim*. In Neh. vii. 52. *Yephthaimim*.

⁵ In Neh. vii. 54. *Bazlith*.

⁶ In Neh. vii. 57. *Yehoshaphat*.

⁷ In Neh. vii. 57. *Peruda*.

⁸ In Neh. vii. 58. *Immer*.

⁹ In Neh. vii. 61. *Addan*.

¹⁰ In Neh. vii. 63. *Hobai*.

¹¹ Heb. they were polluted from the priest-hood. ¹² Or, governor.

¹³ Heb. *maneh*.

¹⁴ See Neh. vii. 74. viii. 1.

¹⁵ Or, in its place.

¹⁶ Or, *hewers*.

¹⁷ Or, *over* the work.

¹ In ch. ii. 40. *Heb. as one.*

³ According to some MSS. and ancient versions, the priests stood.

⁴ Or, the first house standing on its foundation, when this house was before their eyes

⁵ Another reading is, yet we do no sacrifice since &c.

⁶ Or, terrified

⁷ Or, Xerxes *Heb. Ahasuerus.*

⁸ *Heb. Artah-shakta.*

⁹ Or, Aramæic

¹⁰ Ch. iv. 18 in Aramæic.

with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of ¹ Judah, ² together, to have the oversight of the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and 10 their brethren the Levites. And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, ³ they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after 11 the order of David king of Israel. And they sang one to another in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD, saying, For he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of 12 the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers' houses, the old men that had seen ⁴ the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted 13 aloud for joy: so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

4 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity builded a temple unto 2 the LORD, the God of Israel; then they drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of fathers' houses, and said unto them, Let us build with you: for we seek your God, as ye do; ⁵ and we do sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, which 8 brought us up hither. But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers' houses of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us to build an house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto the LORD, the God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us.

4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and 5 ⁶ troubled them in building, and hired counsellors against them, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of 6 Darius king of Persia. And in the reign of ⁷ Ahasuerus, in the beginning of his reign, wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of ⁸ Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the ⁹ Syrian character, and set forth in the ¹⁰ Syrian tongue. ¹⁰ Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the

9 king in this sort: then wrote Rehum the chancellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions; the Dinaites, and the Apharsathchites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites, and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Osmapper brought over, and set in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the river, 10 and so forth. This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto Artaxerxes the king; Thy servants the men beyond 12 the river, and so forth. Be it known unto the king, that the Jews which came up from thee are come to us unto Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished the walls, and repaired the foundations. 13 Be it known now unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and in the end it will endamage 14 the kings. Now because we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not meet for us to see the king's dishonour, therefore have we sent and certified the king; 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time: for which cause 16 was this city laid waste. We certify the king that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, by this means thou shalt 17 have no portion beyond the river. Then sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and ¹¹ in the rest of the country beyond the river, Peace, and 18 so forth. The letter which ye sent unto us hath been ¹² plainly read before me.

19 And I decreed, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition 20 have been made therein. There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, which have ruled over all the country beyond the river; and tribute, custom, 21 and toll, was paid unto them. Make ye now a decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until a decree shall be made 22 by me. And take heed that ye be not slack herein: why should damage grow 23 to the hurt of the kings? Then when the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force 24 and power. Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and it ceased unto the second

¹¹ Or, unto the rest beyond &c.

¹² Or, translated

year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

- 5 Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem; in the name of the God of Israel ¹prophesied they unto them. Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and with them were the 3 prophets of God, helping them. At the same time came to them Tattenai, the governor beyond the river, and Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, and said thus unto them, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to 4 finish this wall? ²Then spake we unto them after this manner, What are the names of the men that make this building? But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, and they did not make them cease, till the matter should come to Darius, and then ³answer should be returned by letter concerning it.
- 6 The copy of the letter that Tattenai, the governor beyond the river, and Shethar-bozenai, and his companions the Apharsachites, which were beyond the river, sent unto Darius the king: 7 they sent a letter unto him, wherein was written thus; Unto Darius the 8 king, all peace. Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and this work goeth on with diligence and prospereth in their hands. Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who gave you a decree to build this 10 house, and to finish this wall? We asked them their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were at the head of 11 them. And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and build the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel 12 builded and finished. But ⁴after that our fathers had provoked the God of heaven unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away 13 into Babylon. But in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king made a decree to build this house of 14 God. And the gold and silver vessels also of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor;

- 15 and he said unto him, Take these vessels, go, put them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of 16 God be builded in its place. Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundations of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not completed.
- 17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure house, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that a decree was made of Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.
- 6 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the ⁵archives, where the treasures were 2 laid up in Babylon. And there was found at ⁶Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a roll, and therein was thus written for a record.
- 8 In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made a decree; Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be builded, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof threescore cubits, and the 4 breadth thereof threescore cubits; with three rows of great stones, and ⁷a row of new timber: and let the expenses 5 be given out of the king's house: and also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to its place, and thou shalt put them in the house of God.
- 6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the river, Shethar-bozenai, and ⁸your companions the Apharsachites, which are beyond the river, be ye far 7 from thence: let the work of this house of God alone; let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place.
- 8 Moreover I make a decree what ye shall do to these elders of the Jews for the building of this house of God: that of the king's goods, even of the tribute beyond the river, expenses be given with all diligence unto these men, that 9 they be not hindered. And that which they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, and lambs, for burnt offerings to the God of heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the word of the priests which are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail: that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savour unto the God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king, 11 and of his sons. Also I have made a decree, that whosoever shall alter this

¹ Or, which was upon them

² Or, Then spake we unto them after this manner. What, said they, are the names of the men that make this building? Or, according to some ancient versions. Then spake they unto them &c. See ver. 10.

³ Or, they returned answer

⁴ Or, because that

⁵ Aram. books.

⁶ That is, Ecbatana.

⁷ According to the Sept., a row of timber.

⁸ Aram. their.

word, let a beam be pulled out from his house, and let him be lifted up and fastened thereon; and let his house be made a dunghill for this: and the God that hath caused his name to dwell there overthrow all kings and peoples, that shall put forth their hand to alter the same, to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Darius have made a decree; let it be done with all diligence.

13 Then Tattenai, the governor beyond the river, Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, ¹because that Darius the king had sent, did accordingly with all diligence. And the elders of the Jews builded and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia. And this house was finished on the third day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Darius the king. And the children of Israel, the priests and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy. And they offered at the dedication of this house of God an hundred bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs; and for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which is at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses.

19 And the children of the captivity kept the passover upon the fourteenth day of the first month. For the priests and the Levites had purified themselves ²together; all of them were pure: and they killed the passover for all the children of the captivity, and for their brethren the priests, and for themselves. And the children of Israel, which were come again out of the captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the filthiness of the heathen of the land, to seek the Lord, the God of Israel, did eat, and kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with joy: for the Lord had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

7 Now after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes king of Persia, Ezra the son of Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Hilkiah, the son of Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, the son of Amariah, the son of Azariah, the son of Meraioth, the son of Zerahiah, the son of Uzzi, the son of Bukki, the son of Abi-

shua, the son of Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the chief priest: this Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the Lord, the God of Israel, had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the Lord his God upon him. And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh year of Artaxerxes the king. 8 And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. For upon the first day of the first month ³began he to go up from Babylon, and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. 10 For Ezra had set his heart to seek the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgements.

11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even the scribe of the words of the commandments of the Lord, and of his statutes unto Israel. ⁴Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, perfect and so forth. I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and their priests and the Levites, in my realm, which are minded of their own free will to go to Jerusalem, go with thee. Forasmuch as thou art sent ⁵of the king and his seven counsellors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thine hand; and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, and all the silver and gold that thou shalt find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem; therefore thou shalt with all diligence buy with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meal offerings and their drink offerings, and shalt offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. And whatsoever shall seem good to thee and to thy brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do ye after the will of your God. And the vessels that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, deliver ⁶thou before the God of Jerusalem. And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king's treasure house. And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers which are beyond the river, that whatsoever Ezra

¹ Or, because of that which &c.

² Heb. as one.

³ Heb. that was the foundation of the going up.

⁴ Ch. vii. 12-26 is in Aramaic.

⁵ Aram. from before the king.

the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heaven, shall require of you, 22 it be done with all diligence, unto an hundred talents of silver, and to an hundred measures of wheat, and to an hundred baths of wine, and to an hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be done exactly for the house of the God of heaven; for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king 24 and his sons? Also we certify you, that touching any of the priests and Levites, the singers, porters, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose tribute, custom, or 25 toll, upon them. And thou, Ezra, after the wisdom of thy God that is in thine hand, appoint magistrates and judges, which may judge all the people that are beyond the river, all such as know the laws of thy God; and teach ye him 26 that knoweth them not. And whosoever will not do the law of thy God, and the law of the king, let judgement be executed upon him with all diligence, whether it be unto death, or to banishment, or to confiscation of goods, or to imprisonment.

27 Blessed be the LORD, the God of our fathers, which hath put such a thing as this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem; and hath extended mercy unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was strengthened according to the hand of the LORD my God upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

8 Now these are the heads of their fathers' houses, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the 2 king. Of the sons of Phinehas, Gerahom: of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel: of the 3 sons of David, Hattush. Of the sons of Shecaniah; of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah: and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males an hundred 4 and fifty. Of the sons of Pahath-moab, Elihoenai the son of Zerabiah; and 5 with him two hundred males. Of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel; 6 and with him three hundred males. And of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan; and with him fifty males. 7 And of the sons of Elam, Jeshaiiah the son of Athaliah; and with him seventy 8 males. And of the sons of Shephatiah, Zebadiah the son of Michael; and with 9 him fourscore males. Of the sons of Joab, Obadiah the son of Jehiel; and with him two hundred and eighteen 10 males. And of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphiah; and with him 11 an hundred and threescore males. And of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the

son of Bebai; and with him twenty 12 and eight males. And of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakatan; and with him an hundred and ten males.

13 And of the sons of Adonikam, that were the last; and these are their names, Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah, 14 and with them threescore males. And of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zabud; and with them seventy males.

15 And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there we encamped three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of 16 Levi. Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, which were 17 teachers. And I sent them forth unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia; and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, and his brethren the Nethinim, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God. And according to the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of discretion, of the sons of Mahli, the son of Levi, the son of Israel; and Sherebiah, with his sons and his brethren, 19 eighteen; and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; 20 and of the Nethinim, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nethinim: all of them were expressed 21 by name. Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek of him a straight way, for us, and for our little ones, and for all our 22 substance. For I was ashamed to ask of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all them that seek him, for good; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.

23 So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us. 24 Then I separated twelve of the chiefs of the priests, even Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with 25 them, and weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering for the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his princes, and all Israel there present, had offered: I even weighed into their hand six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels an hundred talents; of gold an hundred 27 talents; and twenty bowls of gold, of a thousand darics; and two vessels of fine

¹ Aram. copy.

² Aram. reading out.

³ Another reading is, Zaccur.

⁴ Or, which had under-standing.
⁵ Another reading is, I gave them commandment.
⁶ The text as pointed has, Iddo, his brother.
⁷ Or, Ish-sachel

⁸ In Neh. xli. 24, Levites.
⁹ Or, besides

28 bright brass, precious as gold. And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto the LORD, and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto the LORD, the God of your fathers. Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the chiefs of the priests and the Levites, and the princes of the fathers' houses of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of the LORD. So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

31 Then we departed from the river of Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the liar in wait by the way.

32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. And on the fourth

day was the silver and the gold and the vessels weighed in the house of our God into the hand of Meremoth the son of Uriah the priest; and with him was Eleazar the son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabab the son of Joshua, and Noadiah the son of Binnui,

34 the Levites; the whole by number and by weight: and all the weight was

35 written at that time. The children of the captivity, which were come out of exile, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six rams, seventy and seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin offering: all this was a burnt offering

36 unto the LORD. And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's satraps, and to the governors beyond the river: and they furthered the people and the house of God.

9 Now when these things were done, the princes drew near unto me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples of the lands, doing according to their abominations, even of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the

2 Egyptians, and the Amorites. For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons; so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the peoples of the lands: yea, the hand of the princes and rulers hath

3 been chief in this trespass. And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and plucked

4 off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down astonished. Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the trespass of them of the captivity; and I sat astonished 5 until the evening oblation. And at

the evening oblation I arose up from my humiliation, even with my garment and my mantle rent; and I fell upon my knees, and spread out my 6 hands unto the LORD my God; and I said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God: for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our guiltiness is grown up un-

7 to the heavens. Since the days of our fathers we have been exceeding guilty unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to spoiling, and to confusion of face,

8 as it is this day. And now for a little moment grace hath been shewed from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little

9 reviving in our bondage. For we are bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended mercy unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the ruins thereof, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem.

10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken

11 thy commandments, which thou hast commanded by thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations, which have filled it from one end

12 to another with their filthiness. Now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity for ever: that ye may be strong, and eat the good of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your

13 children for ever. And after all that is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us

14 such a remnant, shall we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the peoples that do these abominations? wouldst not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor

15 any to escape? O LORD, the God of Israel, thou art righteous; for we are left a remnant that is escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our guiltiness; for none can stand before thee because of this.

10 Now while Ezra prayed, and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there was gathered together unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and

1 Or, fasting

3 Heb. in great guiltiness.

4 See 1a. 11d. 32.

7 Or, made places.
8 Or, fence

1 Or, by

2 Or, dignities
3 Or, Arab

children: for the people wept very sore.
 2 And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have married strange women of the peoples of the land: yet now there is hope for Israel concerning this thing. Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of ¹my lord, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. Arise; for the matter belongeth unto thee, and we are with thee: be of good courage, and do it. Then arose Ezra, and made the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word. So they sware. Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib: ²and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water: for he mourned because of the trespass of them of the captivity. And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem; and that whosoever came not within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be ³forfeited, and himself separated from the congregation of the captivity. Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month: and all the people sat in the broad place before the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for ⁴the great rain. And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have trespassed, and have married strange women, to increase the guilt of Israel.
 11 Now therefore ⁵make confession unto the LORD, the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure: and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the strange women. Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, ⁶As thou hast said concerning us, so must we do. But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without, neither is this a work of one day or two: for we have greatly transgressed in this matter. Let now our princes ⁷be appointed for all the congregation, and let all them that are in our cities which have married strange women come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God be turned from us, "until this matter be

15 despatched. Only Jonathan the son of Asabel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah ⁹stood up against this matter: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them. And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain heads of fathers' houses, after their fathers' houses, and all of them by their names, were separated; and they sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. And they made an end with all the men that had married strange women by the first day of the first month. And among the sons of the priests there were found that had married strange women: namely, of the sons of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and his brethren, Maaseiah, and Eliezer, and Jarib, and Gedaliah. And they gave their hand that they would put away their wives; and being guilty, they offered a ram of the flock for their guilt. And of the sons of Immer; Hanani and Zebadiah. And of the sons of Harim; Maaseiah, and Elijah, and Shemaiah, and Jehiel, and Uzziel. And of the sons of Pashhur; Elioenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah. And of the Levites; Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (the same is Kelita), Pethabiah, Judah, and Eliezer. And of the singers; Eliashib: and of the porters; Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. And of Israel: of the sons of Parosh; Ramiah, and Izziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Malchijah, and Benaiah. And of the sons of Elam; Mattaniah, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremiah, and Eliah. And of the sons of Zattu; Elioenai, Eliashib, Mattaniah, and Jeremiah, and Zabab, and Aziza. And of the sons of Bebai; Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai. And of the sons of Bani; Meshullam, Malluch, and Adasiah, Jashub, and Sheal, ¹⁰Jeremoth. And of the sons of Pahath-moab; Adna, and Chelal, Benaiah, Maaseiah, Mattaniah, Bezalel, and Binnui, and Manasseh. And of the sons of Harim; Eliezer, Ishijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimseon; Benjamin, Malluch, Shemariah. And of the sons of Hashum; Mattenai, Mattattah, Zabab, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. Of the sons of 35 Bani; Maadai, Amram, and Uel; Benaiah, Bedeiah, ¹¹Cheluhai; Vaniah, Meremoth, Eliashib; Mattaniah, Mattenai, and ¹²Jaasu; and Bani, and Binnui, Shimei, and Shelemiah, and Nathan, and Adasiah; Machnadebai, ¹³Shashai, Sharai; Azarel, and Shelemiah, Shemariah; Shallum, Amariah, ¹⁴Joseph. Of the sons of Nebo; Jeiel, Mattithiah, Zabab, Zebina, ¹⁵Iddo, and Joel, Benaiah. All these had taken strange wives: and ¹⁶some of them had wives by whom they had children.

⁹ Or, some appointed over this

¹ Or, the Lord

² According to some ancient versions, and he lodged there.

³ Heb. divorced.

⁴ Heb. the rains.

⁵ Or, give thanks

⁶ Or, As thou hast said, so if we have sinned us to do

⁷ Heb. stand.

⁸ Or, as touching this matter

¹⁰ Another reading is, and Ramoth.

¹¹ Another reading is, Cheluhai. ¹² Another reading is, Jaasu.

¹³ Another reading is, Judai. ¹⁴ Or, some of the wives had borne children

THE BOOK OF NEHEMIAH.

1 Or.
history

2 See ch.
ii. 1.
3 Or.
castle

1 THE ¹words of Nehemiah the son of Hachaliah.

Now it came to pass in the month Chislew, ²in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the ³palace, that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men out of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, which were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with ⁴fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days; and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, ⁵and said, I beseech thee, O LORD, the God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his ⁶commandments: let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee at this time, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, while I confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against thee: yea, I and my father's house ⁷have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgements, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses. Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye trespass, I will scatter ⁹you abroad among the peoples: but if ye return unto me, and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts were in the uttermost part of the heaven; yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to ¹⁰cause my name to dwell there. Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great ¹¹power, and by thy strong hand. O Lord, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who delight to fear thy name: and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. (Now I was cupbearer to the king.)

2 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, when wine was before him, that I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been ²beforetime sad in his presence. And the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid. ³And I said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed ⁴with fire? Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favour in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build ⁶it. And the king said unto me, (the queen also sitting by him,) For how long shall thy journey be? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. ⁷Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the river, that they may let me pass through till I ⁸come unto Judah; and a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king's ⁴forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the castle which appertaineth to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of ⁹my God upon me. Then I came to the governors beyond the river, and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army ¹⁰and horsemen. And when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, it grieved them exceedingly, for that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the ¹¹children of Israel. So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God put into my heart to do for Jerusalem: neither was there any beast with me, save the beast ¹²that I rode upon. And I went out by night by the valley gate, even toward the dragon's well, and to the

4 Or.
part

dung gate, and viewed the walls of
 Jerusalem, which were broken down,
 and the gates thereof were consumed
 14 with fire. Then I went on to the foun-
 tain gate and to the king's pool: but
 there was no place for the beast that
 15 was under me to pass. Then went I
 up in the night by the brook, and
 viewed the wall; and I turned back,
 and entered by the valley gate, and so
 16 returned. And the rulers knew not
 whither I went, or what I did; neither
 had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor
 to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor
 to the rulers, nor to the rest that did
 17 the work. Then said I unto them, Ye
 see the evil case that we are in, how
 Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates
 thereof are burned with fire: come
 and let us build up the wall of Jeru-
 salem, that we be no more a reproach.
 18 And I told them of the hand of my
 God which was good upon me; as
 also of the king's words that he had
 spoken unto me. And they said, Let us
 rise up and build. So they strength-
 ened their hands for the good work.
 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and
 Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite,
 and Geshem the Arabian, heard it,
 they laughed us to scorn, and despised
 us, and said, What is this thing that
 ye do? will ye rebel against the king?
 20 Then answered I them, and said unto
 them, The God of heaven, he will
 prosper us; therefore we his servants
 will arise and build: but ye have no
 portion, nor right, nor memorial, in
 Jerusalem.
 3 Then Eliashib the high priest rose up
 with his brethren the priests, and they
 builded the sheep gate; they sancti-
 fied it, and set up the doors of it; even
 unto the tower of Hammeah they
 sanctified it, unto the tower of Han-
 2 anel. And next unto him builded the
 men of Jericho. And next to them
 3 builded Zaccur the son of Imri. And
 the fish gate did the sons of Hassenaah
 build; they laid the beams thereof,
 and set up the doors thereof, the bolts
 4 thereof, and the bars thereof. And
 next unto them repaired Meremoth the
 son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz. And
 next unto them repaired Meshullam
 the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshe-
 zabel. And next unto them repaired
 5 Zadok the son of Baana. And next
 unto them the Tekoites repaired; but
 their nobles put not their necks to the
 6 work of their lord. And the old
 gate repaired Joiada the son of Paseah
 and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah;
 they laid the beams thereof, and set
 up the doors thereof, and the bolts
 7 thereof, and the bars thereof. And
 next unto them repaired Melatiah the
 Gibeonite, and Jadon the Meronothite,
 the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah.

which appertained to the throne of the
 8 governor beyond the river. Next unto
 him repaired Uzziel the son of Har-
 haiah, goldsmiths. And next unto him
 repaired Hananiah one of the apothec-
 aries, and they fortified Jerusalem
 9 even unto the broad wall. And next
 unto them repaired Rephaiah the son
 of Hur, the ruler of half the district of
 10 Jerusalem. And next unto them re-
 paired Jedaiah the son of Harumaph,
 even over against his house. And next
 unto him repaired Hattush the son of
 11 Hashabneiah. Malchijah the son of
 Harim, and Hasshub the son of Pahath-
 moab, repaired another portion, and
 12 the tower of the furnaces. And next
 unto him repaired Shallum the son of
 Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district
 of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.
 13 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and
 the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built
 it, and set up the doors thereof, the
 bolts thereof, and the bars thereof,
 and a thousand cubits of the wall un-
 14 to the dung gate. And the dung gate
 repaired Malchijah the son of Rechab,
 the ruler of the district of Beth-hac-
 cherem; he built it, and set up the
 doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and
 15 the bars thereof. And the fountain
 gate repaired Shallun the son of Col-
 hozeh, the ruler of the district of Miz-
 pah; he built it, and covered it, and
 set up the doors thereof, the bolts
 thereof, and the bars thereof, and the
 wall of the pool of Shelah by the
 king's garden, even unto the stairs
 that go down from the city of David.
 16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son
 of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district
 of Beth-zur, unto the place over against
 the sepulchres of David, and unto the
 pool that was made, and unto the house
 17 of the mighty men. After him re-
 paired the Levites, Rehun the son of
 Bani. Next unto him repaired Hash-
 abiah, the ruler of half the district of
 18 Keilah, for his district. After him re-
 paired their brethren, Bavvai the son
 of Henadad, the ruler of half the dis-
 19 trict of Keilah. And next to him re-
 paired Ezer the son of Jeshna, the
 ruler of Mizpah, another portion, over
 against the going up to the armoury
 20 at the turning of the wall. After him
 Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly re-
 paired another portion, from the turn-
 ing of the wall unto the door of the
 21 house of Eliashib the high priest. After
 him repaired Meremoth the son of Uri-
 ah the son of Hakkoz another portion,
 from the door of the house of Eliashib
 even to the end of the house of Elia-
 22 shib. And after him repaired the
 23 priests, the men of the Plain. After
 them repaired Benjamin and Has-
 shub over against their house. After
 them repaired Azariah the son of

1 Or, deputies

1 Or, The hundred

2 Heb. him.

4 Or, lords
Or, Lords
5 Or, the gate of the old city
or, of the old wall

8 Or, per-
fumers
7 Or, left

8 In Is.
viii. 6,
Shiloh.

8 Another
reading
is, Xarvui.

30 Or, Circuit

Manseiah the son of Ananiah beside his 24 own house. After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another portion, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, and unto the corner.

25 Palal the son of Uzai repaired over against the turning of the wall, and ¹the tower that standeth out from the upper house of the king, which is by the court of the guard. After him ²Pediah the son of Parosh repaired. (Now the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that 27 standeth out.) After him the Tekoites repaired another portion, over against the great tower that standeth out, and 28 unto the wall of Ophel. Above the horse gate repaired the priests, every 29 one over against his own house. After ³them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his own house. And after him repaired Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the east gate.

30 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another portion. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber.

31 After him repaired Malchijah one of the goldsmiths unto the house of the Nethinim, and of the merchants, over against the gate of Hammiphkad, and 32 to the ⁴ascend of the corner. And between the ⁵ascend of the corner and the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

4 But it came to pass that, when Sanballat heard that we builded the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What do these feeble Jews? ⁶will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of 3 rubbish, seeing they are burned? Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a ⁶fox go up, he shall break down 4 their stone wall. Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn back their reproach upon their own head, and give them up to spoiling in a land 5 of captivity: and cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the 6 builders. So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto half the height thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass that, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that ⁷the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, and that the breaches began to be stopped,

8 then they were very wroth; and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to 9 cause confusion therein. But we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall.

11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come into the midst of them, and slay them, and 12 cause the work to cease. And it came to pass that, when the Jews which dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times ⁸from all places, Ye must return 13 unto us. Therefore set I in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I even set the people after their families with their swords, 14 their spears, and their bows. And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the ⁹rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your houses. And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every 16 one unto his work. And it came to pass from that time forth, that half of my servants wrought in the work, and half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the rulers were behind 17 ¹⁰all the house of Judah. They that builded the wall and they that bare burdens laded themselves, every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held his 18 weapon; and the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the 19 trumpet was by me. And I said unto the nobles, and to the ⁹rulers and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another: 20 in what place soever ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto 21 us; our God shall fight for us. So we wrought in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared.

22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and 23 may labour in the day. So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard which followed me, none of us put off our clothes, ¹¹every one went with his weapon to the water.

5 Then there arose a great cry of the people and of their wives against

¹ Or, the upper tower... from the house of the king
² Or, Pediah the son of Parosh (now... Ophel) repaired unto dc.

³ Heb. him.

⁴ Or, upper chamber

[Ch. iii. 28 in Heb.]

⁵ Or, will they leave to themselves ought? Or, will men let them alone?

⁶ Or, jackal

[Ch. iv. 1 in Heb.]

⁷ Heb. healing went up upon the walls.

⁸ Or, From all places whencesoever ye shall return they will be upon us

⁹ Or, deputies

¹⁰ Or, all the house of Judah that builded the wall and they that dr.

¹¹ The text is probably faulty.

2 their brethren the Jews. For there were that said, We, our sons and our daughters, are many: let us get corn, 3 that we may eat and live. Some also there were that said, We are mortgaging our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses: let us get corn, because of the dearth. There were also 4 that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute upon our fields and 5 our vineyards. Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought into bondage already: neither is it in our power to help it; for other men have our fields and our vineyards. And I was very angry when I 7 heard their cry and these words. Then I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I held a great 8 assembly against them. And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, which were sold unto the heathen; and would ye even sell your brethren, and should they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found never a word. 9 Also I said, The thing that ye do is not good: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies? 10 And I likewise, my brethren and my servants, do lend them money and corn on usury. I pray you, let us leave off 11 this usury. Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their fields, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and 12 the oil, that ye exact of them. Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do, even as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they should do according to 13 this promise. Also I shook out my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labour, that performeth not this promise; even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the Lord. And the people 14 did according to this promise. Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the 15 bread of the governor. But the former governors that were before me were chargeable unto the people, and took of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver; yea, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did

16 not I, because of the fear of God. Yea, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thither 17 unto the work. Moreover there were at my table of the Jews and the rulers an hundred and fifty men, beside those that came unto us from among the heathen that were round about us. 18 Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep; also fowls were prepared for me, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine: yet for all this I demanded not the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. 19 Remember unto me, O my God, for good, all that I have done for this people. 20 Now it came to pass, when it was reported to Sanballat and Tobiah, and to Geshem the Arabian, and unto the rest of our enemies, that I had builded the wall, and that there was no breach left therein; (though even unto that time I had not set up the doors in the 2 gates;) that Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought 3 to do me mischief. And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to 4 you? And they sent unto me four times after this sort; and I answered them 5 after the same manner. Then sent Sanballat his servant unto me in like manner the fifth time with an open letter 6 in his hand; wherein was written, It is reported among the nations, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think to rebel; for which cause thou buildest the wall: and thou wouldest be their king, according to these words. 7 And thou hast also appointed prophets to preach of thee at Jerusalem, saying, There is a king in Judah: and now shall it be reported to the king according to these words. Come now therefore, 8 and let us take counsel together. Then I sent unto him, saying, There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart. 9 For they all would have made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. But now, O God, strengthen thou my hands. 10 And I went unto the house of Shemaiah the son of Delaiah the son of Mehetabel, who was shut up; and he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple: for they will come to slay thee; yea, in the night will 11 they come to slay thee. And I said, Should such a man as I flee? and who is there, that, being such as I, would go into the temple to save his life? I

* Heb. Arid fast to.

1 Or, d justice

* Heb. bought.

7 In ver. 1. and elsewhere, brethren.

1 Or, laid burdens upon
4 Or, at the rate of
Or, after words
5 Or, fortified
Or, over

8 Or, I will strengthen on my hands

9 Or, could go into the temple and live

12 will not go in. And I discerned, and lo, God had not sent him: but he pronounced this prophecy against me: and Tobiah and Sanballat had hired him.

13 For this cause was he hired, that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach me. Remember, O my God, Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and also the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

15 So the wall was finished in the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty and two days. And it came to pass, when all our enemies heard thereof, that all the heathen that were about us¹ feared, and were much cast down in their own eyes: for they perceived that this work was wrought of our God.

17 Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters unto Tobiah, and the letters of Tobiah came unto them. For there were many in Judah sworn unto him, because he was the son in law of Shecaniah the son of Arah; and his son Jehohanan had taken the daughter of Meshullam the son of Berechiah to wife. Also they spake of his good deeds before me, and reported my words to him. And Tobiah sent letters to put me in fear.

7 Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed, that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the governor of the castle, charge over Jerusalem: for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand on guard, let them shut the doors, and bar ye them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house. Now the city was wide and large: but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded. And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the² rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of them which came up at the first, and I found written

6 therein: "These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and that returned unto Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city; who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispereth, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah. The number of the men of the 8 people of Israel: the children of Parosh,

two thousand an hundred and seventy and two. The children of Shephathiah, 10 three hundred seventy and two. The children of Arah, six hundred fifty and 11 two. The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred and 12 teen. The children of Elam, a thousand 13 two hundred fifty and four. The children of Zattu, eight hundred forty and 14 five. The children of Zaccai, seven 15 hundred and threescore. The children of Binnui, six hundred forty and eight. 16 The children of Bebai, six hundred 17 twenty and eight. The children of Azgad, two thousand three hundred twenty 18 and two. The children of Adonikam, 19 six hundred threescore and seven. The children of Bigvai, two thousand three- 20 score and seven. The children of Adin, 21 six hundred fifty and five. The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. 22 The children of Hashum, three hundred 23 twenty and eight. The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty and four. 24 The children of Hariph, an hundred 25 and twelve. The children of Gibeon, 26 ninety and five. The men of Bethlehem and Netophah, an hundred four- 27 score and eight. The men of Anathoth, 28 an hundred twenty and eight. The men 29 of Beth-azmaveth, forty and two. The men of Kiriath-jearim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three. 30 The men of Ramah and Geba, six hundred 31 twenty and one. The men of Michmas, an hundred and twenty and two. 32 The men of Beth-el and Ai, an hundred 33 twenty and three. The men of the other 34 Nebo, fifty and two. The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred 35 fifty and four. The children of Harim, 36 three hundred and twenty. The children of Jericho, three hundred forty 37 and five. The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty and 38 one. The children of Senaah, three 39 thousand nine hundred and thirty. The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy 40 and three. The children of Immer, a 41 thousand fifty and two. The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred 42 forty and seven. The children of Harim, a thousand and seventeen. The 43 Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the children of Hodevah, 44 seventy and four. The singers: the children of Asaph, an hundred forty 45 and eight. The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, an hundred thirty and eight. 46 The Nethinim: the children of Ziha, the children of Hasupha, the children of 47 Tabbaoth; the children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon; 48 the children of Lebana, the children of

¹ According to another reading, *men*.

² Or, *despites*.

³ See Ezra ii. 1, etc.

Another reading is *Nadiah*.

49 Hagaba, the children of Salmal; the children of Hanan, the children of Gid-
 50 del, the children of Gahar; the children of Resaiah, the children of Rezin, the
 51 children of Nekoda; the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the child-
 52 ren of Paseal; the children of Besai, the children of Memun, the children of
 53 ¹Nephusbesim; the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children
 54 of Harhur; the children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Har-
 55 aba; the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Temah; the
 56 children of Nezia, the children of Hatipha. The children of Solomon's
 57 servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of
 58 Perida; the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel;
 59 the children of Shephatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochoereth-
 60 hazzebaim, the children of Amon. All the Nethinim, and the children of Solo-
 61 mon's servants, were three hundred ninety and two. And these were they
 62 which went up from Tel-melah, Tel-haraha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer: but they could not shew their fathers' houses, nor their seed, whether they
 63 were of Israel: the children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two.
 64 And of the priests: the children of Hobaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, which took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name.
 65 These sought their register ^{among} those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore ²were they deemed polluted and put from the
 66 priesthood. And the ³Tirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up
 67 a priest with Urim and Thummim. The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and
 68 threescore, beside their menservants and their maidservants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred forty and five singing men and
 69 singing women. Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; their camels, four hundred thirty and five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred
 70 and twenty. And some from among the heads of fathers' houses gave unto the work. The Tirshatha gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty
 71 basons, five hundred and thirty priests' garments. And some of the heads of fathers' houses gave into the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand and two hundred
 72 ⁴pound of silver. And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thou-

sand darics of gold, and two thousand pound of silver, and threescore and 73 seven priests' garments. So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.

⁵And when the seventh month was come, the children of Israel were in their cities. And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the broad place that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had commanded 2 to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day 3 of the seventh month. And he read therein before the broad place that was before the water gate ⁶from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the 4 book of the law. And Ezra the scribe stood upon a ⁷pulpit of wood, which they had made for the purpose; and beside him stood Mattithiah, and Shema, and Anaiah, and Uriah, and Hil- kiah, and Maaseiah, on his right hand; and on his left hand, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and 5 Meshullam. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (for he was above all the people;) and when he 6 opened it, all the people stood up; and Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with the lifting up of their hands: and they bowed their heads, and wor- shipped the Lord with their faces to 7 the ground. Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelsaiah, and the Le- vites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their 8 place. And they read in the book, in the law of God, ⁹distinctly; and they gave the sense, ¹⁰so that they understood 9 the reading. And Nehemiah, which was the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the Lord your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the 10 words of the law. Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto him for whom nothing is prepared: for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye grieved; for the joy of 11 the Lord is your ¹²strength. So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy;

¹Another reading is, *Nephtal-shemin*.

²See Ezra iii. 1.

⁶Heb. *from the light*.

⁷Heb. *tower*.

³Heb. *they were polluted from the priest-hood*.
⁴Or, *governor*.

⁹Or, *with an interpretation*.

¹⁰Or, *and caused them to understand*.

⁴Heb. *manah*.

¹²Or, *strong hold*.

12 neither be ye grieved. And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them.

13 And on the second day were gathered together the heads of fathers' houses of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to give attention to the words of the

14 law. And they found written in the law, how that the Lord had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast

15 of the seventh month: and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, and fetch olive branches, and branches of wild olive, and myrtle branches, and palm branches, and branches of thick trees,

16 to make booths, as it is written. So the people went forth, and brought them, and made themselves booths, every one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of God, and in the broad place of the water gate, and in the broad place of the gate of Ephraim.

17 And all the congregation of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and dwelt in the booths: for since the days of Jeshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very

18 great gladness. Also day by day, from the first day unto the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days; and on the eighth day was a ¹solemn assembly, according unto the ordinance.

9 Now in the twenty and fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sack-

2 cloth, and earth upon them. And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins, and the iniquities of

3 their fathers. And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God a fourth part of the day; and ⁴another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the Lord

4 their God. Then stood up upon the stairs of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani, ⁵and Chemani, and cried with a loud voice unto the Lord their God.

5 Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, ⁶and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless the Lord your God from everlasting to everlasting: and ⁷blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted

6 above all blessing and praise. Thou art the Lord, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all

things that are thereon, the seas and all that is in them, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worshippeth thee. Thou art ⁸the Lord

7 the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of

8 Abraham; and foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, even to give it unto his seed, and hast performed thy words;

9 for thou art righteous. And thou sawest the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and heardest their cry by the Red

10 Sea; and shewedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land; for thou knewest that they dealt proudly against them; and didst get thee a name, as

11 it is this day. And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their pursuers thou didst cast into the depths, as a stone into

12 the mighty waters. Moreover thou leddest them in a pillar of cloud by day; and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way wherein they

13 should go. Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right judgements and true laws, good statutes

14 and commandments: and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them commandments, and statutes, and a law, by the hand of

15 Moses thy servant: and gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and commandedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst lifted up thine hand to give them.

16 But they and our fathers dealt proudly, and hardened their neck, and heark-

17 ened not to thy commandments, and refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them; but hardened their neck, ⁴and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage: but thou art ⁵a God ready to pardon, gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy, and forsook-

18 est them not. Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great

19 provocations; yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of cloud departed not from over them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to shew them light, and the way wherein they should

20 go. Thou gavest also thy good spirit to

² Or, O Lord

⁴ The Sept. has, and appointed a captain to return to their bondage in Egypt. See Num. xiv. 4.
⁵ Heb. a God of forgiveness.

¹ Or, closing festival

² Or, let them bless

instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. Yea, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing; their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, ¹which thou didst allot after their portions: so they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them in to the land, concerning which thou didst say to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest them into their hands, with their kings, and the peoples of the land, that they might do with them as they would.

25 And they took fenced cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

26 Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their back, and slew thy prophets which testified against them to turn them again unto thee, and they wrought great provocations. Therefore thou deliverdest them into the hand of their adversaries, who distressed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou heardest from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them saviours who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries. But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee: therefore leftest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou heardest from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies; and testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law: yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thy judgments, (which if a man do, he shall live in them), and ²withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. Yet many years didst thou bear with them, and testifiedst against them by thy spirit through thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. Nevertheless in thy manifold mercies thou didst not make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God. Now therefore, our God,

¹ Or, and didst distribute them in to every corner

² Heb. they gave a stubborn shoulder.

the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, who keepest covenant and mercy, let not all the travail seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day. Howbeit thou art just in all that is come upon us; for thou hast dealt truly, but we have done wickedly: neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept thy law, nor hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou didst testify against them. For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it. And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have power over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. And ³yet for all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, our Levites, and our priests, ⁴seal unto it.

10 Now those that sealed were, Nehemiah the Tirshatha, the son of Hacaliah, and Zedekiah; Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah; Pashhur, Amariah, Malchiah; Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch; 5, 6 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah; Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch; Meshullam, Abiash, Mijamin; Maaziah, Bilgai, She- 9 maiah: these were the priests. And the Levites: namely, Jeshua the son of Azariah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; and their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Kelita, Pelaiah, 11 Hanan; Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah; 12, 13 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah; Hodia, Bani, Beninn. The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, 15 Zattu, Bani; Bunni, Azgad, Bebai; 16, 17 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin; Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur; Hodiah, Hashum, Bezai; 19, 20 Hariph, Anathoth, Nobai; Magpiash, Meshullam, Hezir; Meshazabel, Zaddok, Jaddua; Pelatiah, Hanan, Ananias; Hoshea, Hananiah, Hasshub; 24, 25 Hallohesh, Pilha, Shobek; Rehun, Hashabnah, Maaseiah; and Ahiah, 27 Hanan, Anan; Malluch, Harim, Banah. And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the porters, the singers, the Nethinim, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and

(Ch. x. 1 in Heb.)
³ Or, because of
⁴ Or, faithfulness
⁵ Heb. are at the sealing.

⁶ Another reading is, Nebai.

their daughters, every one that had
 29 knowledge and understanding; they
 gave to their brethren, their nobles, and
 entered into a curse, and into an oath,
 to walk in God's law, which was given
 by Moses the servant of God, and to
 observe and do all the commandments
 of the Lord our Lord, and his judge-
 30 ments and his statutes; and that we
 would not give our daughters unto the
 peoples of the land, nor take their
 31 daughters for our sons: and if the peo-
 ples of the land bring ware or any
 victuals on the sabbath day to sell,
 that we would not buy of them on the
 sabbath, or on a holy day: and that we
 would forgo the ¹seventh year, and the
 32 ²exaction of every debt. Also we made
 ordinances for us, to charge ourselves
 yearly with the third part of a shekel
 for the service of the house of our
 33 God; for the shewbread, and for the
 continual meal offering, and for the
 continual burnt offering, of the sab-
 baths, of the new moons, for the set
 feasts, and for the holy things, and for
 the sin offerings to make atonement
 for Israel, and for all the work of the
 34 house of our God. And we cast lots,
 the priests, the Levites, and the peo-
 ple, for the wood offering, to bring it
 into the house of our God, according
 to our fathers' houses, at times appoint-
 ed, year by year, to burn upon the altar
 of the Lord our God, as it is written
 35 in the law: and to bring the firstfruits
 of our ground, and the firstfruits of all
 fruit of all manner of trees, year by
 36 year, unto the house of the Lord: also
 the firstborn of our sons, and of our
 cattle, as it is written in the law, and
 the firstlings of our herds and of our
 flocks, to bring to the house of our
 God, unto the priests that minister in
 37 the house of our God: and that we
 should bring the firstfruits of our
³dough, and our heave offerings, and
 the fruit of all manner of trees, ⁴the
 wine and the oil, unto the priests, to
 the chambers of the house of our God;
 and the tithes of our ground unto the
 Levites; for they, the Levites, take
 the tithes in all the cities of our tillage.
 38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall
 be with the Levites, when the Levites
 take tithes: and the Levites shall bring
 up the tithe of the tithes unto the house
 of our God, to the chambers, into the
 39 treasure house. For the children of
 Israel and the children of Levi shall
 bring the heave offering of the corn,
 of ⁴the wine, and of the oil, unto the
 chambers, where are the vessels of
 the sanctuary, and the priests that
 minister, and the porters, and the
 singers: and we will not forsake the
 house of our God.
 11 And the princes of the people dwelt in
 Jerusalem: the rest of the people also

cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in
 Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts
 2 in the *other* cities. And the people
 blessed all the men that willingly of-
 fered themselves to dwell in Jerusalem.
 3 ⁵Now these are the chiefs of the pro-
 vince that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in
 the cities of Judah dwell every one in
 his possession in their cities, *to wit*,
 Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and
 the Nethinim, and the children of Solo-
 mon's servants. And in Jerusalem
 dwelt certain of the children of Judah,
 and of the children of Benjamin. Of
 the children of Judah: Athaiah the son
 of Uzziah, the son of Zechariah, the
 son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah,
 the son of Mahalalel, of the children of
 5 Perez; and Maaseiah the son of Baruch,
 the son of Col-hozeh, the son of Hazaiah,
 the son of Adaiah, the son of Joarib,
 the son of Zechariah, the son of the
 6 Shilonite. All the sons of Perez that
 dwelt in Jerusalem were four hundred
 7 threescore and eight valiant men. And
 these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu
 the son of Meshullam, the son of Joed,
 the son of Pedaiah, the son of Kolaiah,
 the son of Maaseiah, the son of Ithiel,
 8 the son of Jeshiah. And after him
 Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty
 9 and eight. And Joel the son of Zichri
 was their overseer: and Judah the son
 of Hassenuah was second over the
 10 city. Of the priests: Jedaiah the son
 11 of Joarib, Jachin, Seraiah the son of
 Hilkiah, the son of Meshullam, the son
 of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son
 of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of
 12 God, and their brethren that did the
 work of the house, eight hundred
 twenty and two: and Adaiah the son of
 Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son
 of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of
 13 Pashhur, the son of Malchijah, and his
 brethren, chiefs of fathers' houses, two
 hundred forty and two: and Amashai
 the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai,
 the son of Meshillemoth, the son of
 14 Immer, and their brethren, mighty
 men of valour, an hundred twenty
 and eight: and their overseer was
 15 Zabdai, ⁶the son of Haggadolim. And
 of the Levites: Shemaiah the son of
 Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son
 16 of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; and
 Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs
 of the Levites, who had the oversight
 of the outward business of the house
 17 of God; and Mattaniah the son of
 Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of
 Asaph, who was the chief to begin the
 thanksgiving in prayer, and Bakbuk-
 iah, the second among his brethren;
 and Abda the son of Shammua, the
 18 son of Galai, the son of Jeduthun. All
 the Levites in the holy city were two
 19 hundred fourscore and four. Moreover
 the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their

¹ See Ex.
 xxiii. 10,
 11.
² See
 Deut.
 xv. 1, 2.

³ Or,
 courses
 meal.
⁴ Or, the
 vintage.

⁵ See
 1 Chr.
 ix. 2, &c.

⁶ Or, one
 of the
 great
 men.

brethren, that kept watch at the gates, were an hundred seventy and 20 two. And the residue of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance. But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel: and Ziha and Gishpa were over 22 the Nethinim. The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the 23 business of the house of God. For there was a commandment from the king concerning them, and ¹a settled provision for the singers, as every day required. And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerah the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people. 25 And for the villages, with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt in Kiriath-arba and the ²towns thereof, and in Dibon and the ²towns thereof, and in Jekabzeel and the villages 26 thereof; and in Jeshua, and in Moladah, 27 and Beth-pelet; and in Hazar-shual, and in Beer-sheba and the ²towns thereof; and in Ziklag, and in Meconah 29 and in the ²towns thereof; and in En-riimmon, and in Zorah, and in Jarmuth; 30 Zanoah, Adullam, and their villages, Lachish and the fields thereof, Azekah and the ²towns thereof. So they encamped from Beer-sheba unto the 31 valley of Hinnom. The children of Benjamin also dwell from Geba onward, at Michmash and Aija, and at 32 Beth-el and the ²towns thereof; at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah; Hazor, Ramah, 34 Gittaim; Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat; 35 Lod, and Ono, ³the valley of craftsmen. 36 And of the Levites, certain courses in Judah were joined to Benjamin. 12 Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra; Amariah, Malchiah, Hattush; Shecaniah, Rehum; 4 Meremoth; Iddo, Ginnethoi, Abijah; 5, 6 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah; Shemaiah, and Joiarib, Jedaiah; Sallu, Amok, Hilkiyah, Jedaiah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brethren in 8 the days of Jeshua. Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, which was over ⁴the thanksgiving, he and his 9 brethren. Also Bakkukiah and Unno, their brethren, were over against them 10 in wards. And Jeshua begat Joiakim, and Joiakim begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada, and Joiada begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua. 12 And in the days of Joiakim were priests, heads of fathers' houses: of Seraiah, 13 Merariah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; of ⁵Malluchi, Jonathan; of She-

15 baniah, Joseph; of Harim, Adna; of 16 Meraioth, Helkai; of Iddo, Zechariah; 17 of Ginnethon, Meshullam; of Abijah, Zichri; of Miniamin, of Moadiah, Pil-18 tai; of Bilgah, Shammua; of She-19 maiah, Jehonathan; and of Joarib, 20 Mattenai; of Jedaiah, Uzzi; of Sallai, 21 Kallai; of Amok, Eber; of Hilkiyah, 22 Hashabiah; of Jedaiah, Nathanel. The Levites in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, were recorded heads of fathers' houses: also the priests, ⁶in the reign of Darius the 23 Persian. The sons of Levi, heads of fathers' houses, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. 24 And the chiefs of the Levites: Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Jeshua the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward against 25 ward. Mattaniah, and Bakkukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the ward at the 26 storehouses of the gates. These were in the days of Joiakim the son of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and of Ezra the priest the scribe. 27 And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, 28 and with harps. And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the ⁷plain round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of the 29 Netophathites; also from Beth-gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had builded them villages round about Jerusalem. 30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies that gave thanks and went in procession; ⁸whereof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the 32 dung gate: and after them went Hoshai, and half of the princes of Judah, 33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, 35 and Jeremiah, and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph; 36 and his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe was before them: 37 and by the fountain gate, and straight before them, they went up by the

¹ Or, a sure ordinance concerning

² Heb. daughter-towns.

³ Or, Gibeon: see 1 Chr. iv. 14.

⁴ Or, the choir.

⁵ Another reading is, Malluch.

⁶ Or, to

⁷ Or, Circuit

stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward. And the other company of them that gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, upon the wall, above the tower of the furnaces, even unto the broad wall; and above the gate of Ephraim, and by the old gate, and by the fish gate, and the tower of Hananel, and the tower of ¹Hammeah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in 40 the gate of the guard. So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and 41 the half of the ²rulers with me: and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micaiah, Elioenai, Zechariah, and 42 Hananiah, with trumpets; and Maaseiah, and Shemaiah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their over- 43 seer. And they offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 And on that day were men appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the heave offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, according to the fields of the cities, the portions ³appointed by the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and 45 for the Levites that ⁴waited. And they kept the ward of their God, and the ward of the purification, and so did the singers and the porters, according to the commandment of David, and of 46 Solomon his son. For in the days of David and Asaph of old ⁵there was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise 47 and thanksgiving unto God. And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, as every day required: and they sanctified for the Levites; and the Levites sanctified for the sons of Aaron.

13 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written, that an Ammonite and a Moabite should not enter into the assembly of God for 2 ever; because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, to curse them: howbeit our God turned 3 the curse into a blessing. And it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the ⁶chambers of the house of our God, being allied un-

5 to Tobiah, had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meal offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the wine, and the oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the 6 heave offerings for the priests. But in all this time I was not at Jerusalem: for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went unto the king, and after certain days 7 asked I leave of the king: and I came to Jerusalem, and understood of the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the 8 courts of the house of God. And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out 9 of the chamber. Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meal offer- 10 ings and the frankincense. And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; so that the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fed every one to his field. 11 Then contended I with the ⁷rulers, and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together, 12 and set them in their place. Then brought all Judah the tithe of the corn and the wine and the oil unto the trea- 13 suries. And I made treasurers over the treasures, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedaiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah: for they were counted faithful, and their business was to distribute un- 14 to their brethren. Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my ⁸good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the observances thereof.

15 In those days saw I in Judah some treading winepresses on the sabbath, and bringing in ⁹sheaves, and lading asses *therewith*: as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified *against* them in the day wherein they sold vict- 16 uals. There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, which brought in fish, and all manner of ware, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in 17 Jerusalem. Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and 18 profane the sabbath day? Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye bring more wrath upon Israel by 19 profaning the sabbath. And it came to pass that, when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be

¹ Or, The hundred

² Or, deputies

³ Heb. of the issue.

⁴ Heb. stood.

⁵ Another reading is, there were chiefs.

⁶ Heb. chamber.

⁷ Heb. kindred.

⁹ Or, heaps of corn

shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I over the gates, that there should no burden
 20 be brought in on the sabbath day. So the merchants and sellers of all kind of ware lodged without Jerusalem once
 21 or twice. Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye
 1 about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the
 22 sabbath. And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember unto me, O my God, this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.
 23 In those days also saw I the Jews that
 24 had married women of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: and their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language
 25 of each people. And I contended with them, and ²cursed them, and smote

certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters
 26 for your sons, or for yourselves. Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, and he was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did strange women cause to sin.
 27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to trespass against our God in marrying strange women?
 28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son in law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him from me. Remember
 29 them, O my God, ⁴because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Le-
 30 vites. Thus cleansed I them from ⁵all strangers, and appointed wards for the priests and for the Levites, every one in
 31 his work; and for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.

¹ Heb. before.

² Heb. had made to dwell with them.

³ Or, resisted.

⁴ Heb. for the defiling of &c.
⁵ Or, every thing strange

THE BOOK OF ESTHER.

1 Now it came to pass in the days of
¹Ahasuerus, (this is Ahasuerus which reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over an hundred and seven and twenty
 2 provinces:) that in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan
 3 the ²palace, in the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before
 4 him: when he shewed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honour of his excellent majesty many days, even an hundred and fourscore days.
 5 And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both great and small, seven days, in the court of the garden of the
 6 king's palace; there were hangings of
³white cloth, of ⁴green, and of blue, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the couches were of gold and silver, upon a pavement ⁴of red, and white,
 7 and yellow, and black marble. And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the ⁶bounty of the king.

8 And the drinking was according to the law; none could compel: for so the king had appointed to all the officers of his house, that they should do according to every man's pleasure. Also Vashti the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which be-
 10 longed to king Ahasuerus. On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Harbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcas, the seven ⁷chamberlains that ministered in the presence of Ahasuerus the king,
 11 to bring Vashti the queen before the king with the crown royal, to shew the peoples and the princes her beauty:
 12 for she was fair to look on. But the queen Vashti refused to come at the king's commandment by the chamberlains: therefore was the king very wroth, and his anger burned in him.
 13 Then the king said to the wise men, which knew the times, (for so was the king's manner toward all that knew
 14 law and judgement: and the next unto him was Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tarshish, Meres, Marsena, and Memucan, the seven princes of Persia and Media, which saw the king's face, and
 15 sat first in the kingdom:) What shall we do unto the queen Vashti according to

¹ Or, Xerxes
² Heb. chamberlains

³ Or, costly

⁴ Or, fine cloth, white and blue
⁵ Or, cotton
⁶ Or, of purple, and white marble, and also beryl, and stone of blue colour
⁷ Heb. hand.

⁷ Or, eunuchs (and so in ver. 12. &c.)

law, because she hath not done the bidding of the king Ahasuerus by 16 the chamberlains? And Memucan answered before the king and the princes, Vashti the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes, and to all the peoples that are in all the provinces of the king 17 Ahasuerus. For this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women, to make their husbands contemptible in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before 18 him, but she came not. And this day shall the princesses of Persia and Media which have heard of the deed of the queen ¹ say the like unto all the king's princes. So *shall there arise* 19 *much contempt and wrath.* If it please the king, let there go forth a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, ² that it be not altered, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate ⁴ unto another that is better than she. And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his kingdom, (for it is great,) all the wives shall give to their husbands honour, 21 both to great and small. And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the word 22 of Memucan: for he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and should publish it according to the language of his people.

2 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was pacified, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, 2 and what was decreed against her. Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of ⁵ Hegai the king's chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for 4 purification be given them: and let the maiden which pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 There was a certain Jew in Shushan the palace, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the 6 son of Kish, a Benjamite; who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives which had been carried away with ⁶ Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon

7 had carried away. And he ⁷ brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maiden was fair and beautiful; and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took 8 her for his own daughter. So it came to pass, when the king's commandment and his decree was heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was taken into the king's house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the 9 women. And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her her things for purification, with her portions, and the seven maidens, which were meet to be given her, out of the king's house: and he removed her and her maidens to the best place of the 10 house of the women. Esther had not shewed her people nor her kindred: for Mordecai had charged her that she 11 should not shew it. And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women's house, to know how Esther did, and what should become of her.

12 Now when the turn of every maiden was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that it had been done to her according to the law for the women, twelve months, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, *to wit*, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odours, and with the things for the purifying of the women,) 13 then in this wise came the maiden unto the king, whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king's 14 house. In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shashgaz, the king's chamberlain, which kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, 15 and that she were called by name. Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women, appointed. And Esther obtained favour in the sight of all them that looked up 16 on her. So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year of his reign.

17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained grace and favour in his sight more than all the virgins; so that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of 18 Vashti. Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants,

⁷ Heb. newly-wedded.

¹ Or, tell it

² Or, enough

³ Heb. that it goes not away.

⁴ Heb. unto her companions.

⁵ Heb. Ilge.

⁶ In xlv. 6, Jehoiachin.

¹ Heb.
rest.
² Heb.
hamed.

even Esther's feast; and he made a ¹release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the ²bounty of the king. 19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai 20 sat in the king's gate. Esther had not yet shewed her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought 21 up with him. In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Tereah, of those which kept the ³door, were wroth, and sought to lay hands 22 on the king Ahasuerus. And the thing was known to Mordecai, who shewed it unto Esther the queen; and Esther told the king *thereof* in Mordecai's 23 name. And when inquisition was made of the matter, and it was found to be so, they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

² Heb.
through-
old.

3 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes 2 that were with him. And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bowed down, and did reverence to Haman: for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed 3 not down, nor did him reverence. Then the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's command- 4 ment? Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai's ⁴matters would stand: for he had told them 5 that he was a Jew. And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not down, nor did him reverence, then was Haman 6 full of wrath. But he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had shewed him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the 7 people of Mordecai. In the first month, which is the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ahasuerus, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth month, which is the month 8 Adar. And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and ⁴dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from *those* of every people; neither keep they the king's laws: therefore it is not ⁴for the king's profit to suffer 9 them. If it please the king, let it be written that they be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those that have the

⁴ Or,
words.

⁵ Or,
separ-
ated.

⁶ Or,
meet for
the king

charge of the *king's* business, to bring it 10 into the king's treasures. And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha 11 the Agagite, the Jews' enemy. And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee, the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee. 12 Then were the king's ⁷scribes called in the first month, on the thirtieth day thereof, and there was written according to all that Haman commanded unto the king's satraps, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the princes of every people; to every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and it was sealed with 13 the king's ring. And letters were sent by posts into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirtieth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for 14 a prey. A copy of the writing, ⁸that the decree should be given out in every province, was published unto all the peoples, that they should be ready a- 15 gainst that day. The posts went forth in haste by the king's commandment, and the decree was given out in Shushan the palace: and the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan was perplexed. 4 Now when Mordecai knew all that was done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried 2 with a loud and a bitter cry: and he came even before the king's gate: for none might enter within the king's 8 gate clothed with sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and ⁹many lay in sackcloth 4 and ashes. And Esther's maidens and her chamberlains came and told it her; and the queen was exceedingly grieved: and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take his sackcloth from off 5 him: but he received it not. Then called Esther for Hathach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and charged him to go to Mordecai, to know what this 6 was, and why it was. So Hathach went forth to Mordecai unto the broad place of the city, which was before the 7 king's gate. And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and the exact sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasures for the Jews, to destroy 8 them. Also he gave him the copy of the

⁷ Or,
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⁸ Or, to
be given
out for a
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⁹ Heb.
sackcloth
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writing of the decree that was given out in Shushan to destroy them, to shew it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her; and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him, for her people. And Hathach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. Then Esther spake unto Hathach, and gave him a message unto Mordecai, saying: All the king's servants, and the people of the king's provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law for him, that he be put to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. And they told Mordecai Esther's words. Then Mordecai bade them return answer unto Esther, Think not with thyself that thou shalt escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall relief and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place, but thou and thy father's house shall perish: and who knoweth whether thou art not come to the kingdom for such a time as this? Then Esther bade them return answer unto Mordecai, Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast in like manner; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish. So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

5 Now it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, over against the king's house: and the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, over against the entrance of the house. And it was so, when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, that she obtained favour in his sight: and the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand. So Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre.

3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, queen Esther? and what is thy request? it shall be given thee even to the half of the kingdom. And Esther said, If it seem good unto the king, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him. Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that it may be done as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. And the king said

unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. Then answered Esther, and said, My petition and my request is; if I have found favour in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet that I shall prepare for them, and I will do to-morrow as the king hath said. Then went Haman forth that day joyful and glad of heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king's gate, that he stood not up nor moved for him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. Nevertheless Haman refrained himself, and went home; and he sent and fetched his friends and Zeresh his wife. And Haman recounted unto them the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. Haman said moreover, Yea, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and to-morrow also am I invited by her together with the king.

18 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king's gate. Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made of fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

6 On that night could not the king sleep; and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles, and they were read before the king.

2 And it was found written, that Mordecai had told of Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's chamberlains, of those that kept the door, who had sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus. And the king said, What honour and dignity hath been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king's house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. And the king's servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour? Now Haman said in his heart, To whom would

1 Or, trembled before him

2 Heb. tree.

3 Heb. the king's sleep, and from him.

4 Heb. through old.

the king delight to do honour more than 7 to myself? And Haman said unto the king, For the man whom the king delighteth to honour, let royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon,¹ and on the head of which a crown royal is set: and let the apparel and the horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes, that they may array the man withal whom the king delighteth to honour, and cause him to ride on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honour. Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and caused him to ride through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour. And Mordecai came again to the king's gate. But Haman hasted to his house, mourning and having his head covered. And Haman recounted unto Zeresh his wife and all his friends every thing that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai, before whom thou hast begun to fall, be of the seed of the Jews, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him. While they were yet talking with him, came the king's chamberlains, and hasted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

7 So the king and Haman came ²to banquet with Esther the queen. And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favour in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people ⁴at my request: for we are sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain, and to perish. But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my peace, ⁵although the adversary could not have compensated for the king's damage. Then spake the king Ahasuerus and said unto Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he, that ⁶durst presume in his heart to do so? And Esther said, An adversary and an enemy, even this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. And the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into

the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his life to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the couch whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he even force the queen before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. Then said Harbonah, one of the chamberlains that were before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman hath made for Mordecai, who spake good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. And the king said, Hang him thereon. So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king's wrath pacified.

8 On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews' enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her. And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman. And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. Then the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre. So Esther arose, and stood before the king. And she said, If it please the king, and if I have found favour in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews which are in all the king's provinces: for how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred? Then the king Ahasuerus said unto Esther the queen and to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and him they have hanged upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews. Write ye also ⁵to the Jews, as it liketh you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring: for the writing which is written in the king's name, and sealed with the king's ring, may no man reverse. Then were the king's scribes called at that time, in the third month, which is the month Sivan, on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and princes of the

¹ Or, and the crown royal which is set upon his head

² Heb. to drink.

³ Or, for our affliction is not to be compared with the king's damage

⁴ Heb. rec.

⁵ Or, concerning

provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, an hundred twenty and seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. And he wrote in the name of king Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king's ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, riding on ¹ swift steeds that were used in the king's service, bred of the stud: wherein the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, *their* little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, *namely*, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. A copy of the writing, ² that the decree should be given out in every province, was published unto all the peoples, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. So the posts that rode upon swift steeds that were used in the king's service went out, being hastened and pressed on by the king's commandment; and the decree was given out in Shushan the palace. And Mordecai went forth from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan shouted and was glad. The Jews had light and gladness, and joy and honour. And in every province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast and a good day. And many from among the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews was fallen upon them.

9 Now in the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have rule over them; whereas it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them; the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, to lay hand on such as sought their hurt; and no man could withstand them; for the fear of them was fallen upon all the peoples. And all the princes of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors, and they that did the king's business, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai was fallen

¹ Or, swift steeds, mules, and young dromedaries

² Or, to be given out for a decree

4 upon them. For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went forth throughout all the provinces: for the man Mordecai waxed greater and greater. And the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and with slaughter and destruction, and did what they would unto them that hated them. And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. And Parshandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, and Poratha, and Adalia, and Aridatha, and Parmashta, and Arisai, and Aridai, and Vaizatha, the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy, slew they; but on the spoil they laid not their hand. On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! Now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done. Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews which are in Shushan to do to-morrow also according unto this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. And the king commanded it so to be done; and a decree was given out in Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. And the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men in Shushan; but on the spoil they laid not their hand.

16 And the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of them that hated them seventy and five thousand; but on the spoil they laid not their hand. *This was done* on the thirteenth day of the month Adar; and on the fourteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. But the Jews that were in Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. Therefore do the Jews of the villages, that dwell in the unwall'd towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and

21 far, to enjoin them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, 22 yearly, as the days wherein the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day: that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, and of sending portions one 23 to another, and gifts to the poor. And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Mordecai had written 24 unto them; because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to consume 25 them, and to destroy them; but when the matter came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head; and that he and his sons should 26 be hanged on the gallows. Wherefore they called these days Purim, after the name of Pur. Therefore because of all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and that which 27 had come unto them, the Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to the writing thereof, and according to the appointed time

28 thereof, every year; and that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and that these days of Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them ¹perish from 29 their seed. Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all ²authority to confirm this second letter of Purim. 30 And he sent letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, 31 with words of peace and truth, to confirm these days of Purim in their appointed times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had ordained for themselves and for their seed, ³in the matter of the fastings and their 32 cry. And the commandment of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book. 10 And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the 2 sea. And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the 3 kings of Media and Persia? For Mordecai the Jew was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren; seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

¹ Heb. *burned*.

² Heb. *strongly*.

³ See ch. iv. 3.

THE BOOK OF JOB.

1 THERE was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was ¹Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that 2 feared God, and eschewed evil. And there were born unto him seven sons 3 and three daughters. His ²substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of 4 all the children of the east. And his sons went and held a feast in the house of each one upon his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters 5 to eat and to drink with them. And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that

my sons have sinned, and ³renounced God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6 Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and ⁴Satan came also 7 among them. And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and 8 from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? ⁵For there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that 9 feareth God, and escheweth evil. Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, 10 Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his

¹ Heb. *Job*.

² Or, *estate*.

³ Or, *blasphemed*.
So ver. 11, ch. ii. 8, 9.

⁴ That is, the *Adversary*.

⁵ Or, *that*.

¹ Or, cattle

11 ¹ substance is increased in the land. But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will renounce thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy ² power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

² Heb. hand.

13 And it fell on a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house, 14 that there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and 15 the asses feeding beside them: and ³ the Sabeans fell upon them, and took them away; yea, they have slain the ⁴ servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

³ Heb. shebs.⁴ Heb. young men.

16 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the ⁵ servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

⁵ Or, made a void

17 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, The Chaldeans made three bands, and ⁶ fell upon the camels, and have taken them away, yea, and slain the ⁷ servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

⁶ Or, over

18 While he was yet speaking, there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother's house: and, behold, there came a great wind ⁸ from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee.

19 Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, 20 and worshipped; and he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; 21 blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God with foolishness.

22 Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan came also among them to present himself before the LORD. And the LORD said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 23 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? ⁹ For there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, 24 to destroy him without cause. And Satan answered the LORD, and said, Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath 25 will he give for his life. But put forth

⁷ Or, that⁸ Heb. to swallow him up.

thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will renounce thee to thy face. And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; 7 only spare his life. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat among the ashes. 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still hold fast thine integrity? renounce 10 God, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the ¹⁰ foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

¹⁰ Or, emptiness

11 Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place; Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite: and they made an appointment together to come to bemoan him 12 and to comfort him. And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his mantle, and sprinkled dust upon their 13 heads toward heaven. So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights, and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his ¹⁰ grief was very great.

¹⁰ Or, pain

3 After this opened Job his mouth, and 2 cursed his day. And Job answered and said:

3 Let the day perish wherein I was born. And the night which said, There is a man child conceived.

4 Let that day be darkness; Let not God ¹¹ regard it from above. Neither let the light shine upon it.

¹¹ Or, inquire after

5 Let darkness and ¹² the shadow of death claim it for their own; Let a cloud dwell upon it; Let all that maketh black the day

¹² Or, deep darkness (and so elsewhere)

terrify it.

6 As for that night, let thick darkness seize upon it:

Let it not ¹³ rejoice among the days of the year;

¹³ Some ancient versions read, let joyful words.

Let it not come into the number of the months.

¹⁴ Or, solitary

7 Lo, let that night be ¹⁴ barren; Let no joyful voice come therein.

8 Let them curse it that curse the day. Who are ¹⁵ ready to rouse up Leviathan.

¹⁵ Or, add/del

9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark:

Let it look for light, but have none; Neither let it behold the eyelids of the morning:

10 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother's womb,

Nor hid trouble from mine eyes. 11 Why died I not from the womb?

Why did I not give up the ghost when
I came out of the belly?
12 Why did the knees receive me?
Or why the breasts, that I should suck?
13 For now should I have lien down and
been quiet;
I should have slept; then had I been at
rest:
14 With kings and counsellors of the earth,
Which ¹built up waste places for them-
selves;
15 Or with princes that had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver:
16 Or as an hidden untimely birth I had
not been;
As infants which never saw light.
17 There the wicked cease from ²trou-
bling;
And there the weary be at rest.
18 There the prisoners are at ease together;
They hear not the voice of the task-
master.
19 The small and great are there;
And the servant is free from his
master.
20 Wherefore is light given to him that is
in misery,
And life unto the bitter in soul;
21 Which ³long for death, but it cometh not;
And dig for it more than for hid trea-
sures;
22 Which rejoice ⁴exceedingly,
And are glad, when they can find the
grave?
23 *Why is light given to a man whose way
is hid,
And whom God hath hedged in?*
24 For my sighing cometh ⁵before I eat,
And my roarings are poured out like
water.
25 For ⁶the thing which I fear cometh
upon me,
And that which I am afraid of cometh
unto me.
26 ⁷I am not at ease, neither am I quiet,
neither have I rest;
But trouble cometh.

4 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite,
and said,
2 If one assay to commune with thee,
wilt thou be grieved?
But who can withhold himself from
speaking?
3 Behold, thou hast instructed many,
And thou hast strengthened the weak
hands.
4 Thy words have upholden him that
was falling,
And thou hast confirmed the ⁸feeble
knees.
5 But now it is come unto thee, and thou
⁹faintest;
It toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
6 Is not thy fear of *God* thy confidence,
And thy hope the integrity of thy ways?
7 Remember, I pray thee, who *ever*
perished, being innocent?
Or where were the upright cut off?

8 According as I have seen, they that
plow iniquity,
And sow ¹⁰trouble, reap the same.
9 By the breath of God they perish,
And by the blast of his anger are they
consumed.
10 The roaring of the lion, and the voice
of the fierce lion,
And the teeth of the young lions, are
broken.
11 The old lion periseth for lack of prey,
And the whelps of the lioness are
scattered abroad.
12 Now a thing was ¹¹secretly brought to
me,
And mine ear received a whisper
thereof.
13 In thoughts from the visions of the
night,
When deep sleep falleth on men,
14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
Which made all my bones to shake.
15 Then ¹²a spirit passed before my face;
The hair of my flesh stood up.
16 It stood still, but I could not discern
the appearance thereof;
A form was before mine eyes:
¹³There was silence, and I heard a
voice, saying,
17 Shall mortal man ¹⁴be more just than
God?
Shall a man ¹⁵be more pure than his
Maker?
18 Behold, he putteth no trust in his
servants;
And his angels he chargeth with folly:
19 How much more them that dwell in
houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
Which are crushed ¹⁶before the moth!
20 ¹⁷Between morning and evening they
are ¹⁸destroyed:
They perish for ever without any re-
garding it.
21 ¹⁹Is not their tent-cord plucked up
within them?
They die, and that without wisdom.
5 Call now; is there any that will answer
thee?
And to which of the ²⁰holy ones wilt
thou turn?
2 For vexation killeth the foolish man,
And ²¹jealousy slayeth the silly one.
3 I have seen the foolish taking root:
But suddenly I cursed his habitation.
4 His children are far from safety,
And they are crushed in the gate,
Neither is there any to deliver them.
5 Whose harvest the hungry eateth up,
And taketh it even out of the thorns,
And ²²the snare gapeth for their sub-
stance.
6 For ²³affliction cometh not forth of the
dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the
ground;
7 But man is born unto trouble,
As ²⁴the sparks fly upward.
8 But as for me, I would seek unto God,

10 Or,
mischief11 Heb.
brought
by stealth.12 Or, a
breath
passed
over13 Or, I
heard a
still
voice14 Or, he
just be-
fore God
15 Or, be
pure be-
fore his
Maker16 Or, like
17 Or,
From
morning
to even-
ing18 Heb.
broken
in
pieces.19 Or, Is
not their
excel-
lency
which
is in
them re-
moted?20 See ch.
xv. 15.
21 Or, in-
dignation22 Ac-
cording
to many
ancient
versions,
the thorny
swallow
up.23 Or,
iniquity
See ch.
xv. 15.24 Heb.
the sons
of flame
or of
light-
ning.

And unto God would I commit my cause:

9 Which doeth great things and unsearchable;

Marvellous things without number:

10 Who giveth rain upon the earth,

And sendeth waters upon the fields:

11 So that he setteth up on high those that be low;

And those which mourn are exalted to safety.

12 He frustrateth the devices of the crafty, So that their hands cannot perform their enterprise.

13 He taketh the wise in their own craftiness:

And the counsel of the froward is carried headlong.

14 They meet with darkness in the daytime,

And grope at noonday as in the night.

15 But he saveth from the sword ² of their mouth,

Even the needy from the hand of the mighty.

16 So the poor hath hope,

And iniquity stoppeth her mouth.

17 Behold, happy is the man whom God ³ correcteth:

Therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.

18 For he maketh sore, and bindeth up; He woundeth, and his hands make whole.

19 He shall deliver thee in six troubles;

Yea, in seven there shall no evil touch thee.

20 In famine he shall redeem thee from death;

And in war from the power of the sword.

21 Thou shalt be hid from the scourge of the tongue;

Neither shalt thou be afraid of destruction when it cometh.

22 At destruction and dearth thou shalt laugh;

Neither shalt thou be afraid of the beasts of the earth.

23 For thou shalt be in league with the stones of the field;

And the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee.

24 And thou shalt know that thy tent is in peace;

And thou shalt visit thy ⁴ fold, and ⁵ shalt miss nothing.

25 Thou shalt know also that thy seed shall be great,

And thine offspring as the grass of the earth.

26 Thou shalt come to thy grave in a full age,

Like as a shock of corn cometh in in its season.

27 Lo this, we have searched it, so it is; Hear it, and know thou it ⁶ for thy good.

6 Then Job answered and said,

2 Oh that my vexation were but weighed.

And my calamity laid in the balances together!

3 For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas:

Therefore have my words been rash.

4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me,

The poison whereof my spirit drinketh up:

The terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.

5 Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass?

Or loweth the ox over his fodder?

6 Can that which hath no savour be eaten without salt?

Or is there any taste in ⁷ the white of an egg?

7 ⁸ My soul refuseth to touch them;

They are as loathsome meat to me.

8 Oh that I might have my request;

And that God would grant me the thing that I long for!

9 Even that it would please God to crush me;

That he would let loose his hand, and cut me off!

10 Then should I yet have comfort;

⁹ Yea, I would ¹⁰ exult in pain ¹¹ that spareth not:

¹² For I have not ¹³ denied the words of the Holy One.

11 What is my strength, that I should wait?

And what is mine end, that I should be patient?

12 Is my strength the strength of stones?

Or is my flesh of brass?

13 Is it not that I have no help in me,

And that ¹⁴ effectual working is driven quite from me?

14 To him that is ready to faint kindness should be shewed from his friend;

¹⁵ Even to him that forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.

15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook,

As the channel of brooks that pass away;

16 Which are black by reason of the ice,

And wherein the snow hideth itself:

17 What time they ¹⁶ wax warm, they vanish:

When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.

18 ¹⁷ The caravans that travel by the way of them turn aside;

They go up into the waste, and perish.

19 The caravans of Tema looked,

The companies of Sheba waited for them.

20 They were ashamed because they had hoped;

They came thither, and were confounded.

21 For now ye ¹⁸ are nothing;

Ye see a terror, and are afraid.

22 Did I say, Give unto me?

Or, Offer a present for me of your substance?

23 Or, Deliver me from the adversary's hand?

¹ Or, can perform nothing of worth

² Heb. out of their mouth.

³ Or, reproveth

⁴ Or, habitation
⁵ Or, shall not err

⁶ Heb. for thyself.

⁷ Or, the juice of yew-stem
⁸ Or, What things my soul refused to touch, these are as my loathsome meat

⁹ Or, Though I shrink back
¹⁰ Or, harden myself
¹¹ Or, though he spare me
¹² Or, That
¹³ Or, consumed
¹⁴ Or, sound wisdom

¹⁵ Or, His might he / breaks Or, But he forsaketh

¹⁶ Or, shrink

¹⁷ Or, The paths of their way are turned aside

¹⁸ Another reading is, as like thorns.

Or, Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?

24 Teach me, and I will hold my peace:
And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.

25 How forcible are words of uprightness!
But what doth your arguing reprove?

26 Do ye imagine to reprove words?
Seeing that the speeches of one that is desperate are ¹as wind.

27 Yea, ye would cast *lots* upon the fatherless,

And make merchandise of your friend.
28 Now therefore be pleased to look upon me;

²For surely I shall not lie to your face.
29 Return, I pray you, let there be no injustice;

Yea, return again, ³my cause is righteous.

30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my taste discern mischievous things?

7 Is there not a ⁴warfare to man upon earth?

And are not his days like the days of an hireling?

2 As a servant that earnestly desireth the shadow,
And as an hireling that looketh for his wages:

3 So am I made to possess months of vanity,
And wearisome nights are appointed to me.

4 When I lie down, I say,
⁵When shall I arise? but the night is long;
And I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.

5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust;
My skin ⁶closeth up and breaketh out afresh.

6 My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
And are spent without hope.

7 Oh remember that my life is wind:
Mine eye shall no more see good.

8 The eye of him that seeth me shall behold me no more:
Thine eyes shall be upon me, but I shall not be.

9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away,

So he that goeth down to ⁷Sheol shall come up no more.

10 He shall return no more to his house,
Neither shall his place know him any more.

11 Therefore I will not refrain my mouth;
I will speak in the anguish of my spirit;

I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.

12 Am I a sea, or a sea-monster,
That thou settest a watch over me?

13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me,
My couch shall ease my complaint;

14 Then thou scarest me with dreams,
And terrifiest me through visions:

15 So that my soul chooseth strangling,
And death rather than *these* my bones.

16 ⁸I loathe *my life*; I ⁹would not live always:

Let me alone; for my days are ¹⁰vanity.

17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him,

And that thou shouldest set thine heart upon him,

18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning,
And try him every moment?

19 How long wilt thou not look away from me,

Nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?

20 If I have sinned, what ¹¹do I unto thee,
O thou ¹²watcher of men?

Why hast thou set me as a mark for thee,

So that I am a burden to myself?

21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression, and take away mine iniquity?

For now shall I lie down in the dust;
And thou shalt seek me diligently, but I shall not be.

8 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long wilt thou speak these things?
And *how long* shall the words of thy mouth be *like* a mighty wind?

3 Doth God pervert judgement?
Or doth the Almighty pervert justice?

4 ¹³If thy children have sinned against him,

And he have delivered them into the hand of their transgression:

5 If thou wouldest seek diligently unto God,

And make thy supplication to the Almighty;

6 If thou wert pure and upright;
Surely now he would awake for thee,

And make the habitation of thy righteousness prosperous.

7 And though thy beginning was small,
Yet thy latter end should greatly increase.

8 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age,

And apply thyself to that which their fathers have searched out:

9 (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing,
Because our days upon earth are a shadow:)

10 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee,

And utter words out of their heart?

11 Can the ¹⁴rush grow up without mire?
Can the ¹⁵flag grow without water?

12 Whilst it is yet in its greenness, and not cut down,

It withereth before any *other* herb.

13 So are the paths of all that forget God;

¹ Or, for the wind

² Or, And it will be evident unto you if I lie
³ Heb. my righteousness is in it.

⁴ Or, time of service

⁵ Or, When shall I arise, and the night be gone?

⁶ Or, is broken and becomes loathsome

⁷ Or, the grave

⁸ Or, I weary away
⁹ Or, shall
¹⁰ Or, as a breath

¹¹ Or, can I do
¹² Or, preserver

¹³ Or, If thy children sinned, he delivered do.

¹⁴ Or, papyrus
¹⁵ Or, reed grass

	And the hope of the godless man shall perish:	The helpers of ¹¹ Rahab ¹² do stoop under him.	¹¹ Or, arrogancy See 11. xxx. 7. ¹² Or, did
¹ Or, be cut off	14 Whose confidence shall ¹ break in sunder,	14 How much less shall I answer him, And choose out my words to reason with him?	
² Heb. house.	And whose trust is a spider's ² web.	15 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer;	
	15 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand:	I would make supplication to ¹³ mine adversary.	¹³ Or, him that would judge me
	He shall hold fast thereby, but it shall not endure.	16 If I had called, and he had answered me;	
³ Or, beside the spring	16 He is green before the sun, And his shoots go forth over his garden.	Yet would I not believe that he hearkened unto my voice.	
	17 His roots are wrapped ³ about the heap, He beholdeth the place of stones.	17 ¹⁴ For he breaketh me with a tempest, And multiplieth my wounds without cause.	¹⁴ Heb. He will.
	18 If he be destroyed from his place, Then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.	18 He will not suffer me to take my breath,	
⁴ Or, dust	19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, And out of the ⁴ earth shall others spring.	But filleth me with bitterness.	
	20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man,	19 ¹⁵ If we speak of the strength of the mighty, ¹⁶ lo, he is there!	¹⁵ Or, if we speak of strength, lo, he is mighty
	Neither will he uphold the evil-doers.	And if of judgement, who will appoint me a time?	¹⁶ Or, Lo, here am I, with him and of judgement, who do.
⁵ Or, till he fill	21 ⁵ He will yet fill thy mouth with laughter, And thy lips with shouting.	20 Though I be righteous, mine own mouth shall condemn me:	
	22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame;	Though I be perfect, ¹⁷ it shall prove me perverse.	
	And the tent of the wicked shall be no more.	21 ¹⁸ I am ¹⁹ perfect; I regard not myself; I despise my life.	
		22 It is all one; therefore I say, He destroyeth the perfect and the wicked.	¹⁷ Or, he
⁶ Or, For	9 Then Job answered said,	23 If the scourge slay suddenly, He will mock at the ²⁰ trial of the innocent.	¹⁸ Or, Though I be perfect, I will not regard etc.
⁷ Or, before	2 Of a truth I know that it is so:	24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked:	¹⁹ See ch. i. l.
⁸ Or, if one should desire... he could not do.	3 ⁸ If he be pleased to contend with him, He cannot answer him one of a thousand.	He covereth the faces of the judges thereof;	²⁰ Or, calamity
	4 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength:	If it be not he, who then is it?	
	Who hath hardened himself against him, and prospered?	25 Now my days are swifter than a ²¹ post: They flee away, they see no good.	²¹ Or, runner
	5 Which removeth the mountains, and they know it not,	26 They are passed away as the ²² swift ships:	²² Heb. ships of reed.
	When he overturneth them in his anger.	As the eagle that swoopeth on the prey.	
	6 Which shaketh the earth out of her place,	27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will put off my sad countenance, and ²³ be of good cheer:	²³ Heb. brighten up.
	And the pillars thereof tremble,	28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.	
⁹ Heb. high places.	7 Which commandeth the sun, and it riseth not;	29 I shall be condemned;	
	And sealeth up the stars.	Why then do I labour in vain?	
	8 Which alone stretcheth out the heavens,	30 If I wash myself ²⁴ with snow water, And ²⁵ make my hands never so clean;	²⁴ As another washing is, with snow.
	And treadeth upon the ⁹ waves of the sea.	31 Yet wilt thou plunge me in the ditch, And mine own clothes shall abhor me.	²⁵ Heb. cleansing myself with fire.
	9 Which maketh the Bear, Orion, and the Pleiades,	32 For he is not a man, as I am, that I should answer him,	
	And the chambers of the south.	That we should come together in judgement.	
	10 Which doeth great things past finding out;	33 There is no ²⁶ daysman betwixt us, That might lay his hand upon us both.	²⁶ Or, umpire
	Yea, marvellous things without number.	34 Let him take his rod away from me, And let not his terror make me afraid:	
¹⁰ Or, turn him back	11 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not:	35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; For I am not so in myself.	
	He passeth on also, but I perceive him not.		
	12 Behold, he seizeth the prey, who can ¹⁰ hinder him?		
	Who will say unto him, What doest thou?		
	13 God will not withdraw his anger;		

10 My soul is weary of my life;
I will give free course to my complaint;
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
11 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me;
Shew me wherefore thou contendest with me.
12 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress,
That thou shouldest despise the ¹ work of thine hands,
And shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
13 Hast thou eyes of flesh,
Or seest thou as man seeth?
14 Are thy days as the days of man,
Or thy years as man's days,
15 That thou inquirest after mine iniquity,
And searchest after my sin,
16 Although thou knowest that I am not wicked;
And there is none that can deliver out of thine hand?
17 Thine hands have framed me and fashioned me
Together round about; yet thou dost destroy me.
18 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast fashioned me as clay;
And wilt thou bring me into dust again?
19 Hast thou not poured me out as milk,
And curdled me like cheese?
20 Hast thou clothed me with skin and flesh,
And knit me together with bones and sinews.
21 Hast thou granted me life and favour,
And thy ² visitation hath preserved my spirit.
22 Yet these things thou didst hide in thine heart;
I know that this is with thee:
23 If I sin, then thou markest me,
And thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
24 If I be wicked, woe unto me;
And if I be righteous, yet shall I not lift up my head;
25 Being filled with ignominy
And looking upon mine affliction.
26 And if my head exalt itself, thou huntest me as a lion:
And again thou shewest thyself marvellous upon me.
27 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me,
And increasest thine indignation upon me;
28 Changes and warfare are with me.
29 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb?
I had given up the ghost, and no eye had seen me.
30 I should have been as though I had not been;
I should have been carried from the womb to the grave.
31 Are not my days few? ³ cease then,

And let me alone, that I may ⁴ take comfort a little,
32 Before I go whence I shall not return,
Even to the land of darkness and of the shadow of death;
33 A land of thick darkness, as darkness itself;
A land of the shadow of death, without any order,
And where the light is as darkness.
34 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,
35 Should not the multitude of words be answered?
And should a man full of talk be justified?
36 Should thy boastings make men hold their peace?
And when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?
37 For thou sayest, My doctrine is pure,
And I am clean in thine eyes.
38 But Oh that God would speak,
And open his lips against thee;
39 And that he would shew thee the secrets of wisdom,
That it is manifold in effectual working!
40 Know therefore that God ⁵ exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.
41 Canst thou by searching find out God?
Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?
42 It is high as heaven; what canst thou do?
Deeper than ⁶ Sheol; what canst thou know?
43 The measure thereof is longer than the earth,
And broader than the sea.
44 If he pass through, and shut up,
And ⁷ call unto judgement, then who can hinder him?
45 For he knoweth vain men:
He seeth iniquity also, ⁸ even though he consider it not.
46 But vain man is void of understanding,
Yea, man is born as a wild ass's colt.
47 If thou set thine heart aright,
And stretch out thine hands toward him;
48 If iniquity be in thine hand, put it far away,
And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents;
49 Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot;
Yea, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear:
50 For thou shalt forget thy misery;
Thou shalt remember it as waters that are passed away:
51 And thy life shall ⁹ be clearer than the noonday;
Though there be darkness, it shall be as the morning.
52 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope;

¹ Heb.
labour.

² Or,
care

³ Or,
I am
filled
with
ignominy,
but
look
thou
for
it
in
earth:
thou
do.

⁴ Or,
God
after
how
is
against
me

⁵ Another
reading
is, let him
cease,
and
leave me
alone.

⁶ Heb.
brighten
up.

⁷ Or, For
sound
wisdom
is mani-
fold

⁸ Or, re-
multitud
(Heb.
causeth
to be for-
gotten)
unto
thee of
thine
iniquity

⁹ Or,
Canst
thou
find out
the deep
things of
God?

¹⁰ Heb.
The
heights
of
Kadesh.

¹¹ Or,
the grave

¹² Heb.
call an
assem-
bly.

¹³ Or,
and him
that con-
sidereth
not
14 Or,
But an
empty
man
will get
under-
stand-
ing,
when
a wild
ass's colt
is born
a man

¹⁵ Or,
arise
above

Yea, thou shalt search *about thee*, and shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid;

Yea, many shall make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail, And ¹they shall have no way to flee, And their hope shall be the giving up of the ghost.

12 Then Job answered and said,

2 No doubt but ye are the people, And wisdom shall die with you.

3 But I have understanding as well as you;

I am not inferior to you:

Yea, who knoweth not such things as these?

4 I am as one that is a laughing-stock to his neighbour,

A man that called upon God, and he answered him:

The just, the perfect man is a laughing-stock.

5 In the thought of him that is at ease there is contempt for misfortune;

It is ready for them whose foot slippeth.

6 The tents of robbers prosper, And they that provoke God are secure;

²Into whose hand God bringeth abundantly.

7 But ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee;

And the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee:

8 Or speak to the earth, and it shall teach thee;

And the fishes of the sea shall declare unto thee.

9 Who knoweth not ³in all these, That the hand of the Lord hath wrought this?

10 In whose hand is the soul of every living thing,

And the ⁴breath of all mankind.

11 Doth not the ear try words, Even as the palate tasteth its meat?

12 ⁵With aged men is wisdom, And in length of days understanding.

13 With him is wisdom and might; He hath counsel and understanding.

14 Behold, he breaketh down, and it cannot be built again;

He shutteth up a man, and there can be no opening.

15 Behold, he withholdeth the waters, and they dry up;

Again, he sendeth them out, and they overturn the earth.

16 With him is strength and ⁶effectual working;

The deceived and the deceiver are his.

17 He leadeth counsellors away spoiled, And judges maketh he fools.

18 He looseth the bond of kings, And bindeth their loins with a girdle.

19 He leadeth priests away spoiled, And overthroweth the mighty.

20 He removeth the speech of the trusty,

And taketh away the understanding of the elders.

21 He poureth contempt upon princes, And looseth the belt of the strong.

22 He discovereth deep things out of darkness,

And bringeth out to light the shadow of death.

23 He increaseth the nations, and destroyeth them:

He spreadeth the nations abroad, and ⁷bringeth them in.

24 He taketh away the heart of the chiefs of the people of the ⁸earth,

And causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.

25 They grope in the dark without light, And he maketh them to ⁹stagger like a drunken man.

13 Lo, mine eye hath seen all *this*, Mine ear hath heard and understood it.

2 What ye know, the same do I know also:

I am not inferior unto you.

3 Surely I would speak to the Almighty, And I desire to reason with God.

4 But ye are forgers of lies, Ye are all physicians of no value.

5 Oh that ye would altogether hold your peace!

And it should be your wisdom.

6 Hear now my reasoning, And hearken to the pleadings of my lips.

7 Will ye speak unrighteously for God, And talk deceitfully for him?

8 Will ye ¹⁰respect his person? Will ye contend for God?

9 Is it good that he should search you out? Or as one ¹¹deceiveth a man, will ye ¹²deceive him?

10 He will surely reprove you, If ye do secretly ¹³respect persons.

11 Shall not his excellency make you afraid,

And his dread fall upon you?

12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes,

Your defences are defences of clay.

13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak,

And let come on me what will.

14 ¹⁴Wherefore should I take my flesh in my teeth,

And put my life in mine hand?

15 ¹⁵Though he slay me, yet will I wait for him:

Nevertheless I will ¹⁶maintain my ways before him.

16 ¹⁷This also shall be my salvation;

¹⁸For a godless man shall not come before him.

17 Hear diligently my speech, And let my declaration be in your ears.

18 Behold now, I have ordered my cause; I know that I ¹⁹am righteous.

19 Who is he that will contend with me? For now ²⁰shall I hold my peace and give up the ghost.

¹ Heb. *refuge is perished from them.*

³ Or. *That bring their god in their hand.*

³ Or, *by*

⁴ Or. *spirits*

⁵ Or. *With aged men, ye say, is wisdom.*

⁶ Or. *sound wisdom.*

⁷ Or. *leadeth them away.*

⁹ Heb. *wander.*

¹⁰ Or. *show him favour.*

¹¹ Or. *misconduct.*

¹² Or. *mock.*

¹³ Or. *show favour.*

¹⁴ Or. *As all adversaries I will take.*

¹⁵ Or. *Behold, he will slay me.*

¹⁶ Or. *I will slay him.*

¹⁷ Or. *I will slay him.*

¹⁸ Or. *I will slay him.*

¹⁹ Or. *I will slay him.*

²⁰ Or. *I will slay him.*

²¹ Or. *I will slay him.*

²² Or. *I will slay him.*

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³⁷ Or. *I will slay him.*

³⁸ Or. *I will slay him.*

³⁹ Or. *I will slay him.*

⁴⁰ Or. *I will slay him.*

20 Only do not two things unto me,
Then will I not hide myself from thy
face:

21 Withdraw thine hand far from me;
And let not thy terror make me a
fraid.

22 Then call thou, and I will answer;
Or let me speak, and answer thou me.

23 How many are mine iniquities and sins?
Make me to know my transgression
and my sin.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,
And holdest me for thine enemy?

25 Wilt thou harass a driven leaf?
And wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?

26 For thou writest bitter things against
me,
And makest me to inherit the iniquities
of my youth:

27 Thou puttest my feet also in the
stocks, and markest all my paths;
Thou drawest thee a line about the
soles of my feet:

28 Though I am like a rotten thing that
consumeth,
Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

14 Man that is born of a woman
Is of few days, and full of trouble.

2 He cometh forth like a flower, and ²is
cut down:
He fleeth also as a shadow, and con-
tinueth not.

3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon
such an one,
And bringest me into judgement with
thee?

4 Who can bring a clean thing out of
an unclean? not one.

5 Seeing his days are determined, the
number of his months is with thee,
And thou hast appointed his bounds
that he cannot pass;

6 Look away from him, that he may ⁴rest,
Till he shall ⁵accomplish, as an hire-
ling, his day.

7 For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut
down, that it will sprout again,
And that the tender branch thereof
will not cease.

8 Though the root thereof wax old in
the earth,
And the stock thereof die in the
ground;

9 Yet through the scent of water it will
bud,
And put forth boughs like a plant.

10 But man dieth, and ⁶wasteth away:
Yea, man giveth up the ghost, and
where is he?

11 As the waters ⁸fail from the sea,
And the river decayeth and drieth up;

12 So man lieth down and riseth not:
Till the heavens be no more, they
shall not awake,
Nor be roused out of their sleep.

13 Oh that thou wouldst hide me in
⁹Sheol,

That thou wouldst keep me secret,
until thy wrath be past,

That thou wouldst appoint me a set
time, and remember me!

14 If a man die, shall he live again?
All the days of my warfare ¹⁰would I
wait,

Till my ¹¹release should come.

15 Thou shouldst call, and I would
answer thee:

Thou wouldst have a desire to the
work of thine hands.

16 But now thou numberest my steps:
Dost thou not watch over my sin?

17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag,
And thou fastenest up mine iniquity.

18 And surely the mountain falling
¹³cometh to nought,
And the rock is removed out of its
place;

19 The waters wear the stones;
The overflowings thereof wash away
the dust of the earth:

And thou destroyest the hope of man.

20 Thou prevailest for ever against him,
and he passeth;

Thou changest his countenance, and
sendest him away.

21 His sons come to honour, and he
knoweth it not;

And they are brought low, but he
perceiveth it not of them.

22 But his flesh upon him hath pain,
And his soul within him mourneth.

15 Then answered Eliphaz the Teman-
ite, and said,

2 Should a wise man make answer with
¹⁵vain knowledge,

And fill his belly with the east wind?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable
talk,

Or with speeches wherewith he can do
no good?

4 Yea, thou doest away with fear,
And ¹⁶restrainest ¹⁷devotion before
God.

5 For ¹⁸thine iniquity teacheth thy
mouth,

And thou choosest the tongue of the
crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee,
and not I;

Yea, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 Art thou the first man that was born?
Or wast thou brought forth before the
hills?

8 Hast thou heard the secret counsel
of God?

And dost thou restrain wisdom to thy-
self?

9 What knowest thou, that we know not?
What understandest thou, which is not
in us?

10 With us are both the grayheaded and
the very aged men,

Much elder than thy father.

11 Are the consolations of God too small
for thee,

²⁰And the word that *dealeth* gently
with thee?

¹ Heb.
and he
is like.

² Or,
withers-
eth.

³ Or,
Oh that
a clean
thing
could
come out
of an un-
clean!
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⁴ Heb.
cease.
⁵ Or,
have
pleasure
in.

⁶ Or,
leath low.

⁷ See
la. xix. 8.
⁸ Heb.
are gone.

⁹ Or, the
grave.

¹⁰ Or, will
... shall

¹¹ Or,
change

¹² Or,
Thou

¹³ Heb.
shall
call
and I
will etc.

¹³ Heb.
fadeth
away.

¹⁴ Or,
Only for
himself/
his flesh
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pain,
and for
himself/
his soul
mourneth.

¹⁵ Heb.
know-
ledge of
wind.

¹⁶ Heb.
dimin-
ished.

¹⁷ Or,
meditation.

¹⁸ Or, thy
mouth
teacheth
thine
iniquity.

¹⁹ Or,
Dost
thou
hearken
in the
counsel

²⁰ Or, Or
is there
any
secret
thing
with
thee?

12 Why doth thine heart carry thee away?
And why do thine eyes wink?
13 That thou turnest thy spirit against
God,
And lettest *such* words go out of thy
mouth.
14 What is man, that he should be clean?
And he which is born of a woman,
that he should be righteous?
15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his holy
ones;
Yea, the heavens are not clean in his
sight.
16 How much less ¹one that is abomin-
able and corrupt,
A man that drinketh iniquity like water!
17 I will shew thee, hear thou me;
And that which I have seen I will
declare:
18 (Which wise men have told
From their fathers, and have not hid
it;
19 Unto whom alone the land was given,
And no stranger passed among them:)
20 The wicked man travaileth with pain
all his days,
²Even the number of years that are
laid up for the oppressor.
21 A sound of terrors is in his ears;
In prosperity the spoiler shall come
upon him:
22 He believeth not that he shall return
out of darkness,
And he is waited for of the sword:
23 He wandereth abroad for bread, *saying*,
Where is it?
He knoweth that the day of darkness
is ready at his hand:
24 Distress and anguish make him afraid;
They prevail against him, as a king
ready to the battle:
25 Because he hath stretched out his
hand against God,
And ³behaveth himself proudly against
the Almighty;
26 He runneth upon him with a *stiff* neck,
⁴With the thick bosses of his bucklers:
27 Because he hath covered his face with
his fatness,
And made collops of fat on his flanks;
28 And he hath dwelt in ⁵desolate cities,
In houses which no man ⁶inhabited,
Which were ready to become heaps.
29 He shall not be rich, neither shall his
substance continue,
Neither shall ⁷their produce bend to
the earth.
30 He shall not depart out of darkness;
The flame shall dry up his branches,
And by the breath of his mouth shall
he go away.
31 Let him not trust in vanity, deceiving
himself:
For vanity shall be his recompence.
32 It shall be ⁸accomplished before his
time,
And his branch shall not be green.
33 He shall shake off his unripe grape as
the vine,

And shall cast off his flower as the
olive.
34 For the company of the godless shall
be barren,
And fire shall consume the tents of
bribery.
35 They conceive mischief, and bring
forth iniquity,
And their belly prepareth deceit.
16 Then Job answered and said,
21 I have heard many such things:
⁹Miserable comforters are ye all.
3 Shall ¹⁰vain words have an end?
Or what provoketh thee that thou
answerest?
4 I also could speak as ye do;
If your soul were in my soul's stead,
I could join words together against
you,
And shake mine head at you.
5 But I would strengthen you with my
mouth,
And the solace of my lips should
assuage *your grief*.
6 Though I speak, my grief is not
assuaged:
And though I forbear, ¹¹what am I
eased?
7 But now he hath made me weary:
Thou hast made desolate all my com-
pany.
8 And thou hast ¹²laid fast hold on me,
which is a witness against me:
And my leanness riseth up against me,
it testifieth to my face.
9 He hath torn me in his wrath, and
¹³persecuted me;
He hath gnashed upon me with his
teeth:
Mine adversary sharpeneth his eyes
upon me.
10 They have gaped upon me with their
mouth;
They have smitten me upon the cheek
reproachfully:
They gather themselves together a-
gainst me.
11 God delivereth me to the ungodly,
And casteth me into the hands of the
wicked.
12 I was at ease, and he brake me
asunder;
Yea, he hath taken me by the neck,
and dashed me to pieces:
He hath also set me up for his mark.
13 His ¹⁴archers compass me round about,
He cleaveth my reins asunder, and
doth not spare;
He poureth out my gall upon the
ground.
14 He breaketh me with breach upon
breach;
He runneth upon me like a ¹⁵giant.
15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
And have ¹⁶laid my horn in the dust.
16 My face is ¹⁷foul with weeping,
And on my eyelids is the shadow of
death;

¹ Or, that
which is

² Or, And
years
that are
num-
bered
are laid
up &c.

³ Or,
biddeth
defiance
to

⁴ Or,
Upon

⁵ Heb.
cut off.
⁶ Or,
would
inhabit

⁷ Or,
their
posser-
sions be
extended on
the earth

⁸ Or,
paid
in full

⁹ Or,
Weari-
some

¹⁰ Heb.
words of
wind.

¹¹ Heb.
what
depart-
eth from
me?

¹² Or,
shrive-
lined me
up

¹³ Or,
hated

¹⁴ Or,
arrows
Or,
mighty
ones

¹⁵ Or,
mighty
man
¹⁶ Or,
defiled
¹⁷ Or, red

17 Although there is no violence in mine hands,

And my prayer is pure.

18 O earth, cover not thou my blood,
And let my cry¹ have no *resting* place.

19 Even now, behold, my witness is in heaven,

And he that voucheth for me is on high.

20 My friends scorn me:

But mine eye poureth out tears unto God;

21^a That he would maintain the right of a man with God,

And of a son of man with his neighbour!

22 For when a few years are come,
I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

17 My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct,

The grave is *ready* for me.

2 Surely there are² mockers with me,
And mine eye abideth in their provocation.

3 Give now a pledge, be surety for me with thyself;

Who is there that will strike hands with me?

4 For thou hast hid their heart from understanding:

Therefore shalt thou not exalt *them*.

5 He that denounceth his friends for a⁴ prey,

Even the eyes of his children shall fail.

6 He hath made me also a byword of the people;

And I am become⁵ an open abhorring.

7 Mine eye also is dim by reason of sorrow.

And all my members are as a shadow.

8 Upright men shall be astonished at this,
And the innocent shall stir up himself against the godless.

9 Yet shall the righteous hold on his way,
And he that hath clean hands shall wax stronger and stronger.

10 But return ye, all of you, and come now:

⁶ And I shall not find a wise man among you.

11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off,

Even the⁷ thoughts of my heart.

12 They change the night into day:

The light, *say they*, is near⁸ unto the darkness.

13⁹ If I look for¹⁰ Sheol as mine house;

If I have spread my couch in the darkness;

14 If I have said to¹¹ corruption, Thou art my father;

To the worm, *Thou art* my mother, and my sister;

15 Where then is my hope?

And *as* for my hope, who shall see it?

16 It shall go down to the bars of¹⁰ Sheol,
When once there is rest in the dust.

18 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 How long will ye lay snares for words?
Consider, and afterwards we will speak.

3 Wherefore are we counted as beasts,
And are become unclean in your sight?

4 Thou that tearest thyself in thine anger,

Shall the earth be forsaken for thee?

Or shall the rock be removed out of its place?

5 Yea, the light of the wicked shall be put out,

And the¹² spark of his fire shall not shine.

6 The light shall be dark in his tent,
And his lamp¹³ above him shall be put out.

7 The steps of his strength shall be straitened,

And his own counsel shall cast him down.

8 For he is cast into a net by his own feet,

And he walketh upon the toils.

9 A gin shall take *him* by the heel,
And a snare shall lay hold on him.

10 A noose is hid for him in the ground,
And a trap for him in the way.

11 Terrors shall make him afraid on every side,

And shall chase him at his heels.

12 His strength shall be hungerbitten,
And calamity shall be ready¹⁴ for his halting.

13 It shall devour the¹⁵ members of his body,

Yea, the firstborn of death shall devour his members.

14 He shall be rooted out of his tent
wherein he trusteth;

And¹⁶ he shall be brought to the king of terrors.

15¹⁷ There shall dwell in his tent that which is none of his:

Brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.

16 His roots shall be dried up beneath,
And above shall his branch¹⁸ be cut off.

17 His remembrance shall perish from the earth,

And he shall have no name in the street.

18 He shall be driven from light into darkness,

And chased out of the world.

19 He shall have neither son nor son's son among his people,

Nor any remaining where he sojourned.

20¹⁹ They that come after shall be astonished at his day,

As they that went before²⁰ were affrighted.

21 Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous,

And this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

19 Then Job answered and said,

2 How long will ye vex my soul,

¹ Or, have no more place

² Or, That one might plead for a man with God, as a son of man pleadeth for his neighbour

³ Heb. mockery.

⁴ Heb. portion.

⁵ Or, and in whose face they spit

⁶ Or, For I find not

⁷ Heb. passions.

⁸ Or, because of

⁹ Or, If I hope, Sheol is mine house; I have spread

¹⁰ Or, I have said and where now is my hope?

¹¹ Or, the grave

¹² Or, the pit

¹³ Or, flame

¹⁴ Or, beside

¹⁵ Or, at his side

¹⁶ Heb. burst of his skin.

¹⁷ Heb. It shall dwell in his tent, that it be no more his or, because it is worse of his

¹⁸ Or, wither

¹⁹ Or, They that dwell in the woe are ... as they that dwell in the woe are &c.

²⁰ Heb. said hold on horror.

And break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times have ye reproached me:

Ye are not ashamed that ye deal hardly with me.

4 And be it indeed that I have erred,
Mine error remaineth with myself.

5 ¹If indeed ye will magnify yourselves against me,

And plead against me my reproach:

6 Know now that God hath ²subverted me in my cause,

And hath compassed me with his net.

7 Behold, I ³cry out of wrong, but I am not heard:

I cry for help, but there is no judgement.

8 He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass,

And hath set darkness in my paths.

9 He hath stripped me of my glory,
And taken the crown from my head.

10 He hath broken me down on every side, and I am gone:

And mine hope hath he plucked up like a tree.

11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me,

And he counteth me unto him as *one* of his adversaries.

12 His troops come on together, and cast up their way against me,

And encamp round about my tent.

13 He hath put my brethren far from me,
And mine acquaintance are wholly estranged from me.

14 My kinsfolk have failed,
And my familiar friends have forgotten me.

15 They that ⁴dwell in mine house, and my maids, count me for a stranger:

I am an alien in their sight.

16 I call unto my servant, and he giveth me no answer,

Though I intreat him with my mouth.

17 My breath is strange to my wife,
And ⁵my supplication to the children

of my mother's womb.

18 Even young children despise me;
If I arise, they speak against me.

19 All ⁶my inward friends abhor me:
And they whom I loved are turned against me.

20 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh,

And I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

21 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends;

For the hand of God hath touched me.

22 Why do ye persecute me as God,
And are not satisfied with my flesh?

23 Oh that my words were now written!
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!

24 That with an iron pen and lead
They were graven in the rock for ever!

25 ⁷But I know that my redeemer liveth,
And that he shall stand up at the last

upon the ⁸earth:

26 ¹¹And after my skin hath been thus destroyed,

Yet ¹²from my flesh shall I see God:

27 Whom I shall see ¹³for myself,
And mine eyes shall behold, and not

¹⁴another.

My reins are consumed within me.

28 If ye say, How we will persecute him!

¹⁵Seeing that the root of the matter is found in ¹⁶me;

29 Be ye afraid of the sword:

For ¹⁷wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword,
That ye may know there is a judgement.

20 Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,

2 Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me,

¹⁸Even by reason of my haste that is in me.

3 I have heard the reproof which putteth me to shame,

¹⁹And the spirit of my understanding answereth me.

4 Knowest thou *not* this of old time,
Since man was placed upon earth,

5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short,

And the joy of the godless but for a moment?

6 Though his excellency mount up to the heavens,

And his head reach unto the clouds;

7 Yet he shall perish for ever like his own dung:

They which have seen him shall say,
Where is he?

8 He shall fly away as a dream, and shall not be found:

Yea, he shall be chased away as a vision of the night.

9 The eye which saw him shall see him no more;

Neither shall his place any more behold him.

10 ²⁰His children shall seek the favour of the poor,

And his hands shall give back his wealth.

11 His bones are full of his youth,
But it shall lie down with him in the dust.

12 Though wickedness be sweet in his mouth,

Though he hide it under his tongue;

13 Though he spare it, and will not let it go,
But keep it still within his mouth;

14 Yet his meat in his bowels is turned,
It is the gall of asps within him.

15 He hath swallowed down riches, and he shall vomit them up again:

God shall cast them out of his belly.

16 He shall suck the poison of asps:
The viper's tongue shall slay him.

17 He shall not look upon the rivers,
The flowing streams of honey and butter.

¹ Or, Will ye indeed ... reproach I
² Or, overthrown me
³ Or, cry out, violence I

⁴ Or, neighbour

⁵ Or, I make supplication
⁶ Or, I am loathsome
⁷ Or, of my body
⁸ Heb, the men of my council

⁹ Or, For
¹⁰ Or, vindicator
¹¹ Heb, to I
¹² Heb, dust

¹¹ Or, And after my skin hath been destroyed, this shall be, even from God.
¹² Or, And though after my skin thus be destroyed, yet from God.
¹³ Or, without
¹⁴ Or, on my side
¹⁵ Or, as a stranger
¹⁶ Or, And that
¹⁷ Many ancient authorities read, him.
¹⁸ Or, wrathful are
¹⁹ Or, And by reason of this my heart is within me
²⁰ Or, And most of my understanding
²¹ Or, my spirit answereth me

²² Or, as otherwise
²³ Or, The poor shall oppress his children

¹ Heb. of his exchange.

² Or, which he builded not

³ Or, in his greed
⁴ Heb. in his belly.

⁴ Or, Let it be for the filling of his belly that God shall cast etc.
⁵ Or, as his food

⁶ Or, It shall go in with him that is left

⁷ Or, thou shalt mock

⁸ Or, of

⁹ Heb. Look on to me.

¹⁰ Or, in peace, and hast fear

18 That which he laboured for shall he restore, and shall not swallow it down; According to the substance ¹ that he hath gotten, he shall not rejoice.

19 For he hath oppressed and forsaken the poor;

He hath violently taken away an house, ² and he shall not build it up.

20 Because he knew no quietness ³ within him,

He shall not save aught of that wherein he delighteth.

21 There was nothing left that he devoured not;

Therefore his prosperity shall not endure.

22 In the fulness of his sufficiency he shall be in straits:

The hand of every one that is in misery shall come upon him.

23 ⁴ When he is about to fill his belly, God shall cast the fierceness of his wrath upon him,

And shall rain it upon him ⁵ while he is eating.

24 He shall flee from the iron weapon,

And the bow of brass shall strike him through.

25 He draweth it forth, and it cometh out of his body:

Yea, the glittering point cometh out of his gall;

Terrors are upon him.

26 All darkness is laid up for his treasures:

A fire not blown by man shall devour him;

⁶ It shall consume that which is left in his tent.

27 The heavens shall reveal his iniquity, And the earth shall rise up against him.

28 The increase of his house shall depart, His goods shall flow away in the day of his wrath.

29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God,

And the heritage appointed unto him by God.

21 Then Job answered and said,

2 Hear diligently my speech;

And let this be your consolations.

3 Suffer me, and I also will speak;

And after that I have spoken, ⁷ mock on.

4 As for me, is my complaint ⁸ to man?

And why should I not be impatient?

5 ⁹ Mark me, and be astonished,

And lay your hand upon your mouth.

6 Even when I remember I am troubled,

And horror taketh hold on my flesh.

7 Wherefore do the wicked live, Become old, yea, wax mighty in power?

8 Their seed is established with them in their sight,

And their offspring before their eyes.

9 Their houses are ¹⁰ safe from fear,

Neither is the rod of God upon them.

10 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.

11 They send forth their little ones like a flock,

And their children dance.

12 They ¹¹ sing to the timbrel and harp, And rejoice at the sound of the pipe.

13 They spend their days in prosperity, And in a moment they go down to ¹² Sheol.

14 Yet they said unto God, Depart from us;

For we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.

15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?

And what profit should we have, if we pray unto him?

16 ¹³ Lo, their prosperity is not in their hand:

The counsel of the wicked is far from me.

17 ¹⁴ How oft is it that the lamp of the wicked is put out?

That their calamity cometh upon them?

That God distributeth sorrows in his anger?

18 That they are as stubble before the wind,

And as chaff that the storm carrieth away?

19 ¹⁵ Ye say, God layeth up his iniquity for his children.

Let him recompense it unto himself, that he may know it.

20 Let his own eyes see his destruction, And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

21 For what pleasure hath he in his house after him,

When the number of his months is cut off in the midst?

22 Shall any teach God knowledge?

Seeing he judgeth those that are high.

23 One dieth in his full strength, Being wholly at ease and quiet:

24 His ¹⁶ breasts are full of milk, And the marrow of his bones is moistened.

25 And another dieth in bitterness of soul, And never tasteth of good.

26 They lie down alike in the dust, And the worm covereth them.

27 Behold, I know your thoughts, And the devices which ye wrongfully imagine against me.

28 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince?

And where is the tent wherein the wicked dwelt?

29 Have ye not asked them that go by the way?

And do ye not know their tokens?

30 That the evil man is ¹⁷ reserved to the day of calamity?

That they are ¹⁸ led forth to the day of wrath?

31 Who shall declare his way to his face?

¹¹ Heb. lift up the voice.

¹² Or, the grave

¹³ Or, Ye say, Lo etc.

¹⁴ Or, How oft is the lamp of the wicked put out, and how oft cometh their calamity upon them? God distributeth sorrows in his anger. They are as stubble, away.

¹⁵ Or, God layeth up his iniquity for his children: he rewardeth him, and he shall know it. His eyes shall see his destruction, and he shall drink etc.

¹⁶ Or, milk pails

¹⁷ Or, spared in etc.

¹⁸ Or, led away etc.

And who shall repay him what he hath done?

32¹ Yet shall he be borne to the grave,
And ² shall keep watch over the tomb.

33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him,

And all men shall draw after him,
As there were innumerable before him.

34 How then comfort ye me ⁵ in vain,
Seeing in your answers there remaineth only ⁴ falsehood?

22 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

2 Can a man be profitable unto God?
Surely he that is wise is profitable unto himself.

3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty,
that thou art righteous?

Or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect?

4 Is it ⁶ for thy fear of him that he reproveth thee.

That he entereth with thee into judgement?

5 Is not thy wickedness great?
Neither is there any end to thine iniquities.

6 For thou hast taken pledges of thy brother for nought,
And stripped the naked of their clothing.

7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink,
And thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.

8 But as for ⁶ the mighty man, he had the ⁷ earth;

And ⁸ the honourable man, he dwelt in it.

9 Thou hast sent widows away empty,
And the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

10 Therefore snares are round about thee,
And sudden fear troubleth thee,

11 ⁹ Or darkness, that thou canst not see,
And abundance of waters cover thee.

12 Is not God in the height of heaven?
And behold the ¹⁰ height of the stars,
how high they are!

18 And thou sayest, What doth God know?

Can he judge through the thick darkness?

14 Thick clouds are a covering to him,
that he seeth not;

And he walketh ¹¹ in the circuit of heaven.

15 Wilt thou keep the old way
Which wicked men have trodden?

16 Who were snatched away before their time,
Whose foundation was poured out as a stream:

17 Who said unto God, Depart from us;
And, What can the Almighty do ¹² for us?

18 Yet he filled their houses with good things:

But the counsel of the wicked is far from me.

19 The righteous see it, and are glad;
And the innocent laugh them to scorn:

20 Saying, Surely they that did rise up against us are cut off,

And ¹³ the remnant of them the fire hath consumed.

21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace:

¹⁴ Thereby good shall come unto thee.

22 Receive, I pray thee, ¹⁵ the law from his mouth,

And lay up his words in thine heart.

23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up;

¹⁶ If thou put away unrighteousness far from thy tents.

24 And lay thou thy ¹⁷ treasure ¹⁸ in the dust,

And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks;

25 And the Almighty shall be thy ¹⁹ treasure,

And ²⁰ precious silver unto thee.

26 For then shalt thou delight thyself in the Almighty,

And shalt lift up thy face unto God.

27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he shall hear thee;

And thou shalt pay thy vows.

28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee;

And light shall shine upon thy ways.

29 When they ²¹ cast thee down, thou shalt say, There is lifting up;

And ²² the humble person he shall save.

30 He shall deliver ²³ even him that is not innocent:

Yea, he shall be delivered through the cleanness of thine hands.

23 Then Job answered and said,
2 Even to-day is my complaint ²⁴ rebellious:

²⁵ My stroke is heavier than my groaning.

3 Oh that I knew where I might find him,
That I might come even to his seat!

4 I would order my cause before him,
And fill my mouth with arguments.

5 I would know the words which he would answer me,

And understand what he would say unto me.

6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?

Nay; ²⁷ but he would give heed unto me.

7 There the upright might reason with him;

So should I be delivered for ever from my judge.

8 Behold, I go forward, but he is not there;

And backward, but I cannot perceive him:

9 On the left hand, when he doth work,
but I cannot behold him:

¹ Or, Moreover he is borne to the grave, and keepeth watch over his tomb.

The clods of the valley are sweet unto him; and all men draw after him.

² Or, therefore shall he be profitable unto himself.

³ Or, with equity.

⁴ Or, faithlessness.

⁵ Or, for fear of thee.

⁶ Heb, the man of arm.

⁷ Or, land.

⁸ Heb, he whose person is accepted.

⁹ Or, Or dost thou not see the darkness, and the flood of waters that covereth thee?

¹⁰ Heb, head.

¹¹ Or, on the vault.

¹² Or, dost thou mark

¹³ Or, to

¹⁴ Heb, them.

¹⁵ Or, that which remained to them. Or, their abundance.

¹⁶ Or, an otherwise read.

¹⁷ Or, shall this be our treasure for ever?

¹⁸ Or, in dust.

¹⁹ Or, treasure.

²⁰ Or, This is the wealth that shall be laid up.

²¹ Heb, cast thee down.

²² Or, on the earth.

²³ Or, preserve us.

²⁴ Or, shall be delivered through the cleanness of thine hands.

²⁵ Or, are made less.

²⁶ Heb, him that is lovely of a god.

²⁷ Many ancient versions read, I am that is innocent.

²⁸ Or, bitter.

²⁹ Or, accounted rebellious.

³⁰ Or, My hand is as the eye upon him (or because of).

³¹ The Sept, and 87, read, it is as a hand.

³² Or, he will give heed.

1 Or, *he smothered himself to...*
him, but

1 Or, *For*
2 Heb, *the way that is with me.*

4 Or, *more than my own law*
The Sept. and Vulgate have, *in my bosom.*
5 Or, *portion*
See Prov. xli. 8
6 Or, *he is one*

7 Or, *For I am not dismayed because of the darkness, nor because thick darkness covereth my face*
8 Or, *Why is it, evening times are not hidden from the Almighty, that they which know him are not his days?*
9 Or, *mark*
10 Heb. *prevy.*

11 Or, *his*

12 Or, *take in pledge that which is on the poor*

He ¹hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him.

10² But he knoweth ³the way that I take; When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

11 My foot hath held fast to his steps; His way have I kept, and turned not aside.

12 I have not gone back from the commandment of his lips; I have treasured up the words of his mouth ⁴more than my ⁵necessary food.

13 But ⁶he is in one mind, and who can turn him? And what his soul desireth, even that he doeth.

14 For he performeth that which is appointed for me: And many such things are with him.

15 Therefore am I troubled at his presence;

When I consider, I am afraid of him.

16 For God hath made my heart faint, And the Almighty hath troubled me:

17⁷ Because I was not cut off before the darkness, Neither did he cover the thick darkness from my face.

24⁸ Why are times not laid up by the Almighty?

And why do not they which know him see his days?

2 There are that remove the landmarks; They violently take away flocks, and feed them.

3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless, They take the widow's ox for a pledge.

4 They turn the needy out of the way: The ⁹poor of the earth hide themselves together.

5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert They go forth to their work, seeking diligently for ¹⁰meat;

The wilderness yieldeth them food for their children.

6 They cut ¹¹their provender in the field; And they glean the vintage of the wicked.

7 They lie all night naked without clothing, And have no covering in the cold.

8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, And embrace the rock for want of a shelter.

9 There are that pluck the fatherless from the breast, And ¹²take a pledge of the poor:

10 So that they go about naked without clothing, And being an-hungred they carry the sheaves;

11 They make oil within the walls of these men; They tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst.

12 From out of the ¹³populous city men groan,

And the soul of the wounded crieth out: Yet God imputeth it not for folly.

13 These are of them that rebel against the light;

They know not the ways thereof, Nor abide in the paths thereof.

14 The murderer riseth with the light, he killeth the poor and needy; And in the night he is as a thief.

15 The eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight, Saying, No eye shall see me: And he ¹⁴disguiseth his face.

16 In the dark they dig through houses: ¹⁵They shut themselves up in the day-time;

They know not the light.

17 For the morning is to all of them as the shadow of death;

For they know the terrors of the shadow of death.

18¹⁶ He is swift upon the face of the waters;

Their portion is cursed in the earth: He turneth not by the way of the vineyards.

19 Drought and heat ¹⁷consume the snow waters:

So doth ¹⁸Sheol those which have sinned.

20 The womb shall forget him; the worm shall feed sweetly on him;

He shall be no more remembered: And unrighteousness shall be broken ¹⁹as a tree.

21 He devoureth the barren that beareth not;

And doeth not good to the widow.

22²⁰ He draweth away the mighty also by his power:

He riseth up, and no man is sure of life.

23 God giveth them to be in security, and they rest thereon;

²¹And his eyes are upon their ways.

24 They are exalted; yet a little while, and they are gone;

²²Yea, they are brought low, they are ²³taken out of the way as all other, And are cut off as the tops of the ears of corn.

25 And if it be not so now, who will prove me a liar,

And make my speech nothing worth?

25 Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,

2 Dominion and fear are with him;

He maketh peace in his high places.

3 Is there any number of his armies?

And upon whom doth not his light arise?

4 How then can man be just ²⁴with God?

Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

5 Behold, even the moon hath no brightness,

And the stars are not pure in his sight:

6 How much less man, that is a worm! And the son of man, which is a worm!

13 Heb. *city of men.*

14 Or, *putteth on covering on his face*
15 Or, *Which they had marked for themselves*

16 Or, *Ye say, He is so.*

17 Heb. *will surely take away.*
18 Or, *the grave*

19 Or, *as a tree;*
20 Or, *Y^e God by his power maketh the mighty to continue: they rise up, when they believed not that they should live*
21 Or, *But*
22 Or, *And when they are so.*
23 Or, *gathered in*

24 Or, *before*

26 Then Job answered and said,
 2 How hast thou helped him that is without power!
 How hast thou saved the arm that hath no strength!
 3 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom,
 And plentifully declared sound knowledge!
 4 To whom hast thou uttered words?
 And whose spirit came forth from thee?
 5 They that are deceased tremble
 Beneath the waters and the inhabitants thereof.
 6 Sheol is naked before him,
 And Abaddon hath no covering.
 7 He stretcheth out the north over empty space,
 And hangeth the earth upon nothing.
 8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds;
 And the cloud is not rent under them.
 9 He closeth in the face of his throne,
 And spreadeth his cloud upon it.
 10 He hath described a boundary upon the face of the waters,
 Unto the confines of light and darkness.
 11 The pillars of heaven tremble
 And are astonished at his rebuke.
 12 He stirreth up the sea with his power,
 And by his understanding he smiteth through Rahab.
 13 By his spirit the heavens are garnished;
 His hand hath pierced the swift serpent.
 14 Lo, these are but the outskirts of his ways:
 And how small a whisper do we hear of him!
 But the thunder of his power who can understand?
 27 And Job again took up his parable, and said,
 2 As God liveth, who hath taken away my right;
 And the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;
 3 (For my life is yet whole in me,
 And the spirit of God is in my nostrils);
 4 Surely my lips shall not speak unrighteousness,
 Neither shall my tongue utter deceit.
 5 God forbid that I should justify you:
 Till I die I will not put away mine integrity from me.
 6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go:
 My heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.
 7 Let mine enemy be as the wicked,
 And let him that riseth up against me be as the unrighteous.
 8 For what is the hope of the godless,
 though he get him gain,
 When God taketh away his soul?
 9 Will God hear his cry,

When trouble cometh upon him?
 10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty,
 And call upon God at all times?
 11 I will teach you concerning the hand of God;
 That which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.
 12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it;
 Why then are ye become altogether vain?
 13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God,
 And the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from the Almighty.
 14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword;
 And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
 15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death,
 And his widows shall make no lamentation.
 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust,
 And prepare raiment as the clay;
 17 He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on,
 And the innocent shall divide the silver.
 18 He buildeth his house as the moth,
 And as a booth which the keeper maketh.
 19 He lieth down rich, but he shall not be gathered;
 He openeth his eyes, and he is not.
 20 Terrors overtake him like waters;
 A tempest stealeth him away in the night.
 21 The east wind carrieth him away, and he departeth;
 And it sweepeth him out of his place.
 22 For God shall hurl at him, and not spare:
 He would fain flee out of his hand.
 23 Men shall clap their hands at him,
 And shall hiss him out of his place.
 28 Surely there is a mine for silver,
 And a place for gold which they refine.
 2 Iron is taken out of the earth,
 And brass is molten out of the stone.
 3 Man setteth an end to darkness,
 And searcheth out to the furthest bound
 The stones of thick darkness and of the shadow of death.
 4 He breaketh open a shaft away from where men sojourn;
 They are forgotten of the foot that passeth by;
 They hang afar from men, they swing to and fro.
 5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread:
 And underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.
 6 The stones thereof are the place of sapphires,
 And it hath dust of gold.
 7 That path no bird of prey knoweth,

1 Heb. breath.
 2 Or, The shades Heb. The depths.
 3 Or, The grave.
 4 Or, Destruction.
 5 Or, over.

6 Or, stilleth.
 7 See ch. ix. 13.
 8 Heb. beauty.
 9 Or, fleeing.
 Or, gliding.

10 Or, how little a portion.
 11 Or, is heard.
 12 Or, mighty deeds.

13 Heb. made my soul bitter.
 14 Or, All the while my breath is in me.
 15 Or, do.
 16 Or, doth.

17 Or, doth not reproach me for any of my days.
 18 Or, when God cutteth him off, when he taketh etc.

19 Some ancient versions have, spider.
 20 Some ancient versions have, shall do as he moveth.

21 Or, For

22 Or, dust.

23 Or, The shaft breaketh out from where men sojourn; even the waters forgotten of the foot, they are unlaboured, they are gone away from men.
 24 Or, And he will search out the mine of gold.

1 Heb. hath of pride.	Neither hath the falcon's eye seen it: 8 The ¹ proud beasts have not trodden it, Nor hath the fierce lion passed thereby. 9 He putteth forth his hand upon the finty rock; He overturneth the mountains by the roots.	2 Oh that I were as in the months of old, As in the days when God watched over me;	11 Or, above
2 Or, passages	10 He cutteth out ² channels among the rocks; And his eye seeth every precious thing.	3 When his lamp shined ¹¹ upon my head, And by his light I walked through darkness;	12 Heb. my days autumn.
3 Heb. from weeping.	11 He bindeth the streams ³ that they trickle not; And the thing that is hid bringeth he forth to light.	4 As I was in ¹² the ripeness of my days, When the ¹³ secret of God was upon my tent;	13 Or, counsel Or, friend- ship
4 Or, treasure	12 But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of under- standing?	5 When the Almighty was yet with me, And my children were about me;	
5 Or, bergi	13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; Neither is it found in the land of the living.	6 When my steps were washed with butter, And the rock poured me out rivers of oil!	14 Or, broad place
6 Or, necesse	14 The deep saith, It is not in me: And the sea saith, It is not with me.	7 When I went forth to the gate unto the city, When I prepared my seat in the ¹⁴ street,	15 Heb. hid.
7 Or, red coral Or, pearls	15 It cannot be gotten for ⁴ gold, Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.	8 The young men saw me and hid themselves, And the aged rose up and stood;	16 Or, and him that had do.
8 Or, necesse	16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, With the precious ⁵ onyx, or the sap- phire.	9 The princes refrained talking, And laid their hand on their mouth;	17 Or, clothed itself with me
9 Or, necesse	17 Gold and glass cannot equal it: Neither shall the exchange thereof be ⁶ jewels of fine gold.	10 The voice of the nobles was ¹⁵ hushed, And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.	18 Or, turban
10 Or, necesse	18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal: Yea, the price of wisdom is above ⁷ rubies.	11 For when the ear heard me, then it blessed me; And when the eye saw me, it gave witness unto me:	19 Or, the cause which I knew not
11 Or, necesse	19 The topaz of Ethiopia shall not equal it, Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.	12 Because I delivered the poor that cried, The fatherless also, ¹⁶ that had none to help him.	20 Heb. great teeth.
12 Or, necesse	20 Whence then cometh wisdom? And where is the place of under- standing?	13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me: And I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy.	21 Or, beside Heb. with.
13 Or, necesse	21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, And kept close from the fowls of the air.	14 I put on righteousness, and it ¹⁷ clothed me: My justice was as a robe and a ¹⁸ diadem.	22 Or, the phariz
14 Or, necesse	22 ⁸ Destruction and Death say, We have heard a rumour thereof with our ears.	15 I was eyes to the blind, And feet was I to the lame.	23 Or, by
15 Or, necesse	23 God understandeth the way thereof, And he knoweth the place thereof.	16 I was a father to the needy: And ¹⁹ the cause of him that I knew not I searched out.	24 Or, which I knew not
16 Or, necesse	24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, And seeth under the whole heaven;	17 And I brake the ²⁰ jaws of the un- righteous, And plucked the prey out of his teeth.	25 Or, Heb. with.
17 Or, necesse	25 ⁹ To make a weight for the wind; Yea, he metheth out the waters by measure.	18 Then I said, I shall die ²¹ in my nest, And I shall multiply my days as ²² the sand:	26 Or, the phariz
18 Or, necesse	26 When he made a decree for the rain, And a way for the lightning of the thunder:	19 My root is ²³ spread out ²⁴ to the waters, And the dew lieth all night upon my branch:	27 Or, Heb. opposed.
19 Or, necesse	27 Then did he see it, and ¹⁰ declare it; He established it, yea, and searched it out.	20 My glory is fresh in me, And my bow is renewed in my hand.	28 Or, I smiled on them when they had no con- fidence
20 Or, necesse	28 And unto man he said, Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom;	21 Unto me men gave ear, and waited, And kept silence for my counsel.	29 Or, were not con- fident
21 Or, necesse	And to depart from evil is under- standing.	22 After my words they spake not again; And my speech dropped upon them.	
22 Or, necesse	29 And Job again took up his parable, and said,	23 And they waited for me as for the rain; And they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.	
23 Or, necesse		24 ²⁵ If I laughed on them, they ²⁶ believed it not; And the light of my countenance they cast not down.	

25 I chose out their way, and sat as chief,
And dwelt as a king in the army,
As one that comforteth the mourners.

30 But now they that are younger than
I have me in derision,
Whose fathers I disdained to set with
the dogs of my flock.

2 Yea, the strength of their hands, where-
to should it profit me?

Men in whom ¹ripe age is perished.

3 They are gaunt with want and famine;
²They gnaw the dry ground, ³in the
gloom of wasteness and desolation.

4 They pluck salt-wort by the bushes;
And the roots of the broom are ⁴their
meat.

5 They are driven forth from the midst
of men;

They cry after them as after a thief.

6 ⁶In the clefts of the valleys must they
dwell,

In holes of the earth and of the rocks.

7 Among the bushes they Bray;
Under the ⁶nettles they ⁷are gathered
together.

8 They are children of fools, yea, children
of ⁸base men;

They ⁹were scourged out of the land.

9 And now I am become their song,
Yea, I am a byword unto them.

10 They abhor me, they stand aloof from
me,

And spare not to spit ¹⁰in my face.

11 For he hath loosed ¹¹his cord, and
afflicted me,

And they have cast off the bridle before
me.

12 Upon my right hand rise the ¹²rabble;
They thrust aside my feet,

And they cast up against me their
ways of destruction.

13 They ¹³mar my path,
They set forward my calamity,

Even men that have no helper.

14 ¹⁴As through a wide breach they come:
In the midst of the ruin they roll
themselves upon me.

15 Terrors are turned upon me,
¹⁵They chase ¹⁶mine honour as the wind;

And my welfare is passed away as a
cloud.

16 And now my soul is poured out ¹⁷within
me;

Days of affliction have taken hold upon
me.

17 In the night season my bones are
¹⁸pierced ¹⁹in me,

And ²⁰the pains that gnaw me take no
rest.

18 ²¹By the great force of my disease is
my garment disfigured:

It bindeth me about as the collar of
my coat.

19 He hath cast me into the mire,
And I am become like dust and ashes.

20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not
answer me:

I stand up, and thou lookest at me.

21 Thou art turned to be cruel to me:
With the might of thy hand thou
persecutest me.

22 Thou liftest me up to the wind, thou
causest me to ride upon it;

And thou dissolvest me in the storm.

23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to
death,

And to ²³the house appointed for all
living.

24 ²⁴Surely against a ruinous heap he
will not put forth his hand;

Though it be in his destruction, one may
utter a cry because of these things.

25 Did not I weep for him that was in
trouble?

Was not my soul grieved for the needy?

26 When I looked for good, then evil came:
And when I waited for light, there
came darkness.

27 My bowels boil, and rest not;
Days of affliction are come upon me.

28 I go ²⁸mourning without the sun:
I stand up in the assembly, and cry
for help.

29 I am a brother to jackals,
And a companion to ostriches.

30 My skin is black, and falleth from me.
And my bones are burned with heat.

31 Therefore is my harp turned to mourn-
ing,

And my pipe into the voice of them
that weep.

31 I made a covenant with mine eyes;
How then should I look upon a
maid?

28 For what is the portion of God from
above,

And the heritage of the Almighty from
on high?

3 Is it not calamity to the unrighteous,
And disaster to the workers of iniquity?

4 Doth not he see my ways,
And number all my steps?

5 If I have walked with vanity,
And my foot hath hastened to deceit;

6 (Let me be weighed in an even
balance,

That God may know mine integrity;)

7 If my step hath turned out of the way,
And mine heart walked after mine
eyes,

And if any spot hath cleaved to mine
hands:

8 Then let me sow, and let another eat;
Yea, let ²⁹the produce of my field be
rooted out.

9 If mine heart have been enticed unto
a woman,

And I have laid wait at my neighbour's
door:

10 Then let my wife grind unto another,
And let others bow down upon her.

11 For that were an heinous crime;
Yea, it were an iniquity to be punished
by the judges:

12 For it is a fire that consumeth unto
²⁷destruction,

28 Or, the
house of
meeting for
de.
29 Or,
Humble
death not
one
stretch
out the
hand in
his fall;
or in his
calami-
ty there-
fore cry
for help.)

21 Or,
Luck-
ward,
but not
up the
sun

28 Or,
For
what
portion
should I
have of
God,
and
what
heritage
do I
have
there
calami-
ty do.)

29 Or, my
offering
Heb.
my pro-
duce.

27 Heb.
A bad-
man.
See ch.
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1 Or,
vigour
2 Or,
They see
into the
wilderness,
into
de.
3 Or,
which
yester-
night
was
Or, on
the eve of
4 Or,
to warm
them
5 Or, In
the most
gloomy
valleys
6 Or,
wild
nettles
7 Or,
stretch
them-
selves
8 Heb.
men of
no
name.
9 Or, are
outcasts
from the
land
10 Or, at
the sight
of me
11 Ac-
cording
to an-
other
reading,
my cord
or loose-
string.
12 Or,
brood
13 Or,
break up
14 Or, As
a wide
breaching
in of
waters
15 Or,
Thou
chassest
16 Or, my
nobility
17 Heb.
upon.
18 Or,
corroded
and drop
away
from me
19 Heb.
from off.
20 Or, my
sinews
(take de.
21 Or,
by his
great
force is
de.

And would root out all mine increase.
13 If I did despise the cause of my man-
servant or of my maidservant,
When they contended with me:

14 What then shall I do when God riseth
up?

And when he visiteth, what shall I
answer him?

15 Did not he that made me in the womb
make him?

And did not one fashion us in the womb?

16 If I have withheld ¹the poor from
their desire,

Or have caused the eyes of the widow
to fail;

17 Or have eaten my morsel alone,
And the fatherless hath not eaten
thereof;

18 (Nay, from my youth he grew up with
me as with a father,

And I have been her guide from my
mother's womb;)

19 If I have seen any perish for want of
clothing,

Or that the needy had no covering;

20 If his loins have not blessed me,
And if he were not warmed with the
fleece of my sheep;

21 If I have lifted up my hand against the
fatherless,

Because I saw my help in the gate:

22 Then let my shoulder fall from the
shoulder blade,

And mine arm be broken from the bone.

23 For calamity from God was a terror to
me,

And by reason of his excellency I could
do nothing.

24 If I have made gold my hope,
And have said to the fine gold, *Thou art*
my confidence;

25 If I rejoiced because my wealth was
great,

And because mine hand had gotten
much;

26 If I beheld ²the sun when it shined,
Or the moon walking in brightness;

27 And my heart hath been secretly en-
ticed,

And ³my mouth hath kissed my hand:

28 This also were an iniquity to be pun-
ished by the judges:

For I should have ⁴lied to God that is
above.

29 If I rejoiced at the destruction of him
that hated me,

Or lifted up myself when evil found
him;

30 (Yea, I suffered not my ⁵mouth to sin
By asking his life with a curse;)

31 If the men of my tent said not,
⁶Who can find one that hath not been
satisfied with his flesh?

32 The stranger did not lodge in the street;
But I opened my doors to ⁷the traveller;

33 If ⁸I like Adam I covered my transgres-
sions,

By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom;

34 Because I feared the great multitude,

And the contempt of families terrified
me,

So that I kept silence, and went not
out of the door—

35 Oh that I had one to hear me!
(Lo, here is my ⁹signature, let the Al-
mighty answer me:)

And *that I had* the ¹⁰indictment which
mine adversary hath written!

36 Surely I would carry it upon my
shoulder;

I would bind it unto me as a crown.

37 I would declare unto him the number
of my steps;

As a prince would I ¹¹go near unto him.

38 If my land cry out against me,

And the furrows thereof weep together;

39 If I have eaten the ¹²fruits thereof
without money,

Or have caused the owners thereof to
lose their life:

40 Let ¹³thistles grow instead of wheat,

And ¹⁴cockle instead of barley.

The words of Job are ended.

32 So these three men ceased to answer
Job, because he was righteous in his
2 own eyes. Then was kindled the wrath
of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite,

of the family of Ram: against Job
was his wrath kindled, because he

3 justified himself rather than God. Also
against his three friends was his wrath
kindled, because they had found no

answer, and yet had condemned Job.

4 Now Elihu had ¹⁵waited to speak unto
Job, because they were elder than

5 he. And when Elihu saw that there
was no answer in the mouth of these

three men, his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the
Buzite answered and said,

I am young, and ye are very old;

Wherefore I held back, and durst not
shew you mine opinion.

7 I said, Days should speak,
And multitude of years should teach
wisdom.

8 But there is a spirit in man,
And the breath of the Almighty giveth
them understanding.

9 It is not the great that are wise,
Nor the aged that understand judge-
ment.

10 Therefore I ¹⁶said, Harken to me;
I also will shew mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words,
I listened for your reasons,

Whilst ye searched out what to say.

12 Yea, I attended unto you,
And, behold, there was none that con-
vinced Job,

Or that answered his words, among you.

13 ¹⁷Beware lest ye say, We have found
wisdom;

God may vanquish him, not man:

14 For he hath not directed his words
against me;

⁹ Heb.
mark.

¹⁰ Heb.
book.

¹¹ Or,
for as it
is to him

¹² Heb.
straw-grass.

¹³ Or,
thorns

¹⁴ Or,
noisome
weeds

¹⁵ Heb.
waited
for Job
with
words.

¹⁶ Or,
say

¹⁷ Or,
lest ye
should
say, We
have
found
out
wisdom;
God
thru-
st him
down,
not
man;
now he
d.c.

¹ Or,
ought
that the
poor
desired

² Heb.
the light.

³ Heb.
my hand
hath
kissed
my
mouth.
⁴ Or,
devoted
God

⁵ Heb.
palate.
⁶ Or,
Oh that
we had
of his
flesh /
we can-
not be
satisfied.
⁷ Heb.
the way.
⁸ Or,
after the
manner
of men

Neither will I answer him with your speeches.

15 They are amazed, they answer no more: They have not a word to say.

16 And shall I wait, because they speak not, Because they stand still, and answer no more?

17 I also will answer my part, I also will shew mine opinion.

18 For I am full of words; The spirit ¹ within me constraineth me.

19 Behold, my belly is as wine which hath no vent;

Like new ² bottles ³ it is ready to burst. 20 I will speak, that I may ⁴ be refreshed; I will open my lips and answer.

21 Let me not, I pray you, respect any man's person;

Neither will I give flattering titles unto any man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles;

Else would my Maker soon take me away.

33 Howbeit, Job, I pray thee, hear my speech,

And hearken to all my words.

2 Behold now, I have opened my mouth, My tongue hath spoken in my ⁴ mouth.

3 My words shall utter the uprightness of my heart:

And that which my lips know they shall speak sincerely.

4 The spirit of God hath made me, And the breath of the Almighty giveth me life.

5 If thou canst, answer thou me; Set thy words in order before me, stand forth.

6 Behold, ⁶ I am toward God even as thou art:

I also am formed out of the clay.

7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid,

Neither shall my pressure be heavy upon thee.

8 Surely thou hast spoken in mine hearing,

And I have heard the voice of thy words, saying,

9 I am clean, without transgression; I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me:

10 Behold, he findeth ⁷ occasions against me,

He counteth me for his enemy;

11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, He marketh all my paths.

12 ⁸ Behold, I will answer thee, in this thou art not just;

For God is greater than man.

13 ⁹ Why dost thou strive against him? For he giveth not account of any of his matters.

14 For God speaketh ¹⁰ once, Yea twice, though man regardeth it not.

15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, When deep sleep falleth upon men,

In slumberings upon the bed;

16 Then he ¹¹ openeth the ears of men, And sealeth their instruction,

17 ¹² That he may withdraw man from his purpose,

And hide pride from man;

18 ¹³ He keepeth back his soul from the pit, And his life from perishing by the

¹⁴ sword.

19 He is chastened also with pain upon his bed,

¹⁵ And with continual strife in his bones:

20 So that his life abhorreth bread,

And his soul dainty meat.

21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot be seen;

And his bones that were not seen stick out.

22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the pit, And his life to the destroyers.

23 If there be with him ¹⁶ an angel, An interpreter, one ¹⁷ among a thousand,

To shew unto man ¹⁸ what is right for him;

24 ¹⁹ Then he is gracious unto him, and saith,

Deliver him from going down to the pit,

I have found a ransom.

25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child's;

He returneth to the days of his youth:

26 He prayeth unto God, and he is favourable unto him;

So that he seeth his face with joy: And he restoreth unto man his righteousness.

27 ²⁰ He singeth before men, and saith, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right,

And ²¹ it profited me not:

28 He hath redeemed my soul from going into the pit,

And my life shall behold the light.

29 Lo, all these things doth God work, Twice, yea thrice, with a man,

30 To bring back his soul from the pit, That he may be enlightened with the light of ²² the living.

31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: Hold thy peace, and I will speak.

32 If thou hast any thing to say, answer me:

Speak, for I desire to justify thee.

33 If not, hearken thou unto me: Hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom.

34 Moreover Elihu answered and said, 2 Hear my words, ye wise men;

And give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.

3 For the ear trieth words,

As the palate tasteth meat.

4 Let us choose for us that which is right: Let us know among ourselves what is good.

5 For Job hath said, I am righteous,

¹¹ Heb. uncovereth.

¹² Or. That man may put away his purpose, and that he may hide

¹³ Or. That he may keep back

¹⁴ Or. weapons

¹⁵ Another reading is, While all his bones are firm.

¹⁶ Or, a messenger

¹⁷ Or, of the thousand.

¹⁸ Or, his uprightness

¹⁹ Or, And he be gracious

... and say ... reason: his flesh &c.

²⁰ Or, He looketh upon men

²¹ Or, it was not required unto me

²² Or, life

¹ Heb. of my belly.

² Or, wine-skins

³ Or, which are ready

⁴ Or, And relief

⁵ Heb. palate.

⁶ Or, I am according to thy wish in God's stead

⁷ Or, causes of alienation

⁸ Or, Behold, in this thou art not just; I will answer thee: for &c.

⁹ Or, Why dost thou strive against him, for that he matters?

¹⁰ Or, in one way, yea, in two

¹ Or, *Should I lie against my right?*
² Heb. *mine arrow.*

³ Or, *consent with*
See Ps. 118.

⁴ Or, *laid upon him*
⁵ According to another reading, *if he causes his heart to return unto himself.*
⁶ Or, *upon himself*
⁷ Heb. *him*
⁸ Or, *only understand*
⁹ Or, *as read by some ancient versions, Who switch to... the, and to... wicked; that respecteth &c.*
¹⁰ Or, *and at midnight the people &c.*

¹¹ Or, *without inquisition*

And God hath taken away my right:
6¹ Notwithstanding my right I am accounted a liar;
7² My wound is incurable, *though I am without transgression.*
8 What man is like Job,
Who drinketh up scorning like water?
9 Which goeth in company with the workers of iniquity,
And walketh with wicked men.
10 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing
That he should ³delight himself with God.
11 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding:
Far be it from God, that he should do wickedness;
And from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.
12 For the work of a man shall he render unto him,
And cause every man to find according to his ways.
13 Yea, of a surety, God will not do wickedly,
Neither will the Almighty pervert judgement.
14 Who gave him a charge over the earth?
Or who hath ⁴disposed the whole world?
15 If he set his heart ⁵upon ⁶man,
If he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath;
16 All flesh shall perish together,
And man shall turn again unto dust.
17 If now thou hast understanding, hear this:
Hearken to the voice of my words.
18 Shall even one that hateth right govern?
And wilt thou condemn him that is just and mighty?
19 Is it fit to say to a king, *Thou art vile?*
Or to nobles, *Ye are wicked?*
20 How much less to him that respecteth not the persons of princes,
Nor regardeth the rich more than the poor?
For they all are the work of his hands.
21 In a moment they die, ¹⁰even at midnight;
The people are shaken and pass away,
And the mighty are taken away without hand.
22 For his eyes are upon the ways of a man,
And he seeth all his goings.
23 There is no darkness, nor shadow of death,
Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves.
24 For he needeth not further to consider a man,
That he should go before God in judgement.
25 He breaketh in pieces mighty men ¹¹in ways past finding out,
And setteth others in their stead.

25 Therefore he taketh knowledge of their works;
And he overturneth them in the night, so that they are ¹²destroyed.
26 He striketh them as wicked men ¹³in the open sight of others;
27 Because they turned aside from following him,
And would not have regard to any of his ways:
28 So that they caused the cry of the poor to come unto him,
And he heard the cry of the afflicted.
29 When he giveth quietness, who then can condemn?
And when he hideth his face, who then can behold him?
Whether it be done unto a nation, or unto a man, alike:
30 That the godless man reign not,
That there be none to ensnare the people.
31 For hath any said unto God,
I have borne chastisement, ¹⁴I will not offend any more:
32 That which I see not teach thou me:
If I have done iniquity, I will do it no more?
33 Shall his recompence be as thou wilt, that thou refusest it?
For thou must choose, and not I:
Therefore speak what thou knowest.
34 Men of understanding will say unto me, Yea, every wise man that heareth me:
35 Job speaketh without knowledge,
And his words are without wisdom.
36 Would that Job were tried unto the end,
Because of his answering like wicked men.
37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin,
He clappeth his hands among us,
And multiplieth his words against God.
38 Moreover Elihu answered and said,
2 Thinkest thou this to be thy right,
Or sayest thou, My righteousness is more than God's,
3 That thou sayest, What advantage will it be unto thee?
And, What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned?
4 I will answer thee,
And thy companions with thee.
5 Look unto the heavens, and see;
And behold the skies, which are higher than thou.
6 If thou hast sinned, what doest thou against him?
And if thy transgressions be multiplied, what doest thou unto him?
7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him?
Or what receiveth he of thine hand?
8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art;
And thy righteousness may profit a son of man.

¹² Heb. *crushed.*

¹³ Heb. *In the place of beholders*

¹⁴ Or, *That they might cause... and that he might hear*

¹⁵ Or, *though I offend not*

9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out;
They cry for help by reason of the arm of the mighty.

10 But none saith, Where is God my Maker,
Who giveth songs in the night;

11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth,
And maketh us wiser than the fowls of heaven?

12 There they cry, ¹but none giveth answer,

Because of the pride of evil men.

13 Surely God will not hear vanity,
Neither will the Almighty regard it.

14 How much less when thou sayest
²thou beholdest him not,
The cause is before him, and thou waitest for him!

15 But now, because he hath not visited in his anger,

³Neither doth he greatly regard arrogance;

16 Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vanity;
He multiplieth words without knowledge.

36 Elihu also proceeded, and said,

24 Suffer me a little, and I will shew thee;
For ⁴I have yet somewhat to say on God's behalf.

3 I will fetch my knowledge from afar,
And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

4 For truly my words are not false:
One that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any:
He is mighty in strength of ⁶understanding.

6 He preserveth not the life of the wicked:
But giveth to the afflicted their right.

7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous:
But with kings upon the throne

He setteth them for ever, and they are exalted.

8 And if they be bound in fetters,
And be taken in the cords of affliction;

9 Then he sheweth them their work,
And their transgressions, that they have behaved themselves proudly.

10 He openeth also their ear to instruction,
And commandeth that they return from iniquity.

11 If they hearken and serve him,
They shall spend their days in prosperity,

And their years in ⁷pleasures.

12 But if they hearken not, they shall perish by ⁸the sword,
And they shall die without knowledge.

13 But they that are godless in heart lay up anger:

They cry not for help when he bindeth them.

14 ⁹They die in youth,
And their life *perisheth* ¹⁰among the ¹¹unclean.

15 He delivereth the afflicted ¹²by his affliction,

And openeth their ear ¹³in oppression.

16 Yea, he would have ¹⁴led thee away ¹⁵out of distress

Into a broad place, where there is no straitness;

And that which is set on thy table should be full of fatness.

17 But thou ¹⁶art full of the judgement of the wicked:

Judgement and justice take hold on thee.

18 ¹⁷Because there is wrath, beware lest thou be ¹⁸led away by thy sufficiency;

Neither let the greatness of the ransom turn thee aside.

19 ¹⁹Will thy riches suffice, ²⁰that thou be not in distress,

Or all the forces of thy strength?

20 Desire not the night,
When peoples ²¹are cut off in their place.

21 Take heed, regard not iniquity:
For this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

22 Behold, God doeth loftily in his power:
Who is a teacher like unto him?

23 Who hath enjoined him his way?
Or who can say, Thou hast wrought unrighteousness?

24 Remember that thou magnify his work.
Whereof men have sung.

25 All men have looked thereon;
Man beholdeth it afar off.

26 Behold, God is great, and we know him not;
The number of his years is unsearchable.

27 For he draweth up the drops of water,
Which distil in rain ²⁸from ²⁹his vapour:

28 Which the skies pour down
And drop upon man abundantly.

29 Yea, can any understand the spreadings of the clouds,
The thunders of his pavilion?

30 Behold, he spreadeth his light ³¹around him;
And he ³²covereth the bottom of the sea.

31 For by these he judgeth the peoples;
He giveth meat in abundance.

32 He covereth his hands with the ³³lightning;
And giveth it a charge ³⁴that it strike the mark.

33 The noise thereof telleth concerning ³⁵him,
The cattle also concerning ³⁶the storm that cometh up.

37 At this also my heart trembleth,
And is moved out of its place.

2 Harken ye unto the noise of his voice,
And the ³⁷sound that goeth out of his mouth.

⁹ Heb. Their good dieth.

¹⁰ Or, like.

¹¹ Or, sodomites.

¹² Heb. Distress.

¹³ Or, in.

¹⁴ Or, by adversity.

¹⁵ Heb. altered thee.

¹⁶ Heb. out of the mouth of.

¹⁷ Or, hast filled up.

¹⁸ Or, For because.

¹⁹ Heb. wealth.

²⁰ Or, altered.

²¹ Heb. cry and.

²² Or, they are not hast.

²³ Heb. go up.

²⁴ Heb. drawing up.

²⁵ Or, the vapour thereof.

²⁶ Or, thereon.

²⁷ Or, covereth.

²⁸ Heb. depths of the sea.

²⁹ Heb. lightning.

³⁰ Or, it.

³¹ Heb. him.

³² Or, it.

³³ Heb. lightning.

³⁴ Or, it.

³⁵ Heb. him.

³⁶ Or, it.

³⁷ Heb. lightning.

³⁸ Or, it.

³⁹ Heb. him.

⁴⁰ Or, it.

⁴¹ Heb. lightning.

⁴² Or, it.

⁴³ Heb. him.

¹ Or, but he answereth not.

² Or, thou beholdest him not. The cause is before him; therefore waitest thou for him.

³ Or, Thou sayest, He doth not greatly regard arrogance.

⁴ Heb. Wait for.

⁵ Heb. there are yet words for God.

⁶ Heb. heart.

⁷ Or, pleasures.

⁸ Or, sword.

⁹ Or, weapons.

3 He sendeth it forth under the whole heaven,
And his ¹lightning unto the ²ends of the earth.

4 After it a voice roareth;
He thundereth with the voice of his majesty:
And he stayeth them not when his voice is heard.

5 God thundereth marvellously with his voice;
Great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend.

6 For he saith to the snow, Fall thou on the earth;

Likewise to the shower of rain,
And to the showers of his mighty rain.

7 He sealeth up the hand of every man;
That all men whom he hath made may know it.

8 Then the beasts go into coverts,
And remain in their dens.

9 Out of ³the chamber of the south cometh the storm:

And cold out of the ⁴north.

10 By the breath of God ice is given:
And the breadth of the waters is ⁵straitened.

11 Yea, he ladeth the thick cloud with moisture;
He spreadeth abroad the cloud of his ¹lightning:

12 And it is turned round about by his guidance,
That they may do whatsoever he commandeth them
Upon the face of the habitable world:

13 Whether it be for correction, or for his ⁶land,

Or for mercy, that he cause it to come.

14 Hearken unto this, O Job:
Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God.

15 Dost thou know how God layeth ⁷his charge upon them,
And causeth the ¹lightning of his cloud to shine?

16 Dost thou know the balancings of the clouds,
The wondrous works of him which is perfect in knowledge?

17 How thy garments are warm,
⁸When the earth is still by reason of the south wind?

18 Canst thou with him spread out the sky,
Which is strong as a molten mirror?

19 Teach us what we shall say unto him;
For we cannot order our speech by reason of darkness.

20 Shall it be told him that I would speak?
⁹Or should a man wish that he were swallowed up?

21 And now men ¹⁰see not the light which is bright in the skies:
But the wind passeth, and cleanseth them.

22 Out of the north cometh ¹¹golden splendour:
God hath upon him terrible majesty.

23 Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out; he is excellent in power:

And ¹²in judgement and plentiful justice he will not afflict.

24 Men do therefore fear him:
He regardeth not any that are wise of heart.

38 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

2 Who is this that darkeneth counsel
By words without knowledge?

3 Gird up now thy loins like a man;
For I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

4 Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth?

Declare, ¹³if thou hast understanding.

5 Who determined the measures thereof,
¹⁴if thou knowest?

Or who stretched the line upon it?

6 Whereupon were the ¹⁵foundations thereof ¹⁶fastened?

Or who laid the corner stone thereof;

7 When the morning stars sang together,
And all the sons of God shouted for joy?

8 Or who shut up the sea with doors,
When it brake forth, ¹⁷as if it had issued out of the womb;

9 When I made the cloud the garment thereof,
And thick darkness a swaddlingband for it,

10 And ¹⁸prescribed for it my ¹⁹decree,
And set bars and doors,

11 And said, Hitherto shalt thou come,
but no further;

And here shall thy proud waves be stayed?

12 Hast thou commanded the morning since thy days began,
And caused the dayspring to know its place;

13 That it might take hold of the ends of the earth,
And the wicked be shaken out of it?

14 It is changed as clay under the seal;
And all things stand forth ²⁰as a garment:

15 And from the wicked their light is withholden,
And the high arm is broken.

16 Hast thou entered into the springs of the sea?

Or hast thou walked in the ²¹recesses of the deep?

17 Have the gates of death been revealed unto thee?

Or hast thou seen the gates of the shadow of death?

18 Hast thou comprehended the breadth of the earth?

Declare, if thou knowest it all.

19 Where is the way to the dwelling of light,
And as for darkness, where is the place thereof;

20 That thou shouldst take it to the bound thereof,

¹² Or, to judgement... he doeth no violence

¹³ Heb. if thou knowest understanding.

¹⁴ Or, seeing

¹⁵ Heb. sockets.

¹⁶ Heb. made to sink.

¹⁷ Or, and issued

¹⁸ Heb. bricks.
¹⁹ Or, boundary

²⁰ Or, as in a garment

²¹ Or, search

¹ Heb. light.
² Heb. skirts

³ See ch. li. 8.

⁴ Heb. as it were... wind.

⁵ Or, restrained

⁶ Or, earth

⁷ Or, Thou whose garments are etc.

⁸ Or, When he quietly... by the south wind

⁹ Or, if a man speak, surely he shall be swallowed up.

¹⁰ Or, caused look on the light when it is bright in the sky.

¹¹ Heb. gold.

And that thou shouldest discern the paths to the house thereof?

21 Doubtless, thou knowest, for thou wast then born,

And the number of thy days is great!

22 Hast thou entered the treasures of the snow,

Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail,

23 Which I have reserved against the time of trouble,

Against the day of battle and war?

24¹ By what way is the light parted,
Or the east wind scattered upon the earth?

25 Who hath cleft a channel for the water-flood,

Or a way for the lightning of the thunder;

26 To cause it to rain on a land where no man is;

On the wilderness, wherein there is no man;

27 To satisfy the waste and desolate ground;

And to cause the ²tender grass to spring forth?

28 Hath the rain a father?

Or who hath begotten the drops of dew?

29 Out of whose womb came the ice?

And the hoary frost of heaven, who hath ³gendered it?

30 The waters ⁴are hidden as with stone,
And the face of the deep ⁵is frozen.

31 Canst thou bind the ⁶cluster of the Pleiades,

Or loose the bands of Orion?

32 Canst thou lead forth ⁷the Mazzaroth in their season?

Or canst thou guide the Bear with her ⁸train?

33 Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens?

Canst thou establish the dominion thereof in the earth?

34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds,

That abundance of waters may cover thee?

35 Canst thou send forth lightnings, that they may go,

And say unto thee, Here we are?

36 Who hath put wisdom in the ⁹inward parts?

Or who hath given understanding to the ¹⁰mind?

37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom?

Or who can ¹¹pour out the bottles of heaven,

38 When the dust runneth into a mass,

And the clods cleave fast together?

39 Wilt thou hunt the prey for the lioness?

Or satisfy the appetite of the young lions,

40 When they couch in their dens,

And abide in the covert to lie in wait?

41 Who provideth for the raven his food,
When his young ones cry unto God,
And wander for lack of meat?

39 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth?

Or canst thou mark when the hinds do calve?

2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil?

Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?

3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young,

They cast out their sorrows.

4 Their young ones are in good liking, they grow up in the open field;

They go forth, and ¹²return not again.

5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free?
Or who hath loosed the bands of the wild ass?

6 Whose house I have made the wilderness,

And the salt land his dwelling place.

7 He scorneth the tumult of the city,

Neither heareth he the shoutings of the ¹³driver.

8 The range of the mountains is his pasture,

And he searcheth after every green thing.

9 Will the ¹⁴wild-ox be content to serve thee?

Or will he abide by thy crib?

10 Canst thou bind the wild-ox with his band in the furrow?

Or will he harrow the valleys after thee?

11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great?

Or wilt thou leave to him thy labour?

12 Wilt thou confide in him, that he will bring home thy seed,

And gather the corn of thy threshing-floor?

13 The wing of the ostrich rejoiceth;

But are her pinions and feathers ¹⁵kindly?

14 For she leaveth her eggs on the earth,
And warmeth them in the dust,

15 And forgetteth that the foot may crush them,

Or that the wild beast may trample them.

16 She ¹⁶is hardened against her young ones, as if they were not hers:

Though her labour be in vain, she is without fear;

17 Because God hath ¹⁷deprived her of wisdom,

Neither hath he imparted to her understanding.

18 What time she ¹⁸lifteth up herself on high,

She scorneth the horse and his rider.

19 Hast thou given the horse his might?

Hast thou clothed his neck with ¹⁹the quivering mane?

20 Hast thou made him to leap as a locust?

The glory of his snorting is terrible.

21²⁰ He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength:
He goeth out to meet ²¹the armed men.

¹ Or, Which is the way to the place where the light is etc.

² Or, greenward

³ Or, gives it birth

⁴ Or, are congealed like stone

⁵ Heb, cohereth.

⁶ Or, chain

⁷ Or, connect in

⁸ Or, the signs of the Zodiac

⁹ Heb, womb.

¹⁰ Or, dark clouds

¹¹ Or, motor

¹² Heb, cause to lie down.

¹² Or, return not unto them

¹³ Or, task-master

¹⁴ See Num. xxxii. 21

¹⁵ Or, like the start's

¹⁶ Or, desisted hardly with

¹⁷ Heb, made her to forget wisdom.

¹⁸ Or, reared herself up to flight

¹⁹ Heb, shaking.

²⁰ Heb, they paw.

²¹ Or, the weapons

¹ Or, upon

² Or, Neither soundeth he still at etc.

22 He mocketh at fear, and is not dismayed;

Neither turneth he back from the sword.

23 The quiver rattleth ¹ against him, The flashing spear and the javelin.

24 He swalloweth the ground with fierceness and rage;

² Neither believeth he that it is the voice of the trumpet.

25 As oft as the trumpet soundeth he saith, Aha!

And he smelleth the battle afar off, The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.

26 Doth the hawk soar by thy wisdom, And stretch her wings toward the south?

27 Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, And make her nest on high?

28 She dwelleth on the rock, and hath her lodging there,

Upon the crag of the rock, and the strong hold.

29 From thence she spieth out the prey; Her eyes behold it afar off.

30 Her young ones also suck up blood: And where the slain are, there is she.

40 Moreover the LORD answered Job, and said,

2 Shall he that cavilleth contend with the Almighty?

He that argueth with God, let him answer it.

3 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

4 Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer thee?

I lay mine hand upon my mouth.

5 Once have I spoken, and I will not answer;

Yea twice, but I will proceed no further.

6 Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,

7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

8 Wilt thou even disannul my judgement?

Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be justified?

9 Or hast thou an arm like God?

And canst thou thunder with a voice like him?

10 Deck thyself now with excellency and dignity;

And array thyself with honour and majesty.

11 Pour forth the overflowings of thine anger:

And look upon every one that is proud, and abase him.

12 Look on every one that is proud, and bring him low;

And tread down the wicked where they stand.

13 Hide them in the dust together;

Bind their faces in the hidden place.

14 Then will I also confess of thee

That thine own right hand can save thee.

15 Behold now ³ behemoth, which I made with thee;

He eateth grass as an ox.

16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, And his force is in the muscles of his belly.

17 He moveth his tail like a cedar:

The sinews of his thighs are knit together.

18 His bones are as tubes of brass;

His ⁴ limbs are like bars of iron.

19 He is the chief of the ways of God:

⁵ He only that made him can make his sword to approach unto him.

20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food;

Where all the beasts of the field do play.

21 He lieth under the lotus trees, In the covert of the reed, and the fen.

22 The lotus trees cover him with their shadow;

The willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, if a river ⁶ overflow, he trembleth not:

He is confident, though Jordan swell even to his mouth.

24 Shall any take him when he is on the watch,

Or pierce through his nose with a snare?

41 Canst thou draw out ⁷ Leviathan with a fish hook?

Or press down his tongue with a cord?

2 Canst thou put ⁸ a rope into his nose?

Or pierce his jaw through with a ⁹ hook?

3 Will he make many supplications unto thee?

Or will he speak soft words unto thee?

4 Will he make a covenant with thee, That thou shouldest take him for a servant for ever?

5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird?

Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?

6 Shall the bands of *fishermen* make traffic of him?

Shall they part him among the merchants?

7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons,

Or his head with fish spears?

8 Lay thine hand upon him;

Remember the battle, and do so no more.

9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain:

Shall not one be cast down even at the sight of him?

10 None is so fierce that he dare stir him up:

Who then is he that can stand before me?

11 Who hath first given unto me, that I should repay him?

³ That is, the hippopotamus.

⁴ Or, ribs

⁵ Or, If that made him hath furnished him with his sword

⁶ Or, be violent

[Ch. xl. 25 in Heb.]

⁷ That is, the crocodile.

⁸ Heb. a rope of rushes.

⁹ Or, spike

[Ch. xli. 1 in Heb.]

Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine.

12 I will not keep silence concerning his limbs,
Nor his mighty strength, nor his comely proportion.

13 Who can ¹strip off his outer garment?
Who shall come within his double bridle?

14 Who can open the doors of his face?

²Round about his teeth is terror.

15 His ³strong scales are his pride,
Shut up together *as with a close seal*.

16 One is so near to another,
That no air can come between them.

17 They are joined one to another;
They stick together, that they cannot be sundered.

18 His needings flash forth light,
And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

19 Out of his mouth go burning torches,
And sparks of fire leap forth.

20 Out of his nostrils a smoke goeth,
As of a seething pot and burning rushes.

21 His breath kindleth coals,
And a flame goeth forth from his mouth.

22 In his neck abideth strength,
And terror danceth before him.

23 The flakes of his flesh are joined together:
They are firm upon him; they cannot be moved.

24 His heart is as firm as a stone;
Yea, firm as the nether millstone.

25 When he raiseth himself up, the mighty are afraid:
By reason of consternation they are beside themselves.

26 If one lay at him with the sword, it cannot avail;
Nor the spear, the dart, nor the ⁴pointed shaft.

27 He counteth iron as straw,
And brass as rotten wood.

28 The ⁵arrow cannot make him flee:
Slingstones are turned with him into stubble.

29 Clubs are counted as stubble:
He laugheth at the rushing of the javelin.

30 His underparts are like sharp pot-herbs:
He spreadeth *as it were* a threshing wain upon the mire.

31 He maketh the deep to boil like a pot:

He maketh the sea like ointment.

32 He maketh a path to shine after him;
One would think the deep to be hoary.

33 Upon earth there is not his like,
That is made without fear.

34 He beholdeth every thing that is high:
He is king over all the ⁶sons of pride.

42 Then Job answered the LORD, and said,

2 I know that thou canst do all things,
And that no purpose of thine can be restrained.

3⁷ Who is this that hideth counsel without knowledge?
Therefore have I uttered that which I understood not,
Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.

4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak;

⁸I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me.

5 I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear;

But now mine eye seeth thee.

6 Wherefore I ⁹abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.

7 And it was so, that after the LORD had spoken these words unto Job, the LORD said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends: for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right,

8 as my servant Job hath. Now therefore, take unto you seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you; for him will I accept, that I deal not with you after your folly; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath.

9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as the LORD commanded them: and the LORD accepted Job.

10 And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: and the LORD gave Job

11 twice as much as he had before. Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before,

and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him concerning all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him: every man also gave him a ¹⁰piece of money, and every one a ring of gold.

12 So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: and he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses.

13 He had also seven sons and three daughters. And he called the name of the first, Jemimah; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the name

14 of the third, Keren-happach. And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance

15 among their brethren. And after this Job lived an hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, 17 even four generations. So Job died, being old and full of days.

¹ Heb. uncover the face of his garment.

² Or, His teeth are terrible round about

³ Or, courses of scales
⁴ Heb. channels of shields.

⁴ Or, point of nail

⁵ Heb. son of the bow.

⁶ See ch. xiv. 1 &

⁷ See ch. xxxviii. 2

⁸ See ch. xxxiv. 13, 21, 7

⁹ Or, loath- say words.

¹⁰ Heb. bread.

THE PSALMS.

BOOK I.

¹ Or, happy

- 1 ¹ BLESSED is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.
2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD;
And in his law doth he meditate day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water, That bringeth forth its fruit in its season,
Whose leaf also doth not wither; And ² whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4 The wicked are not so; But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgement, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous:
But the way of the wicked shall perish.

³ Or, in whatsoever he doeth he shall prosper

³ Or, tumultuously assemble
⁴ Or, meditate

- 2 Why do the nations ³ rage, And the peoples ⁴ imagine a vain thing?
2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*,
3 Let us break their bands asunder, And cast away their cords from us.
4 He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh:
The LORD shall have them in derision.
5 Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, And ⁵ vex them in his sore displeasure:
6 Yet I have set my king Upon my holy hill of Zion.
7 I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said unto me, Thou art my son;
This day have I begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance, And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron;
Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.

⁵ Or, trouble

- 10 Now therefore be wise, O ye kings:
Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.
11 Serve the LORD with fear, And rejoice with trembling.
12 ⁶ Kiss the son, lest he be angry, and ye perish in the way,
For his wrath ⁷ will soon be kindled.
¹ Blessed are all they that ⁸ put their trust in him.

⁶ Some ancient versions render, Lay hold of (or, receive) instruction others, Worship in purity.
⁷ Or, may
⁸ Or, take refuge
⁹ Or, to
¹⁰ Or, salvation

- 3 A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.
1 LORD, how are mine adversaries increased!
Many are they that rise up against me.
2 Many there be which say ⁹ of my soul, There is no ¹⁰ help for him in God. [Selah]
3 But thou, O LORD, art a shield about me;
My glory, and the lifter up of mine head.
4 I cry unto the LORD with my voice, And he answereth me out of his holy hill. [Selah]
5 I laid me down and slept;
I awaked; for the LORD sustaineth me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people,
That have set themselves against me round about.
7 Arise, O LORD; save me, O my God:
For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone;
Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
8 ¹¹ Salvation belongeth unto the LORD:
Thy blessing be upon thy people. [Selah]

¹¹ Or, Victory

- 4 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.
1 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness;
Thou hast set me at large when I was in distress:
2 Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned into dishonour?
How long will ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood? [Selah]
3 But know that the LORD hath set apart ¹² him that is godly for himself:
The LORD will hear when I call unto him.

¹² Or, He gracious unto me

¹³ Or, one that he favourer eth

¹ Or, Be
ye angry

4¹ Stand in awe, and sin not:
Commune with your own heart upon
your bed, and be still. [Selah]

5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
And put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many there be that say, Who will
shew us *any* good?

Lord, lift thou up the light of thy
countenance upon us.

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than *they have* when their corn
and their wine are increased.

8 In peace will I both lay me down
and sleep:

For thou, LORD, ²alone makest me
dwell in safety.

³ Or, in
solitude

5 For the Chief Musician; with the * Nehiloth.
A Psalm of David.

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD,
Consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my
King, and my God:

For unto thee do I pray.

3 O LORD, in the morning shalt thou
hear my voice;

In the morning will I order *my prayer*
unto thee, and will keep watch.

4 For thou art not a God that hath
pleasure in wickedness:

* Evil shall not sojourn with thee.

5 ⁶The arrogant shall not stand in thy
sight:

Thou hatest all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou shalt destroy them that speak lies:
The LORD abhorreth the bloodthirsty
and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, in the multitude of thy
lovingkindness will I come into thy
house:

In thy fear will I worship toward thy
holy temple.

8 Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteous-
ness because of ⁹mine enemies;

Make thy way plain before my face.

9 For there is no ⁷faithfulness in their
mouth;

Their inward part is ⁸very wickedness:
Their throat is an open sepulchre;

They ⁹flatter with their tongue.

10 Hold them guilty, O God;

Let them fall ¹⁰by their own counsels:
Thrust them out in the multitude of
their transgressions;

For they have rebelled against thee.

11 ¹¹But let all those that put their trust
in thee rejoice,

Let them ever shout for joy, because
thou defendest them:

Let them also that love thy name be
joyful in thee.

12 For thou wilt bless the righteous;

O LORD, thou wilt compass him with
favour as with a shield.

6 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instru-
ments, set to ¹²the Shemiluth. A Psalm
of David.

1 O LORD, rebuke me not in thine anger,
Neither chasten me in thy hot dis-
pleasure.

¹¹ Or,
then
that lie
in wait
for me

¹² Orated-
fastness

¹³ Or, a
garrison
gulf

¹⁴ Heb.
make
smooth
their
tongues.

¹⁵ Or,
from
their
counsels

¹⁶ Or,
so shall
all those

... re-
joice,
they
shall
ever

shout...

and thou
shalt
defend
them:

they also
... shall
be joyful
in thee

¹⁷ Or, the
eighth

2 Have mercy upon me, O LORD; for
I am withered away:

O LORD, heal me; for my bones are
vexed.

3 My soul also is sore vexed:

And thou, O LORD, how long?

4 Return, O LORD, deliver my soul:

Save me for thy lovingkindness' sake.

5 For in death there is no remembrance
of thee:

In ¹⁸Sheol who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning;
Every night make I my bed to swim;

I water my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eye wasteth away because of
grief;

It waxeth old because of all mine ad-
versaries.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of
iniquity;

For the LORD hath heard the voice
of my weeping.

9 The LORD hath heard my supplica-
tion;

The LORD will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be ashamed
and sore vexed:

They shall turn back, they shall be
ashamed suddenly.

7 Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the
LORD, concerning the words of Cush a
Benjamite.

1 O LORD my God, in thee do I ¹⁴put
my trust:

Save me from all them that pursue
me, and deliver me:

2 Lest he tear my soul like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while there is
none to deliver.

3 O LORD my God, if I have done this;
If there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him
that was at peace with me;

(Yea, I have delivered him that with-
out cause was mine adversary:)

5 Let the enemy pursue my soul, and
overtake it;

Yea, let him tread my life down to the
earth,

And lay my glory in the dust. [Selah]

6 Arise, O LORD, in thine anger,
Lift up thyself against the rage of
mine adversaries:

And awake for me; thou hast com-
manded judgement.

7 ¹⁵And let the congregation of the
peoples compass thee about:

And over them return thou on high.

8 The LORD ministereth judgement to
the peoples:

Judge me, O LORD, according to my
righteousness, and to mine integrity

¹⁶that is in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked
come to an end, but establish thou
the righteous:

For the righteous God trieth the
hearts and reins.

¹⁸ See
Gen
xxxvii
36.

¹⁴ Or,
take
refuge

¹⁵ Or, so
shall it

¹⁶ Or, let
it abide
in me

10 My shield is with God,
Which saveth the upright in heart.
11 God is a righteous judge,
Yea, a God that hath indignation
every day.

12¹ If a man turn not, he will whet his
sword;
He hath bent his bow, and made it ready.

13 He hath also prepared for him the
instruments of death;
He maketh his arrows fiery shafts.

14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity;
Yea, he hath conceived mischief, and
brought forth falsehood.

15 He hath made a pit, and digged it,
And is fallen into the ditch which
he made.

16 His mischief shall return upon his
own head,
And his violence shall come down
upon his own pate.

17 I will give thanks unto the Lord
according to his righteousness:
And will sing praise to the name of
the Lord Most High.

8 For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith.
A Psalm of David.

1 O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the
earth!

Who² hast set thy glory³ upon the
heavens.

2 Out of the mouth of babes and suck-
lings hast thou established strength,
Because of thine adversaries,
That thou mightest still the enemy
and the avenger.

8 When I consider thy heavens, the
work of thy fingers,
The moon and the stars, which thou
hast ordained;

4 What is man, that thou art mindful
of him?
And the son of man, that thou visitest
him?

5 For thou hast made him but little
lower than⁴ God,
And crownest him with glory and
honour.

6 Thou madest him to have dominion
over the works of thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet:

7 All sheep and oxen,
Yea, and the beasts of the field;

8 The fowl of the air, and the fish of
the sea,
Whatsoever passeth through the paths
of the seas.

9 O Lord, our Lord,
How excellent is thy name in all the
earth!

9 For the Chief Musician; set to Muth-labben.
A Psalm of David.

1 I will give thanks unto the Lord with
my whole heart;
I will shew forth all thy marvellous
works.

2 I will be glad and exult in thee:

I will sing praise to thy name, O thou
⁵Most High.

8 When mine enemies turn back,
They stumble and perish at thy
presence.

4 For thou hast maintained my right
and my cause;
Thou satest in the throne judging
righteously.

5 Thou hast rebuked the⁶ nations, thou
hast destroyed the wicked,
Thou hast blotted out their name for
ever and ever.

6⁷ The enemy are come to an end, they
are desolate for ever;

⁸ And the cities which thou hast⁹ over-
thrown,
Their very memorial is perished.

7 But the Lord sitteth as king for ever:
He hath prepared his throne for judge-
ment.

8 And he shall judge the world in right-
eousness,
He shall minister judgement to the¹⁰
peoples in uprightness.

9 The Lord also will be a high tower for
the oppressed,
A high tower in times of trouble;

10 And they that know thy name will put
their trust in thee;
For thou, Lord, hast not forsaken
them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to the Lord, which
dwelleth in Zion:
Declare among the¹¹ people his doings.

12¹² For he that maketh inquisition for
blood remembereth them:
He forgetteth not the cry of the¹³ poor.

18 Have mercy upon me, O Lord;
Behold my affliction which I suffer
of them that hate me,
Thou that liftest me up from the gates
of death;

14 That I may shew forth all thy praise:
In the gates of the daughter of Zion,
I will rejoice in thy¹⁴ salvation.

15 The nations are sunk down in the
pit that they made:
In the net which they hid is their
own foot taken.

16 The Lord hath made himself known,
he hath executed judgement:

¹⁵ The wicked is snared in the work of
his own hands. [Higgalon. Selah]

17 The wicked shall return to Sheol,
Even all the nations that forget God.

18 For the needy shall not always be for-
gotten,
Nor the expectation of the¹⁶ poor perish
for ever.

19 Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail:
Let the nations be judged in thy sight.

20 Put them in fear, O Lord:
Let the nations know themselves to be
but men. [Selah]

10 Why standest thou afar off, O Lord?
Why hidest thou thyself in times of
trouble?

⁵ Or,
Most
High;
because
mine &c.

⁶ Or,
heathen

⁷ Or,
O thou
enemy,
desola-
tions are
come to a
perpetual
end

⁸ Or,
And their
cities thou
hast over-
thrown

⁹ Heb.
plucked
u.p.
¹⁰ Or,
people

¹¹ Or,
peoples
¹² Or, For
when he
maketh
... he re-
mem-
bereth
¹³ Or,
meek

¹⁴ Or,
saving
help

¹⁵ Or, He
marcheth
the wicked

¹ Or,
surely
he will
again
whet

² So some
ancient
versions.
The
Hebrew
is obscure.
³ Or,
above

⁴ Or, the
angel
Heb.
Kishim.

¹ Or, he doth
hotly
pursue
the poor
² Heb.
is set on
fire.

³ Or, They are
taken

⁴ Or, Blesseth
the
covetous,
but contemneth
do.

⁵ Or, revileth

⁶ Or, grievous

⁷ Or, fraud

⁸ Or, hapless

⁹ Another
reading
is, And
being
crushed.

¹⁰ Or, meek

¹¹ Or, travail
and
grief

¹² Or, hearthen

¹³ Or, establish

2 In the pride of the wicked ¹ the poor
² is hotly pursued;
³ Let them be taken in the devices that
they have imagined.

3 For the wicked boasteth of his heart's
desire,
And ⁴ the covetous renounceth, yea,
⁵ contemneth the LORD.

4 The wicked, in the pride of his coun-
tenance, ⁵ saith, He will not require
it.

All his thoughts are, There is no God.
5 His ways are ⁶ firm at all times;
Thy judgements are far above out of
his sight:

As for all his adversaries, he puffeth
at them.

6 He saith in his heart, I shall not be
moved:

To all generations I shall not be in
adversity.

7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit
and ⁷ oppression:
Under his tongue is mischief and in-
iquity.

8 He sitteth in the lurking places of the
villages:

In the covert places doth he murder
the innocent:

His eyes are privily set against the
⁸ helpless.

9 He lurketh in the covert as a lion
in his den:

He lieth in wait to catch the poor:
He doth catch the poor, when he
draweth him in his net.

10 ⁹ He croucheth, he boweth down,
And the ⁸ helpless fall by his strong ones.

11 He saith in his heart, God hath for-
gotten:
He hideth his face; he will never see it.

12 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up thine
hand:

Forget not the ¹⁰ poor.

13 Wherefore doth the wicked contemn
God,

And say in his heart, Thou wilt not
require it?

14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest
¹¹ mischief and spite, to take it into
thy hand:

The ⁸ helpless committeth himself unto
thee;

Thou hast been the helper of the
fatherless.

15 Break thou the arm of the wicked;
And as for the evil man, seek out his
wickedness till thou find none.

16 The LORD is King for ever and ever:
The ¹² nations are perished out of his
land.

17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire of
the meek:

Thou wilt ¹³ prepare their heart, thou
wilt cause thine ear to hear:

18 To judge the fatherless and the op-
pressed,

That man which is of the earth may
be terrible no more.

11 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.
1 In the LORD put I my trust:

How say ye to my soul,
Flee ¹⁴ as a bird to your mountain?

2 For, lo, the wicked bend the bow,
They make ready their arrow upon the
string,

That they may shoot in darkness at
the upright in heart.

3 ¹⁵ If the foundations be destroyed,
What can the righteous do?

4 The LORD is in his holy temple,
The LORD, his throne is in heaven;

His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the
children of men.

5 The LORD trieth the righteous:
But the wicked and him that loveth
violence his soul hateth.

6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares:
Fire and brimstone and burning wind
shall be the portion of their cup.

7 For the LORD is righteous; he loveth
¹⁶ righteousness:

¹⁷ The upright shall behold his face.

12 For the Chief Musician; set to ¹⁸ the
Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

1 Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth:
For ¹⁹ the faithful fail from among the
children of men.

2 They speak vanity every one with his
neighbour:

With flattering lip, and with a double
heart, do they speak.

3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that speaketh great things:

4 Who have said, With our tongue will
we prevail;

Our lips are ²⁰ our own: who is lord
over us?

5 For the spoiling of the poor, for the
sighing of the needy,

Now will I arise, saith the LORD;
I will set him ²¹ in safety at whom they
puff.

6 The words of the LORD are pure words;
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,
Purified seven times.

7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD,
Thou shalt preserve them from this
generation for ever.

8 The wicked walk on every side,
When violence is exalted among the
sons of men.

13 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 How long, O LORD, wilt thou forget
me for ever?

How long wilt thou hide thy face
from me?

2 How long shall I take counsel in my
soul,

Having sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted
over me?

3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my
God:

Lighen mine eyes, lest I sleep the
sleep of death;

¹⁴ Or, ye birds

¹⁵ Or, For the
foundations
are destroyed
what shall the
righteous
straighten?

¹⁶ Or, right-
eousness
doeth

¹⁷ Or, He
conceal-
eth his
face

¹⁸ Or, the
diaphanous

¹⁹ Or, faith-
fulness
fulfill

²⁰ Heb.
with me

²¹ Or, in
the safety
he
prometh
for

4 Lest mine enemy say, I have prevailed against him;
Lest mine adversaries rejoice when I am moved.

5 But I have trusted in thy mercy;
My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation:

6 I will sing unto the LORD,
Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

14 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.

They are corrupt, they have done abominable works;

There is none that doeth good.

2 The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men,

To see if there were any that did understand,

That did seek after God.

3 They are all gone aside; they are together become filthy;

There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge?

Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And call not upon the LORD.

5 There were they in great fear:
For God is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor,

Because the LORD is his refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!

When the LORD bringeth back the captivity of his people,

Then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

15 A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, who shall sojourn in thy tabernacle?

Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness,

And speaketh truth in his heart.

3 He that slandereth not with his tongue,

Nor doeth evil to his friend,

Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbour.

4 In whose eyes a reprobate is despised;
But he honoureth them that fear the LORD.

7 He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

5 He that putteth not out his money to usury,

Nor taketh reward against the innocent.

He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

16 Michtam of David.

1 Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.

2 I have said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord:

I have no good beyond thee.

3 As for the saints that are in the earth,

They are the excellent in whom is all my delight.

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that exchange the LORD for another god:

Their drink offerings of blood will I not offer,

Nor take their names upon my lips.

5 The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:

Thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places;

Yea, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel:

Yea, my reins instruct me in the night seasons.

8 I have set the LORD always before me:
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:

My flesh also shall dwell in safety.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol;

Neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt shew me the path of life:
In thy presence is fulness of joy;

In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

17 A Prayer of David.

1 Hear the right, O LORD, attend unto my cry;

Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence;

Let thine eyes look upon equity.

3 Thou hast proved mine heart; thou hast visited me in the night;

Thou hast tried me, and findest nothing;

I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4 As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips

I have kept me from the ways of the violent.

5 My steps have held fast to thy paths, My feet have not slipped.

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God:

Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

7 Shew thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest them which put their trust in thee

From those that rise up against them, by thy right hand.

8 Keep me as the apple of the eye, Hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

9 From the wicked that spoil me,

My deadly enemies, that compass me about.

12 Or,
Unto
13 Or,
And the
excellent
do
night:
their &c.
14 Or,
give gifts
for

15 Or,
confid-
ently

16 Or,
gaily
Or,
beloved
17 Or,
the pit

18 Or,
Thine
eyes be-
hold with
equity
19 Or,
And
no evil
purpose
in me;
my
mouth
&c.

20 Or,
From
those
that
rise up
against
the right
hand

1 Or,
dead
sincerely

2 Or, But

3 Or,
return-
eth to

4 Heb.
tent.

5 Or, He
sland-
ereth

6 Or, his
7 Or, He
sland-
ereth

8 Some
ancient
versions
have,
to his
friend.

9 Or, He
putteth
in so the
Sept.
Vulg.
and Syr.

10 The
Hebrew
text as
pointed
reads,
Thou
hast said.

11 Or, the
Lord

¹ Or, *They have shut up their heart.*

² Or, *Forshall*

³ Or, *the wicked, which is thy sword*

⁴ Or, *men which are thy hand*

⁵ Or, *From men whose portion in life is of the world*

⁶ Or, *let me*

⁷ Heb. *form.*

See Num. xii. 8

See 2 Sam. xiii.

⁹ Heb. *Belial.*

¹⁰ Or, *in his wrath*

10¹ They are inclosed in their own fat:
With their mouth they speak proudly.
11 They have now compassed us in our steps:

They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth.

12 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey,
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.

13 Arise, O LORD,
² Confront him, cast him down:
Deliver my soul from ³ the wicked by thy sword;

14 From ⁴ men, by thy hand, O LORD,
⁵ From men of the world, whose portion is in this life,
And whose belly thou fillest with thy treasure:

They are satisfied with children,
And leave the rest of their substance to their babes.

15 As for me, ⁶ I shall behold thy face in righteousness:

⁶ I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy ⁷ likeness.

18 For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD, who spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: and he said,*

1 I love thee, O LORD, my strength.

2 The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
My God, my strong rock, in him will I trust;

My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.

3 I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised:
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.

4 The cords of death compassed me, and the floods of ⁹ ungodliness made me afraid.

5 The cords of Sheol were round about me:
The snares of death came upon me.

6 In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God:
He heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry before him came into his ears.

7 Then the earth shook and trembled, The foundations also of the mountains moved

And were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke ¹⁰ out of his nostrils,
And fire out of his mouth devoured: Coals were kindled by it.

9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down;
And thick darkness was under his feet.

10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: Yea, he flew swiftly upon the wings of the wind.

11 He made darkness his hiding place, his pavilion round about him;

Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.

12 At the brightness before him his thick clouds passed;

Hailstones and coals of fire.

13 The LORD also thundered in the heavens,

And the Most High uttered his voice; Hailstones and coals of fire.

14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them;

¹¹ Yea, lightnings manifold, and discomfited them.

15 Then the channels of waters appeared, And the foundations of the world were laid bare,

At thy rebuke, O LORD.

At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.

16 He sent from on high, he took me; He drew me out of ¹² many waters.

17 He delivered me from my strong enemy,

And from them that hated me, for they were too mighty for me.

18 They came upon me in the day of my calamity:

But the LORD was my stay.

19 He brought me forth also into a large place;

He delivered me, because he delighted in me.

20 The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness;

According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.

21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, And have not wickedly departed from my God.

22 For all his judgements were before me. And I put not away his statutes from me.

23 I was also perfect with him, And I kept myself from mine iniquity.

24 Therefore hath the LORD recompensed me according to my righteousness,

According to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.

25 With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful;

With the perfect man thou wilt shew thyself perfect;

26 With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure;

And with the perverse thou wilt shew thyself froward.

27 For thou wilt save the afflicted people; But the haughty eyes thou wilt bring down.

28 For thou wilt light my lamp: The LORD my God will lighten my darkness.

29 For by thee I run ¹³ upon a troop; And by my God do I leap over a wall.

30 As for God, his way is perfect: The word of the LORD is tried;

He is a shield unto all them that trust in him.

31 For who is God, save the LORD?

¹¹ Or, *And he shot out lightnings*

¹² Or, *great*

¹³ Or, *through*

And who is a rock, beside our God?
 32 The God that girdeth me with strength,
 And maketh my way perfect.
 33 He maketh my feet like hinds' feet:
 And setteth me upon my high places.
 34 He teacheth my hands to war;
 So that mine arms do bend a bow of
 brass.
 35 Thou hast also given me the shield of
 thy salvation:
 And thy right hand hath holden me up,
 And thy ¹gentleness hath made me
 great.
 36 Thou hast enlarged my steps under me,
 And my ²feet have not slipped.
 37 I will pursue mine enemies, and over-
 take them:
 Neither will I turn again till they are
 consumed.
 38 I will smite them through that they
 shall not be able to rise:
 They shall fall under my feet.
 39 For thou hast girded me with strength
 unto the battle:
 Thou hast ³subdued under me those
 that rose up against me.
 40 Thou hast also made mine enemies
 turn their backs unto me,
 That I might cut off them that hate
 me.
 41 They cried, but there was none to save:
 Even unto the LORD, but he answered
 them not.
 42 Then did I beat them small as the
 dust before the wind:
 I did ⁴cast them out as the mire of the
 streets.
 43 Thou hast delivered me from the
 strivings of the people;
 Thou ⁵hast made me the head of the
 nations:
 A people whom I have not known
 shall serve me.
 44 As soon as they hear of me they shall
 obey me:
 The strangers shall ⁶submit them-
 selves unto me.
 45 The strangers shall fade away,
 And shall come trembling out of their
 close places.
 46 The LORD liveth; and blessed be my
 rock;
 And exalted be the God of my salvation:
 47 Even the God that executeth venge-
 ance for me,
 And subdueth peoples under me.
 48 He rescueth me from mine enemies:
 Yea, thou liftest me up above them
 that rise up against me:
 Thou deliverest me from the violent
 man.
 49 Therefore I will give thanks unto
 thee, O LORD, among the nations,
 And will sing praises unto thy name.
 50 Great ⁷deliverance giveth he to his
 king;
 And sheweth lovingkindness to his
 anointed.
 To David and to his seed, for evermore.

¹ Or, com-
 placen-
 sion

² Heb.
 anklon

³ Heb.
 rassud
 to bow.

⁴ Heb.
 empty.

⁵ Or,
 wilt
 make

⁶ Or,
 yielded
 obedi-
 ence
 Heb. H.

⁷ Heb.
 mose-
 loms.

19 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
 And the firmament sheweth his handy-
 work.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech,
 And night unto night sheweth know-
 ledge.

3 There is no speech nor language;
 Their voice cannot be heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the
 earth,
 And their words to the end of the world.
 In them hath he set a ⁸tabernacle for
 the sun,

⁸ Heb.
 tent.

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out
 of his chamber,
 And rejoiceth as a strong man to run
 his course.

6 His going forth is from the end of the
 heaven,
 And his circuit unto the ends of it:
 And there is nothing hid from the
 heat thereof.

7 The law of the LORD is perfect, re-
 storing the soul:
 The testimony of the LORD is sure,
 making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the LORD are right,
 rejoicing the heart:
 The commandment of the LORD is
 pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean, en-
 during for ever:
 The judgements of the LORD are true,
 and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,
 yea, than much fine gold:
 Sweeter also than honey and ⁹the
 honeycomb.

⁹ Heb.
 the drop-
 pings of
 the honey-
 comb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant
 warned:
 In keeping of them there is great re-
 ward.

12 Who can discern his errors?
 Clear thou me from hidden faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also ¹⁰from
 presumptuous sins;
 Let them not have dominion over me:
 then shall I be perfect,
 And I shall be clear from great trans-
 gression.

¹⁰ Or,
 from the
 proud

14 Let the words of my mouth and the
 meditation of my heart be accept-
 able in thy sight,
 O LORD, my rock, and my redeemer.

20 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD answer thee in the day of
 trouble;
 The name of the God of Jacob set thee
 up on high;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary.
 And ¹¹strengthen thee out of Zion;

¹¹ Or,
 support
¹² Or,
 meat
 offerings
¹³ Heb.
 accept
 as fat.

3 Remember all thy ¹²offerings,
 And ¹³accept thy burnt sacrifice;

4 Grant thee thy heart's desire,
 And fulfil all thy counsel.

¹ Or,
victory

5 We will triumph in thy ¹salvation,
And in the name of our God we will
set up our banners:
The Lord fulfil all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the Lord saveth his
anointed;

He will answer him from his holy
heaven

With the saving strength of his right
hand.

7 Some trust in chariots, and some in
horses:

But we will make mention of the
name of the Lord our God.

8 They are bowed down and fallen:
But we are risen, and stand upright.

⁹ Save, LORD:
Let the King answer us when we
call.

21 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 The king shall joy in thy strength, O
LORD;

And in thy salvation how greatly shall
he rejoice!

2 Thou hast given him his heart's de-
sire,

And hast not withholden the request
of his lips. [Selah]

3 For thou preventest him with the
blessings of ⁴goodness:

Thou testest a crown of fine gold on
his head.

4 He asked life of thee, thou gavest
it him;

Even length of days for ever and ever.

5 His glory is great in thy salvation:
Honour and majesty dost thou lay
upon him.

6 For thou ⁴makest him most blessed
for ever:

Thou makest him glad with joy in thy
presence.

7 For the king trusteth in the LORD,
And through the lovingkindness of the

Most High he shall not be moved.

8 Thine hand shall find out all thine
enemies:

Thy right hand shall find out those
that hate thee.

9 Thou shalt make them as a fiery
furnace in the time of thine ⁴anger.

The LORD shall swallow them up in
his wrath,

And the fire shall devour them.

10 Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the
earth,

And their seed from among the child-
ren of men.

11 For they intended evil against thee:
They imagined a device, which they
are not able to perform.

12 For thou shalt make them turn their
back,

Thou shalt make ready with thy bow-
strings against the face of them.

13 Be thou exalted, O LORD, in thy
strength:

So will we sing and praise thy power.

² Or, as
some
ancient
versions
have,
O LORD,
save the
king;
and an-
swer &c.

³ Or,
good
things

⁴ Heb.
setteth
him to be
blessings.
See Gen.
xii. 2.

⁵ Or,
presence.
Heb.
counten-
ance.

22 For the Chief Musician: set to ⁶Aljeleth
hash-Shahar. A Psalm of David.

1 My God, my God, why hast thou for-
saken me?

⁷ Why art thou so far from helping
me, and from the words of my
roaring?

2 O my God, I cry in the day-time, but
thou answerest not;

And in the night season, ⁸and am not
silent.

3 But thou art holy,
O thou that ⁹inhabitest the praises of
Israel.

4 Our fathers trusted in thee:
They trusted, and thou didst deliver
them.

5 They cried unto thee, and were de-
livered:

They trusted in thee, and were not
ashamed.

6 But I am a worm, and no man;
A reproach of men, and despised of
the people.

7 All they that see me laugh me to
scorn:

They shoot out the lip, they shake
the head, saying,

8 ¹⁰Commit thyself unto the LORD; let
him deliver him:

Let him deliver him, seeing he de-
lighteth in him.

9 But thou art he that took me out of
the womb:

Thou didst make me trust when I was
upon my mother's breasts.

10 I was cast upon thee from the womb:
Thou art my God from my mother's
belly.

11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near;
For there is none to help.

12 Many bulls have compassed me:
Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me
round.

13 They gape upon me with their mouth,
As a ravening and a roaring lion.

14 I am poured out like water,
And all my bones are out of joint:

My heart is like wax;
It is melted in the midst of my bowels.

15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd;
And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws;
And thou hast brought me into the
dust of death.

16 For dogs have compassed me:
The assembly of evil-doers have in-
closed me;

¹¹ They pierced my hands and my feet.

17 I may tell all my bones;
They look and stare upon me:

18 They part my garments among them,
And upon my vesture do they cast lots.

19 But be not thou far off, O LORD:
O thou my succour, haste thee to help
me.

20 Deliver my soul from the sword;
¹² My darling from the power of the dog.

21 Save me from the lion's mouth;

⁶ That is,
The kind
of the
morning.

⁷ Or, For
from my
help
are the
words
of my
roaring.

⁸ Or, but
find no
rest

⁹ Or,
art en-
throned
upon

¹⁰ Or, He
trusteth
on the
LORD,
that he
would
deliver
him

¹¹ So the
Sept.
Vulg.
and Syr.
According
to other
ancient
versions,
They
saw me.

The
Hebrew
text is
pointed
read,
Like a
lion.

¹² Heb.
my only
one.

Yea, from the horns of the wild-oxen
thou hast answered me.

22 I will declare thy name unto my
brethren:

In the midst of the congregation will I
praise thee.

23 Ye that fear the LORD, praise him;
All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him;
And stand in awe of him, all ye the
seed of Israel.

24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred
the affliction of the afflicted;
Neither hath he hid his face from him;
But when he cried unto him, he heard.

25 Of thee cometh my praise in the great
congregation:
I will pay my vows before them that
fear him.

26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied:
They shall praise the LORD that seek
after him:

Let your heart live for ever.

27 All the ends of the earth shall remem-
ber and turn unto the LORD:
And all the kindreds of the nations
shall worship before thee.

28 For the kingdom is the LORD's:
And he is the ruler over the nations.

29 All the fat ones of the earth shall eat
and worship:

All they that go down to the dust
shall bow before him,
Even he that cannot keep his soul alive.

30 A seed shall serve him;

¹ It shall be told of the LORD unto the
next generation.

31 They shall come and shall declare his
righteousness
Unto a people that shall be born, that
he hath done it.

23 A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not
want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green
pastures:

He leadeth me beside the ² still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul:

He guideth me in the paths of right-
eousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley
of ³ the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil; for thou art with
me:

Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in
the presence of mine enemies:

Thou hast anointed my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.

6⁴ Surely goodness and mercy shall
follow me all the days of my life:

And I will dwell in the house of the
LORD ⁵ for ever.

24 A Psalm of David.

1 The earth is the LORD's, and the
fulness thereof;

The world, and they that dwell therein.

2 For he hath founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the floods.

3 Who shall ascend into the hill of the
LORD?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure
heart;

Who hath not lifted up his soul unto
vanity,

And hath not sworn deceitfully.

5 He shall receive a blessing from the
LORD,

And righteousness from the God of
his salvation.

6 This is the generation of them that
seek after him,

That seek thy face, ⁶ O ⁷ God of Ja-
cob. [Selah]

7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
And be ye lift up, ye ⁸ everlasting
doors:

And the King of glory shall come in.

8 Who is the King of glory?
The LORD strong and mighty,
The LORD mighty in battle.

9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates;
Yea, lift them up, ye ⁹ everlasting doors:

And the King of glory shall come in.

10 Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,

He is the King of glory. [Selah]

25 A Psalm of David.

1 Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

2 O my God, in thee have I trusted,
Let me not be ashamed;

Let not mine enemies triumph over me.

3 Yea, none that wait on thee shall be
ashamed:

They shall be ashamed that deal
treacherously without cause.

4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD;

Teach me thy paths.

5 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me;
For thou art the God of my salvation;

On thee do I wait all the day.

6 Remember, O LORD, thy tender mer-
cies and thy lovingkindnesses;

For they have been ever of old.

7 Remember not the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions:

According to thy lovingkindness re-
member thou me,

For thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

8 Good and upright is the LORD:

Therefore will he instruct sinners in
the way.

9 The meek will he guide in judgement:
And the meek will he teach his way.

10 All the paths of the LORD are loving-
kindness and truth

Unto such as keep his covenant and
his testimonies.

11 For thy name's sake, O LORD,
Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.

12 What man is he that feareth the LORD?
Him shall he instruct in the way that
he shall choose.

¹ Or, It shall be counted unto the LORD for his generation

² Heb. and the of rest.

³ Or, deep darkness (and so else where)

⁴ Or, Only

⁵ Heb. for length of days.

⁶ Or, even Jacob

⁷ So some ancient versions.

⁸ Or, ancient

¹ Or, counsel
Or, friend-
ship
² Or,
And his
coven-
ant, to
make
them
know it

³ Or, as
other-
wise
read,
renew
thou,
and
bring
me &c.

⁴ Or, I
shall not
slide

⁵ Or,
publish
with the
voice of
thanks-
giving

⁶ Heb.
of the
tuber-
nacle
of thy
glory.

⁷ Or,
Take not
renew

⁸ Or,
strong
hold

- 13 His soul shall dwell at ease;
And his seed shall inherit the land.
14 The ¹secret of the LORD is with them
that fear him;
²And he will shew them his covenant.
15 Mine eyes are ever toward the LORD;
For he shall pluck my feet out of the
net.
16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy
upon me;
For I am desolate and afflicted.
17 The troubles of my heart ³are en-
larged:
O bring thou me out of my distresses.
18 Consider mine affliction and my tra-
vail;
And forgive all my sins.
19 Consider mine enemies, for they are
many;
And they hate me with cruel hatred.
20 O keep my soul, and deliver me:
Let me not be ashamed, for I put
my trust in thee.
21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve
me,
For I wait on thee.
22 Redeem Israel, O God;
Out of all his troubles.

26 A Psalm of David.

- 1 Judge me, O LORD, for I have walked
in mine integrity:
I have trusted also in the LORD ⁴with-
out wavering.
2 Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
Try my reins and my heart.
3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine
eyes;
And I have walked in thy truth.
4 I have not sat with vain persons;
Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 I hate the congregation of evil-doers,
And will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash mine hands in innocency;
So will I compass thine altar, O LORD:
7 That I may ⁵make the voice of thanks-
giving to be heard,
And tell of all thy wondrous works.
8 LORD, I love the habitation of thy
house,
And the place ⁶where thy glory dwell-
eth.
9 ⁷Gather not my soul with sinners,
Nor my life with men of blood:
10 In whose hands is mischief,
And their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in mine
integrity:
Redeem me, and be merciful unto
me.
12 My foot standeth in an even place:
In the congregations will I bless the
LORD.

27 A Psalm of David.

- 1 The LORD is my light and my salva-
tion; whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the ⁸strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

- 2 When evil-doers came upon me to eat
up my flesh,
Even mine adversaries and my foes,
they stumbled and fell.
3 Though an host should encamp against
me,
My heart shall not fear:
Though war should rise against me,
⁹Even then will I be confident.
4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after;
That I may dwell in the house of
the LORD all the days of my life,
To behold ¹⁰the beauty of the LORD,
and to ¹¹inquire in his temple.
5 For in the day of trouble he shall keep
me secretly in his pavilion:
In the covert of his ¹²tabernacle shall
he hide me;
He shall lift me up upon a rock.
6 And now shall mine head be lifted up
above mine enemies round about me;
And I will offer in his ¹³tabernacle
sacrifices of ¹⁴joy;
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises
unto the LORD.

- 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice:
Have mercy also upon me, and answer
me.
8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face;
my heart said unto thee,
Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
9 Hide not thy face from me;
Put not thy servant away in anger:
Thou hast been my help;
Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O
God of my salvation.
10 ¹⁴For my father and my mother have
forsaken me,
But the LORD will take me up.
11 Teach me thy way, O LORD;
And lead me in a plain path,
Because of ¹⁵mine enemies.
12 Deliver me not over unto the will of
mine adversaries:
For false witnesses are risen up against
me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
13 I had fainted, unless I had believed to
see the goodness of the LORD
In the land of the living.
14 Wait on the LORD:
Be strong, and let thine heart take
courage;
Yea, wait thou on the LORD.

28 A Psalm of David.

- 1 Unto thee, O LORD, will I call;
My rock, be not thou deaf unto me:
Lest, if thou be silent unto me,
I become like them that go down into
the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications,
when I cry unto thee.
When I lift up my hands ¹⁶toward thy
holy oracle.
3 Draw me not away with the wicked,
And with the workers of iniquity;
Which speak peace with their neigh-
bours,

⁹ Or,
In this

¹⁰ Or, the
pleasant-
ness
¹¹ Or,
consider
his tem-
ple
¹² Heb.
tent

¹³ Or,
abounding
Or, trumpet-
sound

¹⁴ Or,
When
my
father
and my
mother
forsoke
me, the
LORD
&c.
¹⁵ Or,
them
that he
is with
for me

¹⁶ Or,
toward
the in-
ter-nal
place of
thy sanc-
tuary

But mischief is in their hearts.
4 Give them according to their work,
and according to the wickedness of
their doings:

Give them after the operation of their
hands;

Render to them their desert.

5 Because they regard not the works of
the LORD,

Nor the operation of his hands,
He shall break them down and not
build them up.

6 Blessed be the LORD,
Because he hath heard the voice of my
supplications.

7 The LORD is my strength and my
shield;

My heart hath trusted in him, and
I am helped:

Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
And with my song will I praise him.

8 The LORD is their strength,
And he is a strong hold of salvation to
his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine in-
heritance:

Feed them also, and bear them up
for ever.

29 A Psalm of David.

1 Give unto the LORD, O ye ²sons of the
¹mighty,

Give unto the LORD glory and strength.

2 Give unto the LORD the glory due
unto his name;

Worship the LORD ⁴in the beauty of
holiness.

3 The voice of the LORD is upon the
waters:

The God of glory thundereth,
Even the LORD upon ⁶many waters.

4 The voice of the LORD is powerful;
The voice of the LORD is full of
majesty.

5 The voice of the LORD breaketh the
cedars;

Yea, the LORD breaketh in pieces the
cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a
calf;

Lebanon and Sirion like a young
wild-ox.

7 The voice of the LORD ⁸cleaveth the
flames of fire.

8 The voice of the LORD shaketh the
wilderness;

The LORD shaketh the wilderness of
Kadesh.

9 The voice of the LORD maketh the
hinds to calve,

And strippeth the forests bare:
And in his temple every thing saith,
Glory.

10 The LORD sat as king at the Flood;
Yea, the LORD sitteth as king for ever.

11 The LORD will give strength unto his
people;

The LORD will bless his people with
peace.

30 A Psalm; a Song at the Dedication of the House; a Psalm of David.

1 I will extol thee, O LORD; for thou
hast ⁷raised me up,

And hast not made my foes to rejoice
over me.

2 O LORD my God,
I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed
me.

3 O LORD, thou hast brought up my
soul from Sheol:

Thou hast kept me alive, ⁸that I should
not go down to the pit.

4 Sing praise unto the LORD, O ye saints
of his,

And give thanks to his holy ⁹name.

5 For his anger is but for a moment;
¹⁰In his favour is life:

Weeping ¹¹may tarry for the night,
But joy cometh in the morning.

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
I shall never be moved.

7 Thou, LORD, of thy favour hadst made
my mountain to stand strong:

Thou didst hide thy face; I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O LORD;
And unto the LORD I made supplica-
tion:

9 What profit is there in my blood, when
I go down to the pit?

Shall the dust praise thee? shall it
declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O LORD, and have mercy upon me:
LORD, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned for me my mourning
into dancing;

Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and
girded me with gladness:

12 To the end that my glory may sing
praise to thee, and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks
unto thee for ever.

31 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust;
let me never be ashamed:

Deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear unto me; deliver
me speedily:

Be thou to me a strong rock, an house
of ¹²defence to save me.

3 For thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for thy name's sake lead
me and guide me.

4 Pluck me out of the net that they
have laid privily for me;

For thou art my strong hold.

5 Into thine hand I commend my spirit:
Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD, thou
God of truth.

6 I hate them that regard lying vanities:
But I trust in the LORD.

7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy:
For thou hast seen my affliction;

Thou hast known ¹³my soul in ad-
versities:

¹ According to some ancient versions, a strength unto his people.

² Or, sons of God.
³ Or, gods.
See Ex. xv. 11.

⁴ Or, in holy array.

⁵ Or, great.

⁶ Or, herewith and flames of fire.

⁷ Or, drums.

⁸ Another reading is, from among them that go down to the pit.

⁹ Heb. me-morin. See Ex. iii. 15.

¹⁰ Or, His favour is for a life time.
¹¹ Heb. may come in to lodge at noon.

¹² Heb. fort-recess.

¹³ Or, the affliction of my soul.

8 And thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy;
Thou hast set my feet in a large place.
9 Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I am in distress:
Mine eye wasteth away with grief, yea, my soul and my body.
10 For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing:
My strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are wasted away.
11 Because of all mine adversaries I am become a reproach,
Yea, unto my neighbours exceedingly, and a fear to mine acquaintance:
They that did see me without fled from me.
12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind:
I am like a broken vessel.
13 For I have heard the defaming of many,
Terror on every side:
While they took counsel together against me,
They devised to take away my life.
14 But I trusted in thee, O LORD:
I said, Thou art my God.
15 My times are in thy hand:
Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me.
16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant:
Save me in thy lovingkindness.
17 Let me not be ashamed, O LORD; for I have called upon thee:
Let the wicked be ashamed, let them be silent in Sheol.
18 Let the lying lips be dumb;
Which speak against the righteous insolently,
With pride and contempt.
19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee,
Which thou hast wrought for them that put their trust in thee, before the sons of men!
20 In the covert of thy presence shalt thou hide them from the plottings of man:
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues.
21 Blessed be the LORD:
For he hath shewed me his marvellous lovingkindness in a strong city.
22 As for me, I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes:
Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications when I cried unto thee.
23 O love the LORD, all ye his saints: .
The LORD preserveth ^a the faithful, And plentifully rewardeth the proud doer.
24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage,
All ye that ^a hope in the LORD.

^a Or, alarm

^a Or, faithful-ness

^a Or, wait for

32 A Psalm of David. Maschil.

1 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.
2 Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity,
And in whose spirit there is no guile.
3 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old
Through my roaring all the day long.
4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me:
My moisture was changed ^a as with the drought of summer. [Selah]
5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid:
I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD;
And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. [Selah]
6 For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee ^b in a time when thou mayest be found:
Surely when the great waters overflow they shall not reach unto him.
7 Thou art my hiding place; thou wilt preserve me from trouble;
Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance. [Selah]
8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go:
I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee.
9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding:
Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold them in,
^c Else they will not come near unto thee.
10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked:
But he that trusteth in the LORD, mercy shall compass him about.
11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, ye righteous:
And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.
33 Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous:
Praise is comely for the upright.
2 Give thanks unto the LORD with harp:
Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten strings.
3 Sing unto him a new song;
Play skilfully with a loud noise.
4 For the word of the LORD is right;
And all his work is done in faithfulness.
5 He loveth righteousness and judgment:
The earth is full of the lovingkindness of the LORD.
6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made;
And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.
7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap:
He layeth up the deeps in storehouses.
8 Let all the earth fear the LORD:

^a Or, sweat

^b Or, in the time of finding out sin

^c Or, That they come not near

Let all the inhabitants of the world
stand in awe of him.

9 For he spake, and it was done;

He commanded, and it stood fast.

10 The LORD bringeth the counsel of the
nations to nought:

He maketh the thoughts of the peoples
to be of none effect.

11 The counsel of the LORD standeth fast
for ever,

The thoughts of his heart to all genera-
tions.

12 Blessed is the nation whose God is the
LORD;

The people whom he hath chosen for
his own inheritance.

13 The LORD looketh from heaven;

He beholdeth all the sons of men;

14 From the place of his habitation he
looketh forth

Upon all the inhabitants of the earth;

15 He that fashioneth the hearts of them
all,

That considereth all their works.

16 There is no king saved by ¹the mul-
titude of an host:

A mighty man is not delivered by
great strength.

17 An horse is a vain thing for safety:

Neither shall he deliver any by his
great power.

18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon
them that fear him,

Upon them that ²hope in his mercy;

19 To deliver their soul from death,

And to keep them alive in famine.

20 Our soul hath waited for the LORD:

He is our help and our shield.

21 For our heart shall rejoice in him,
Because we have trusted in his holy
name.

22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us,
According as we ²have hoped in thee.

34 *A Psalm of David; when he ³changed his
behaviour before Abimelech, who drove
him away, and he departed.*

1 I will bless the LORD at all times:

His praise shall continually be in my
mouth.

2 My soul shall make her boast in the
LORD:

The meek shall hear thereof, and be
glad.

3 O magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt his name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me,

And delivered me from all my fears.

5 They looked unto him, and were light-
ened:

And their faces shall never be con-
founded.

6 This poor man cried, and the LORD
heard him,

And saved him out of all his troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encampeth
round about them that fear him,

And delivereth them.

8 O taste and see that the LORD is good:

Blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

9 O fear the LORD, ye his saints:

For there is no want to them that fear
him.

10 The young lions do lack, and suffer
hunger:

But they that seek the LORD shall not
want any good thing.

11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me:

I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

12 What man is he that desireth life,
And loveth *many* days, that he may
see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil,

And thy lips from speaking guile.

14 Depart from evil, and do good;

Seek peace, and pursue it.

15 The eyes of the LORD are toward the
righteous,

And his ears are *open* unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against them
that do evil,

To cut off the remembrance of them
from the earth.

17 *The righteous* cried, and the LORD heard,
And delivered them out of all their
troubles.

18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are
of a broken heart,

And saveth such as be of a contrite
spirit.

19 Many are the afflictions of the right-
eous:

But the LORD delivereth him out of
them all.

20 He keepeth all his bones:

Not one of them is broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked:

And they that hate the righteous shall
be ⁴condemned.

22 The LORD redeemeth the soul of his
servants:

And none of them that trust in him
shall be ⁴condemned.

35 *A Psalm of David.*

1 Strive thou, O LORD, with them that
strive with me:

Fight thou against them that fight
against me.

2 Take hold of shield and buckler,

And stand up for mine help.

3 Draw out also the spear, ⁵and stop the
way against them that pursue me:

Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

4 Let them be ashamed and brought to
dishonour that seek after my soul:

Let them be turned back and con-
founded that devise my hurt.

5 Let them be as chaff before the wind,
And the angel of the LORD driving
them on.

6 Let their way be ⁶dark and slippery,
And the angel of the LORD pursuing
them.

7 For without cause have they hid for
me ⁷their net in a pit,

Without cause have they digged a pit
for my soul.

¹Or,
a great
power

¹Or,
wait for

³Or,
feigned
madness

⁴Or, held
guilty

⁵Or, and
the bat-
tle are
against
ec.

⁶Heb.
darkness
and
slippery
places.

⁷Or, the
pit of
their net

8 Let destruction come upon him at unawares;
And let his net that he hath hid catch himself:

¹ With destruction let him fall therein.

9 And my soul shall be joyful in the LORD:
It shall rejoice in his salvation.

10 All my bones shall say, LORD, who is like unto thee,
Which deliverest the poor from him that is too strong for him,
Yea, the poor and the needy from him that spoileth him?

¹¹ 11 Unrighteous witnesses rise up;
They ask me of things that I know not.

12 They reward me evil for good,
To the bereaving of my soul.

13 But as for me, when they were sick,
my clothing was sackcloth:
I afflicted my soul with fasting;
And my prayer ³ returned into mine own bosom.

14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother:
I bowed down mourning, as one that bewaileth his mother.

15 But when I halted they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together:

The ⁴ objects gathered themselves together against me, and ⁶ I knew it not;
They did tear me, and ceased not:

16 ⁶ Like the profane mockers in feasts,
They gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17 Lord, how long wilt thou look on?
Rescue my soul from their destructions,

⁷ My darling from the lions.

18 I will give thee thanks in the great congregation:

I will praise thee among ⁸ much people.

19 Let not them that are mine enemies ⁹ wrongfully rejoice over me:

Neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

20 For they speak not peace:
But they devise deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land.

21 Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me;

They said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.

22 Thou hast seen it, O LORD; keep not silence:

O Lord, be not far from me.

23 Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgement,

Even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.

24 Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness;

And let them not rejoice over me.

25 Let them not say in their heart, ¹⁰ Aha, so would we have it:

Let them not say, We have swallowed him up.

26 Let them be ashamed and confounded together that rejoice at mine hurt:

Let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.

27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that ¹¹ favour my righteous cause:
Yea, let them say continually, The LORD be magnified,

Which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness,

And of thy praise all the day long.

36 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of the LORD.

1 ¹² The transgression of the wicked ¹³ saith within ¹⁴ my heart,

There is no fear of God before his eyes.

2 For ¹⁵ he flattereth himself in his own eyes,

That his iniquity shall not be found out and be hated.

3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit:

He hath left off to be wise and to do good.

4 He deviseth iniquity upon his bed;
He setteth himself in a way that is not good;

He abhorreth not evil.

5 Thy lovingkindness, O LORD, is in the heavens;

Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies.

6 Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God;

Thy judgements are a great deep:

O LORD, thou preservest man and beast.

7 How precious is thy lovingkindness, O God!

And the children of men take refuge under the shadow of thy wings.

8 They shall be ¹⁷ abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house;

And thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

9 For with thee is the fountain of life:
In thy light shall we see light.

10 O continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee;

And thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

11 Let not the foot of pride come against me,

And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away.

12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen:

They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

37 A Psalm of David.

1 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers. Neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness.

2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass,

And wither as the green herb.

3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;

¹⁸ Dwell in the land, and ¹⁹ follow after faithfulness.

4 ²⁰ Delight thyself also in the LORD;

¹¹ Heb. have pleasure in my righteousness.

¹² Or. Transgression saith the wicked.

¹³ Or. uttereth its oracle.

¹⁴ Or. according to many ancient versions, his.

¹⁵ Or. it is he that flattereth himself in his eyes.

¹⁶ Or. Until his iniquity be found out and he hated.

¹⁷ Heb. Concerning the flowing out of his iniquity and hating it.

¹⁸ Heb. watered.

¹⁹ Or. do as thou shalt have chosen to the land and, feed securely.

²⁰ Heb. feed on.

²¹ Or. do as thou shalt have thy delight in it.

¹ Or. Into that very destruction let him fall.

² Or. Malicious See Ex. xxiii. 1.

³ Or. shall return.

⁴ Or. smiters
⁵ Or. those whom I knew not.

⁶ Or. Among.

⁷ Heb. My only one.

⁸ Or. a mighty people.

⁹ Heb. falsely.

¹⁰ Heb. (Aha, our desire).

¹ Heb. *petitions.*

² Heb. *Roll thy way up on the LORD.*

³ Or, *Be still before (Heb. silent to) the LORD*

⁴ Or, *the earth (and so in vv. 11, 22, 30, 34)*

⁵ Or, *it*

⁶ Or, *the fat of lambs*

⁷ Or, *like smoke*

And he shall give thee the ¹desires of thine heart.

⁵ Commit thy way unto the LORD; Trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

⁶ And he shall make thy righteousness to go forth as the light, And thy judgement as the noonday.

⁷ Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him:

Fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, Because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

⁸ Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: Fret not thyself, *it tendeth* only to evil-doing.

⁹ For evil-doers shall be cut off:

But those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit ⁴the land.

¹⁰ For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be:

Yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and ⁵he shall not be.

¹¹ But the meek shall inherit the land; And shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

¹² The wicked plotteth against the just, And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.

¹³ The LORD shall laugh at him:

For he seeth that his day is coming.

¹⁴ The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow;

To cast down the poor and needy, To slay such as be upright in the way:

¹⁵ Their sword shall enter into their own heart, And their bows shall be broken.

¹⁶ Better is a little that the righteous hath

Than the abundance of many wicked.

¹⁷ For the arms of the wicked shall be broken:

But the LORD upholdeth the righteous.

¹⁸ The LORD knoweth the days of the perfect:

And their inheritance shall be for ever.

¹⁹ They shall not be ashamed in the time of evil:

And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied.

²⁰ But the wicked shall perish, And the enemies of the LORD shall be

as ⁶the excellency of the pastures: They shall consume; ⁷in smoke shall they consume away.

²¹ The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again:

But the righteous dealeth graciously, and giveth.

²² For such as be blessed of him shall inherit the land;

And they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

²³ A man's goings are established of the LORD;

And he delighteth in his way.

²⁴ Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down:

For the LORD ⁸upholdeth him with his hand.

²⁵ I have been young, and now am old: Yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken,

Nor his seed begging *their* bread.

²⁶ All the day long he dealeth graciously, and lendeth;

And his seed is blessed.

²⁷ Depart from evil, and do good:

And dwell for evermore.

²⁸ For the LORD loveth judgement,

And forsaketh not his saints;

They are preserved for ever:

But the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

²⁹ The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell therein for ever.

³⁰ The mouth of the righteous talketh of wisdom,

And his tongue speaketh judgement.

³¹ The law of his God is in his heart;

None of his steps shall slide.

³² The wicked watcheth the righteous,

And seeketh to slay him.

³³ The LORD will not leave him in his hand,

Nor condemn him when he is judged.

³⁴ Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, And he shall exalt thee to inherit the land:

When the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it.

³⁵ I have seen the wicked in great power, And spreading himself like a green tree in its native soil.

³⁶ But ¹⁰one passed by, and, lo, he was not:

Yea, I sought him, but he could not be found.

³⁷ Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright:

For ¹¹the latter end of *that* man is peace.

³⁸ As for transgressors, they shall be destroyed together:

The latter end of the wicked shall be cut off.

³⁹ But the salvation of the righteous is of the LORD:

He is their strong hold in the time of trouble.

⁴⁰ And the LORD helpeth them, and rescueth them:

He rescueth them from the wicked, and saveth them,

Because they have taken refuge in him.

³⁸ A Psalm of David, ¹²to bring to remembrance.

¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in thy wrath:

Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

² For thine arrows ¹³stick fast in me, And thy hand ¹⁴presseth me sore.

³ There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine indignation;

Neither is there any ¹⁵health in my bones because of my sin.

⁸ Or, *upholdeth his hand*

¹⁰ Or, *Yet he passed away*

¹¹ Or, *according to some ancient versions, I passed by*

¹² Or, *there is a reward (or, future or, posterity) for the man of peace*

¹³ Or, *to make me mortal*

¹⁴ Heb. *lighted on me.*

¹⁵ Or, *rest*

4 For mine iniquities are gone over mine head:

As an heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

5 My wounds stink and are corrupt, Because of my foolishness.

6 I am ¹pained and bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.

7 For my loins are filled with burning; And there is no soundness in my flesh.

8 I am faint and sore bruised: I have roared by reason of the disquietness of my heart.

9 Lord, all my desire is before thee; And my groaning is not hid from thee.

10 My heart throbberth, my strength faileth me:

As for the light of mine eyes, it also is gone from me.

11 My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plague;

And my kinsmen stand afar off.

12 They also that seek after my life lay snares for me;

And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, And imagine deceits all the day long.

13 But I, as a deaf man, hear not; And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.

14 Yea, I am as a man that heareth not,

And in whose mouth are no ²reproofs.

15 For in thee, O LORD, do I hope: Thou wilt answer, O Lord my God.

16 For I said, Lest they rejoice over me: When my foot slippeth, they magnify themselves against me.

17 For I am ready to halt, And my sorrow is continually before me.

18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.

19 But mine enemies are lively, and are strong:

And they that hate me ³wrongfully are multiplied.

20 They also that render evil for good Are adversaries unto me, because I follow the thing that is good.

21 Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.

22 Make haste to help me, O Lord my salvation.

39 For the Chief Musician, for Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

1 I said, I will take heed to my ways, That I sin not with my tongue:

I will keep ⁴my mouth with a bridle, While the wicked is before me.

2 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, ⁵even from good; And my sorrow was stirred.

3 My heart was not within me; While I was musing the fire kindled:

Then spake I with my tongue:

4 LORD, make me to know mine end, And the measure of my days, what it is;

Let me know how frail I am.

5 Behold, thou hast made my days as handbreadths;

And mine age is as nothing before thee:

Surely every man ⁶at his best estate is altogether ⁷vanity. [Selah]

6 Surely every man walketh ⁸in a vain shew:

Surely they are disquieted ⁹in vain: He heapeth up *riches*, and knoweth not who shall gather them.

7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee.

8 Deliver me from all my transgressions: Make me not the reproach of the foolish.

9 I was dumb, I opened not my mouth; Because thou didst it.

10 Remove thy stroke away from me: I am consumed by the ¹⁰blow of thine hand.

11 When thou with rebukes dost correct man for iniquity,

Thou ¹¹makest his beauty to consume away like a moth:

Surely every man is ¹²vanity. [Selah]

12 Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear unto my cry;

Hold not thy peace at my tears: For I am a stranger with thee,

A sojourner, as all my fathers were.

13 ¹³O spare me, that I may ¹⁴recover strength,

Before I go hence, and be no more.

40 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 I waited patiently for the LORD; And he inclined unto me, and heard my cry.

2 He brought me up also out of ¹⁴a horrible pit, out of the miry clay;

And he set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God:

Many shall see it, and fear, And shall trust in the LORD.

4 Blessed is the man that maketh the LORD his trust,

And respecteth not the proud, nor such as ¹⁵turn aside to lies.

5 Many, O LORD my God, are the wonderful works which thou hast done,

And thy thoughts which are to us-ward:

¹⁶They cannot be set in order unto thee;

If I would declare and speak of them. They are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and ¹⁷offering thou hast no delight in;

¹⁸Mine ears hast thou opened: Burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I am come;

¹ Heb. bent.

² Or, arguments

³ Heb. falsely.

⁴ Heb. a bridle (or, muzzle) for my mouth.

⁵ Or, and had no comfort Heb. away from good.

⁶ Heb. standing firm.

⁷ Heb. a breadth.

⁸ Or, as a shadow.

⁹ Or, for vanity.

¹⁰ Heb. conflict.

¹¹ Or, consumed like a moth his delights.

¹² Or, Look away from me.

¹³ Heb. brighten up.

¹⁴ Heb. a pit of trouble or destruction.

¹⁵ Or, full many transgressions.

¹⁶ Or, There is none to be compared unto thee.

¹⁷ Or, meat offering.

¹⁸ Heb. have hast thou dipped (or, poured) for me.

1 Or, pro-
claimed
to

In the roll of the book it is ¹written
of me:

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God;
Yea, thy law is within my heart.

9 I have ²published righteousness in the
great congregation;

Lo, I will not refrain my lips,
O LORD, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy righteousness
within my heart;

I have declared thy faithfulness and
thy salvation:

I have not concealed thy lovingkind-
ness and thy truth from the great
congregation.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies
from me, O LORD:

Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth
continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed
me about,

Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so
that I am not able to look up;

They are more than the hairs of mine
head, and my heart hath ³failed me.

13 Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me:
Make haste to help me, O LORD.

14 Let them be ashamed and confound-
ed together

That seek after my soul to destroy it:
Let them be turned backward and

brought to dishonour
That delight in my hurt.

15 Let them be ⁴desolate ⁵by reason of
their shame

That say unto me, Aha, Aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice
and be glad in thee:

Let such as love thy salvation say
continually,

The LORD be magnified.

17 But I am poor and needy;

Yet the Lord thinketh upon me:

Thou art my help and my deliverer;
Make no tarrying, O my God.

41 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Blessed is he that considereth ⁶the
poor:

3 Heb.
for-
saken.

4 Or, as-
tonished
5 Or,
for a
reward
of

6 Or,
the weak

The LORD will deliver him in the day
of evil.

27 The LORD will preserve him, and
keep him alive, and he shall be

blessed ⁸upon the earth;
And deliver not thou him unto the

will of his enemies.

32 The LORD will support him upon the
couch of languishing:

Thou ¹⁰makest all his bed in his
sickness.

41 said, O LORD, have mercy upon me:
Heal my soul; for I have sinned

against thee.

5 Mine enemies speak evil against me,
saying,

When shall he die, and his name
perish?

6 And if he come to see me, he speak-
eth ¹¹vanity;

His heart gathereth iniquity to itself:
When he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

7 All that hate me whisper together
against me:

Against me do they devise my hurt.
8 ¹²An evil disease, say they, ¹³cleaveth

fast unto him:
And now that he lieth he shall rise up

no more.

9 Yea, mine own familiar friend, in
whom I trusted, which did eat of

my bread,
Hath lifted up his heel against me.

10 But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon
me, and raise me up,

That I may requite them.

11 By this I know that thou delightest
in me,

Because mine enemy doth not triumph
over me.

12 And as for me, thou upholdest me in
mine integrity,

And settest me before thy face for
ever.

13 Blessed be the LORD, the God of
Israel,

From everlasting and to everlasting.
Amen, and Amen.

7 Or, The
LORD
preserve
8 Or, in
the land

9 Or,
The
LORD
support
10 Heb.
turnest,
or, chang-
est.

11 Or,
false-
hood

12 Or,
Some
wicked
thing
13 Or, is
poured
out upon
him

BOOK II.

42 For the Chief Musician; Maschil of the
sons of Korah.

1 As the hart panteth after the water
brooks,

So panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the
living God:

When shall I come and appear before
God?

3 My tears have been my meat day and
night,

While they ¹continually say unto me,
Where is thy God?

4 These things I remember, and pour
out my soul ²within me,

How I went with the throng, and ³led
them to the house of God,

With the voice of joy and praise, a
multitude keeping holyday.

5 Why art thou ⁴cast down, O my soul?
And why art thou disquieted within

me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet
praise him

⁵For the ⁶health of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down
within me:

Therefore do I remember thee from
the land of Jordan,

And the Hermons, from ⁷the hill Mizar.

3 Or,
went in
procession with
them

4 Heb.
bowed
down.

5 Accord-
ing to
some an-
cient au-
thorities,

Who is
the

health
of my

counte-
enance,
and my

God. My
soul &c.

6 Or, help

7 Or, the
little moun-
tain

1 Heb.
all the
day.

2 Heb.
within.

1 Or,
cata-
racts

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy ¹ waterspouts:

All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

8 Yet the Lord will command his loving-kindness in the day-time,
And in the night his song shall be with me,

Even a prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me?

Why go I mourning ² because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with ³ a sword in my bones, mine adversaries reproach me;

While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,

Who is the ⁴ health of my countenance, and my God.

43 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation:

O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou cast me off?

Why go I mourning ² because of the oppression of the enemy?

8 O send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me:

Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, And to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, Unto God ⁵ my exceeding joy:

And upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me?

Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him,

Who is the ⁴ health of my countenance, and my God.

44 For the Chief Musician; a Psalm of the sons of Korah. Maschil.

1 We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us,
What work thou didst in their days, in the days of old.

2 Thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand, and plantedst them in;
Thou didst afflict the peoples, and ⁶ didst spread them abroad.

3 For they gat not the land in possession by their own sword,
Neither did their own arm save them: But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, Because thou hadst a favour unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: Command ⁷ deliverance for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our adversaries:

Through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, Neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our adversaries,

And hast put them to shame that hate us.

8 In God have we made our boast all the day long,

And we will give thanks unto thy name for ever. [Selah]

9 But now thou hast cast us off, and brought us to dishonour;

And goest not forth with our hosts.

10 Thou makest us to turn back from the adversary:

And they which hate us spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast given us like sheep appointed for meat;

And hast scattered us among the nations.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, And hast not increased *thy wealth* by their price.

13 Thou makest us a reproach to our neighbours,

A scorn and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou makest us a byword among the nations,

A shaking of the head among the peoples.

15 All the day long is my dishonour before me,

And the shame of my face hath covered me,

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth;

By reason of the enemy and the avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee,

Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back,

Neither have our steps declined from thy way;

19 ⁸ That thou hast sore broken us in the place of jackals,

And covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God,

Or spread forth our hands to a strange god;

21 Shall not God search this out?

For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yea, for thy sake are we killed all the day long;

We are counted as sheep for the slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, O Lord?

Arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face,

2 Or,
while the
enemy
oppress-
eth
3 Or,
crushing

4 Or,
help

5 Heb.
the glad-
ness of
my joy.

6 Or, cast
them
forth

7 Or, vic-
torious

8 Or,
though

And forgettest our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust:
Our belly cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Rise up for our help,
And redeem us for thy lovingkindness' sake.

¹ That is, *Lit.*

45 For the Chief Musician; set to ¹Shoshannim;
a Psalm of the sons of Korah. Maschil.
A Song of loves.

1 My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter:

² I speak the things which I have made touching the king:

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
2 Thou art fairer than the children of men;

Grace is poured ³into thy lips:
Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one,
Thy glory and thy majesty.

4 And in thy majesty ride on prosperously,

⁴ Because of truth and meekness and righteousness:

And ⁵thy right hand shall teach thee terrible things.

5 Thine arrows are sharp;
The peoples fall under thee;
They are in the heart of the king's enemies.

6 ⁶Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever:
A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.

7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness:
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee

With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

8 All thy garments *smell of* myrrh, and aloes, and cassia;
Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.

9 Kings' daughters are among thy honourable women:
At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ophir.

10 Harken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear;
Forget also thine own people, and thy father's house;

11 So shall the king desire thy beauty:
For he is thy Lord; and worship thou him.

12 And the daughter of Tyre *shall be there* with a gift;
Even the rich among the people shall intreat thy favour.

13 The king's daughter ⁷within the palace is all glorious:

Her clothing is inwrought with gold.

14 She shall be led unto the king ⁸in broidered work:

The virgins her companions that follow her

Shall be brought unto thee.

15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led:

They shall enter into the king's palace.

16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,
Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.

17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
Therefore shall the peoples give thee thanks for ever and ever.

46 For the Chief Musician; a Psalm of the sons of Korah; set to Alamoth. A Song.

1 God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,

And though the mountains be moved in the heart of the seas;

3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,

Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. [Selah]

⁹ Or, *pride*

4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God,
The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God shall help her, ¹⁰and that right early.

¹⁰ Heb. at the dawn of morning.

6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved:

He uttered his voice, the earth melted.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our ¹¹refuge. [Selah]

¹¹ Or, *high tower*

8 Come, behold the works of the Lord, ¹²What desolations he hath made in the earth.

¹² Or, *What hath made desolations there.*

9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;

He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;

He burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 ¹³Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.

¹³ Or, *Let be*

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our ¹¹refuge. [Selah]

47 For the Chief Musician; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 O clap your hands, all ye peoples;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.

2 For ¹⁴the Lord Most High is terrible;
He is a great King over all the earth.

3 He ¹⁵shall subdue the peoples under us,
And the nations under our feet.

4 He ¹⁶shall choose our inheritance for us,

The excellency of Jacob whom he ¹⁷loved. [Selah]

¹⁴ Or, *the Lord is most high and terrible*

¹⁵ Or, *subdue*

¹⁶ Or, *choose*

¹⁷ Or, *loved*

5 God is gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

6 Sing praises to God, sing praises:

² Or, *I speak; my work is for a king*

³ Or, *upon*

⁴ Or, *in behalf of*

⁵ Or, *let thy right hand teach*

⁶ Or, *Thy throne is the throne of God &c.*

⁷ Or, *in the inner part of the palace*
⁸ Or, *upon*

Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

7 For God is the King of all the earth:

Sing ye praises ¹with understanding.

8 God reigneth over the nations:

God sitteth upon his holy throne.

9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together

²To be the people of the God of Abraham:

For the shields of the earth belong unto God;

He is greatly exalted.

48 A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 Great is the LORD, and highly to be praised,

In the city of our God, in his holy mountain.

2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,

Is mount Zion, *on the sides of the north*,
The city of the great King.

3 God hath made himself known in her palaces for a ³refuge.

4 For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,

They ⁴passed by together.

5 They saw it, then were they amazed;

They were dismayed, they ⁵hasted away.

6 Trembling took hold of them there;

Pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 ⁶With the east wind

Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen
In the city of the LORD of hosts, in
the city of our God:

God will establish it for ever. [Selah]

9 We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O God,

In the midst of thy temple.

10 As is thy name, O God,

So is thy praise unto the ends of the earth:

Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion be glad,

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice,
Because of thy judgements.

12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her:

Tell the towers thereof.

13 Mark ye well her bulwarks,

⁷Consider her palaces;

That ye may tell it to the generation following.

14 For this God is our God for ever and ever:

He will be our guide *even* ⁸unto death.

49 For the Chief Musician; a Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 Hear this, all ye peoples;

Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world:

2 Both low and high,

Rich and poor together.

3 My mouth shall speak wisdom;

And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.

4 I will incline mine ear to a parable:
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.

5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil,

When ⁹iniquity at my heels compasseth me about?

6 They that trust in their wealth,
And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches;

7 None of them can by any means redeem his brother,

Nor give to God a ransom for him:

8 (For the redemption of their soul is costly,
And must be let alone *for ever*.)

9 That he should still ¹⁰live always,
That he should not see ¹⁰corruption.

10 ¹¹For he seeth that wise men die.
The fool and the brutish together

perish,
And leave their wealth to others.

11 ¹²Their inward thought is, *that their houses shall continue for ever*,

And their dwelling places to all generations;

They call their lands after their own names.

12 But ¹³man abideth not in honour:
He is like the beasts that perish.

13 ¹⁴This their way is ¹⁵their folly:
Yet after them men approve their sayings.

14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol;
Death shall be their shepherd:

And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning;

And their ¹⁶beauty shall be for Sheol to consume, that there be no habitation for it.

15 But God will redeem my soul from the ¹⁷power of Sheol:

For he shall receive me. [Selah]

16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich,

When the ¹⁸glory of his house is increased:

17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away;

His glory shall not descend after him.

18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul,

And men praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,

19 ¹⁹He shall go to the generation of his fathers;

²⁰They shall never see the light.

20 Man that is in honour, and understandeth not,

Is like the beasts that perish.

50 A Psalm of Asaph.

1 ²¹God, *even* God, the LORD, hath spoken,

And called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.

2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God hath shined forth.

¹ Or, in a skilful psalm.
Heb. Muschil.

² Or, Unto the psalm.

³ Or, high tower.

⁴ Or, passed away.

⁵ Or, were stricken with terror.

⁶ Or, As with the east wind.

⁷ Or, As with the east wind.

⁸ Or, As with the east wind.

⁹ Or, As with the east wind.

¹⁰ Or, As with the east wind.

¹¹ Or, As with the east wind.

¹² Or, As with the east wind.

¹³ Or, As with the east wind.

¹⁴ Or, As with the east wind.

¹⁵ Or, As with the east wind.

¹⁶ Or, As with the east wind.

¹⁷ Or, As with the east wind.

¹⁸ Or, As with the east wind.

¹⁹ Or, As with the east wind.

²⁰ Or, As with the east wind.

²¹ Or, As with the east wind.

²² Or, As with the east wind.

²³ Or, As with the east wind.

²⁴ Or, As with the east wind.

²⁵ Or, As with the east wind.

⁹ Or, the iniquity of them that would plant me compass me about, even of them that trust in riches.

¹⁰ Or, the pit.

¹¹ Or, For he shall see it: when men are.

¹² Some ancient versions read: Their graves are their houses for ever.

¹³ Or, man being in honour abideth not.

¹⁴ Or, This is the way of them that are foolish.

¹⁵ Or, their own wisdom and after it.

¹⁶ Or, form.

¹⁷ Heb. hand.

¹⁸ Or, wealth.

¹⁹ Heb. Thus shall go, or, it shall go.

²⁰ Or, which never were seen.

²¹ Or, The God of gold.

²² Heb. It shined.

²³ Or, The God of gold.

²⁴ Heb. It shined.

²⁵ Or, The God of gold.

²⁶ Heb. It shined.

²⁷ Or, The God of gold.

²⁸ Heb. It shined.

²⁹ Or, The God of gold.

³⁰ Heb. It shined.

³¹ Or, The God of gold.

³² Heb. It shined.

³³ Or, The God of gold.

³⁴ Heb. It shined.

³⁵ Or, The God of gold.

³⁶ Heb. It shined.

³⁷ Or, The God of gold.

¹ Or, *counsel*
... de-
voureth
... is &c.

8 Our God ¹ shall come, and shall not keep silence:
A fire shall devour before him,
And it shall be very tempestuous round about him.

4 He shall call to the heavens above,
And to the earth, that he may judge his people:

5 Gather my saints together unto me;
Those that have made a covenant with me by sacrifice.

6 And the heavens ² shall declare his righteousness;
For God is judge himself. [Selah

7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, and I will testify ³ unto thee:
I am God, *even* thy God.

8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices;

⁴ And thy burnt offerings are continually before me.

9 I will take no bullock out of thy house,
Nor he-goats out of thy folds.

10 For every beast of the forest is mine,
And the cattle ⁵ upon a thousand hills.

11 I know all the fowls of the mountains:
And the wild beasts of the field are ⁶ mine.

12 If I were hungry, I would not tell thee:
For the world is mine, and the fulness thereof.

13 Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
Or drink the blood of goats?

14 Offer unto God the sacrifice of thanksgiving;

And pay thy vows unto the Most High:
15 And call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

16 But unto the wicked God saith,
What hast thou to do to declare my statutes,
And that thou hast taken my covenant in thy mouth?

17 Seeing thou hatest ⁷ instruction,
And castest my words behind thee.

18 When thou sawest a thief, thou consentedst with him,
And ⁸ hast been partaker with adulterers.

19 Thou givest thy mouth to evil,
And thy tongue frameth deceit.

20 Thou sittest and speakest against thy brother;

Thou ⁹ slanderest thine own mother's son.

21 These things hast thou done, and I kept silence;
Thou thoughtest that I was altogether such an one as thyself:

But I will reprove thee, and set them in order before thine eyes.

22 Now consider this, ye that forget God,

Lest I tear you in pieces, and there be none to deliver:

23 Whoso offereth the sacrifice of thanksgiving glorifieth me;

10 And to him that ordereth his ¹¹ conversation *aright*
Will I shew the salvation of God.

51 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David: when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba.

1 Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness:

According to the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I ¹² acknowledge my transgressions:
And my sin is ever before me.

4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned,
And done that which is evil in thy sight:

That thou mayest be justified when thou speakest,

And be clear when thou judgest.

5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity;

And in sin did my mother conceive me.

6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts:

And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

7 Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:

Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

8 Make me to hear joy and gladness;
That the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

9 Hide thy face from my sins,
And blot out all mine iniquities.

10 Create ¹³ in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a ¹⁴ right spirit within me.

11 Cast me not away from thy presence;
And take not thy holy spirit from me.

12 Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation:

And uphold me with a ¹⁵ free spirit.

13 Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;

And sinners shall ¹⁶ be converted unto thee.

14 Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation;
And my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

15 O Lord, open thou my lips;

And my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

16 For thou delightest not in sacrifice;
¹⁷ else would I give it:

Thou hast no pleasure in burnt offering.

17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit:

A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

18 Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:
Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

19 Then shalt thou delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, in burnt offering and whole burnt offering:

Then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

¹⁰ Or, *And perpetually in a way that I may show him.*
¹¹ Heb. *my.*

¹² Heb. *know.*

¹³ Or, *for me*
¹⁴ Or, *and just*

¹⁵ Or, *will*

¹⁶ Or, *return*

¹⁷ Or, *that I should give it*

² Or, *declare*

³ Or, *against*

⁴ Or, *Nor for thy burnt offerings, which are &c.*

⁵ Or, *upon the mountains: mine where thousands are*

⁶ Or, *in my mind*
Heb. with me.

⁷ Or, *correction*

⁸ Heb. *thy portion was with adulterers.*

⁹ Or, *greatest*
Heb. against

52 For the Chief Musician. Maschil of David: when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

1 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man?

The mercy of God endureth continually.

2 Thy tongue deviseth very wickedness; Like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good; And lying rather than to speak righteousness. [Selah]

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, ¹O thou deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise ²destroy thee for ever,

He shall take thee up, and pluck thee out of thy tent,

And root thee out of the land of the living. [Selah]

6 The righteous also shall see it, and fear, And shall laugh at him, saying,

7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his ³strength;

But trusted in the abundance of his riches, And strengthened himself in his wickedness.

8 But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God:

I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give thee thanks for ever, because thou hast done it:

And I will wait on thy name, for it is good, in the presence of thy saints.

53 For the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath. Maschil of David.

1⁴ The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God.

Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men,

To see if there were any that did ⁵understand,

That did seek after God.

3 Every one of them is gone back; they are together become filthy;

There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge?

Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And call not upon God.

5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was:

For God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee;

Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath rejected them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!

When God ⁶bringeth back the captivity of his people,

Then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

54 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maschil of David: when the Ziphites came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?

1 Save me, O God, by thy name, And judge me in thy might.

2 Hear my prayer, O God;

Give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For ⁷strangers are risen up against me, And violent men have sought after my soul:

They have not set God before them. [Selah]

4 Behold, God is mine helper:

The Lord is ⁸of them that uphold my soul.

5 ⁹He shall requite the evil unto ¹⁰mine enemies:

Destroy thou them in thy truth.

6 With a freewill offering will I sacrifice unto thee:

I will give thanks unto thy name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble;

And mine eye hath seen my desire upon mine enemies.

55 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maschil of David.

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; And hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and answer me: I am restless in my complaint, and moan;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked;

For they cast iniquity upon me, And in anger they persecute me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me,

And horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!

Then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off, I would lodge in the wilderness. [Selah]

8 I would ¹¹haste me to a shelter From the stormy wind and tempest.

9 ¹²Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongue:

For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof:

Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof:

¹³Oppression and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy that re-

proached me;

Then I could have borne it: Neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me;

Then I would have hid myself from him:

¹ Or, And the deceitful tongue

² Or, break thee down

³ Or, strong hold

⁴ See Ps. xiv.

⁵ Or, deal wisely

⁶ Or, returneth to

⁷ See Ps. lxxvi. 14

⁸ Or, with

⁹ Another reading is, The evil shall return. ¹⁰ Or, them that lie in wait for me

¹¹ Or, haste my escape ¹² Heb. Destroy me

¹³ Or, Fraud

13 But it was thou, a man mine equal,
My companion, and my familiar friend.

14 We took sweet counsel together,
We walked in the house of God with
the throng.

15 ¹Let death come suddenly upon them,
Let them go down alive into ²the pit:
For wickedness is in their dwelling, in
³the midst of them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God;
And the Lord shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noonday,
will I complain, and moan:
And he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath redeemed my soul in peace
⁴from the battle that was against
me:

For they were many that strove with
me.

19 God shall hear, and ⁵answer them,
Even he that abideth of old, [Selah]
The men who have no changes,
And who fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against
such as were at peace with him:
He hath profaned his covenant.

21 His mouth was smooth as butter,
But his heart was war:
His words were softer than oil,
Yet were they drawn swords.

22 Cast ⁶thy burden upon the Lord, and
he shall sustain thee:
He shall never suffer the righteous to
be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them
down into the pit of destruction:
Bloodthirsty and deceitful men shall
not live out half their days;
But I will trust in thee.

56 For the Chief Musician; set to ⁷Jonath elem
rehokim. A Psalm of David: Michtam:
when the Philistines took him in Gath.

1 Be merciful unto me, O God; for man
would swallow me up:
All the day long he fighting oppresseth
me.

2 ⁸Mine enemies would swallow me up
all the day long:
For they be many that fight proudly
against me.

3 What time I am afraid,
I will put my trust in thee.

4 In God I will praise his word:
In God have I put my trust, I will not
be afraid;

What can flesh do unto me?

5 All the day long they wrest my words:
All their thoughts are against me for
evil.

6 They gather themselves together, they
hide themselves,
They mark my steps,

⁹Even as they have waited for my soul.

7 ¹⁰Shall they escape by iniquity?
In anger cast down the peoplet, O God.

8 Thou tellest my wanderings:
Put thou my iniquity in thy bottle;
Are they not in tears ¹¹book?

9 Then shall mine enemies turn back in
the day that I call:

This I know, ¹²that God is for me.

10 In God will I praise his word:

In the Lord will I praise his word.

11 In God have I put my trust, I will
not be afraid;

What can man do unto me?

12 Thy vows are upon me, O God:

I will render thank offerings unto thee.

13 For thou hast delivered my soul from
death:

*Hast thou not delivered my feet from
falling?*

That I may walk before God

In the light of ¹³the living.

57 For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth.
A Psalm of David: Michtam: when he
fled from Saul, in the cave.

1 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merci-
ful unto me;

For my soul taketh refuge in thee:

Yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I
take refuge,

Until these ¹⁴calamities be overpast.

2 I will cry unto God Most High;

Unto God that performeth *all things*
for me.

3 He shall send from heaven, and save
me,

When he that would swallow me up
reproacheth; [Selah]

God shall send forth his mercy and his
truth.

4 My soul is among lions;

¹⁵I lie among them that are set on fire.
Even the sons of men, whose teeth

are spears and arrows,

And their tongue a sharp sword.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the
heavens;

Let thy glory be above all the earth.

6 They have prepared a net for my
steps;

My soul is bowed down:

They have digged a pit before me;

They are fallen into the midst thereof
themselves. [Selah]

7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is
fixed:

I will sing, yea, I will sing praises.

8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery
and harp:

¹⁶I myself will awake right early.

9 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
among the peoples:

I will sing praises unto thee among
the nations.

10 For thy mercy is great unto the heavens,
And thy truth unto the skies.

11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the
heavens;

Let thy glory be above all the earth.

58 For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth.
A Psalm of David: Michtam.

1 ¹⁷Do ye indeed ¹⁸in silence speak right-
eousness?

¹ Or, as
other-
wise
read,
Dema-
tions be
upon
them!

² Heb.
Shoot.
³ Or,
their
inward
part

⁴ Or, so
that
some
came
nigh me

⁵ Or,
afflict

⁶ Heb.
that he
hath
given
them.

⁷ That
is, the
sweet
dove of
peace
that are
after off
or, as
other-
wise
read, The
dove of
the illu-
minant ter-
races
⁸ Or,
They
that lie
in wait
for me

⁹ Or, in-
asmuch
as
¹⁰ Or,
They
think to
escape
¹¹ Or,
record

¹² Or, for

¹³ Or,
life

¹⁴ Or,
wicked-
nesses

¹⁵ Or,
I must
lie

¹⁶ Or,
I will
awake
the dawn

¹⁷ Or, is
the right-
eousness
ye should
speak
dumb?

¹⁸ Or, as
other-
wise
read,
O ye
gods
or, O ye
mighty
gods

¹ Or, judge uprightly the sons of men

Do ye ¹judge uprightly, O ye sons of men?

2 Yea, in heart ye work wickedness; Ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.

3 The wicked are estranged from the womb:

They go astray as soon as they be born, speaking lies.

4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent:

They are like the deaf adder that stoppeth her ear;

5 Which hearkeneth not to the voice of ²charmers,

Charming never so wisely.

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth:

Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Lord.

7 Let them melt away as water that runneth apace:

When he aimeth his arrows, let them be as though they were cut off.

8 Let them be as a snail which melteth and passeth away:

Like the untimely birth of a woman, ³that hath not seen the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel the thorns, ⁴He shall take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance:

He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked.

11 So that men shall say, Verily there is ⁵a reward for the righteous:

Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

59 For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashbeth. A Psalm of David: Michtam: when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

1 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God:

Set me on high from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity. And save me from the bloodthirsty men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul; The mighty gather themselves together against me:

Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault:

Awake thou to ⁶help me, and behold.

5 Even thou, O Lord God of hosts, the God of Israel,

Arise to visit all the ⁷heathen: Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors. [Selah]

6 They return at evening, they make a noise like a dog,

And go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth; Swords are in their lips:

For who, say they, doth hear?

8 But thou, O Lord, shalt laugh at them; Thou shalt have all the ⁸heathen in derision.

9 ⁹O my strength, I will wait upon thee: For God is my high tower.

10 ¹⁰The God of my mercy shall prevent me:

God shall let me see my desire upon ¹¹mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget:

¹²Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down,

O Lord our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips,

Let them even be taken in their pride, And for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, that they be no more:

And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,

Unto the ends of the earth. [Selah]

14 And at evening let them return, let them make a noise like a dog,

And go round about the city.

15 They shall wander up and down for meat,

And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy strength; Yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning:

For thou hast been my high tower, And a refuge in the day of my distress.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises:

For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

60 For the Chief Musician; set to ¹³Shushan Eduth: Michtam of David, to teach: when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the Valley of Salt twelve thousand.

1 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us down;

Thou hast been angry; O restore us again.

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble: thou hast rent it:

Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast shewed thy people hard things:

Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,

¹⁴That it may be displayed because of the truth. [Selah]

5 That thy beloved may be delivered, Save with thy right hand, and answer ¹⁵us.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will exult:

I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

⁸ So some ancient authorities. The Hebrew text has, *its strength*.

⁹ According to some ancient authorities, *My God will be my mercy*.

¹⁰ Or, *them that he will send for me*.

¹¹ Or, *Male them wonder to and fro*.

¹³ That is, *The City of triumph*.

¹⁴ Many ancient authorities read, *That they may see from before the host*.

¹⁵ Another read not *us*.

² Or, enchanters

³ Or, like them that have not seen the sun

⁴ Or, *Even as a new flesh, even so, shall they sweep them away* ⁵ Heb. *fruit*.

⁶ Heb. *meat*.

⁷ Or, *nations*

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine;
Ephraim also is the defence of mine
head;

Judah is my ¹sceptre.

8 Moab is my washpot;

²Upon Edom will I cast my shoe:

Philistia, shout thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the strong city?

³Who hath led me unto Edom?

10 ⁴Hast not thou, O God, cast us off?

And thou goest not forth, O God, with
our hosts.

11 Give us help against the adversary:

For vain is the ⁵help of man.

12 Through God we shall do valiantly:

For he it is that shall tread down our
adversaries.

61 For the Chief Musician; on a stringed
instrument. *A Psalm of David.*

1 Hear my cry, O God;

Attend unto my prayer.

2 From the end of the earth will I call
unto thee, when my heart ⁶is over-
whelmed:

Lead me to ⁷the rock that is higher
than I.

3 For thou hast been a refuge for me,
A strong tower from the enemy.

4 I will dwell in thy ⁸tabernacle for ever:
I will take refuge in the covert of thy
wings. [Selah]

5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows:
Thou hast ⁹given me the heritage of
those that fear thy name.

6 Thou wilt prolong the king's life:
His years shall be as many genera-
tions.

7 He shall abide before God for ever:
O prepare lovingkindness and truth,
that they may preserve him.

8 So will I sing praise unto thy name
for ever,
That I may daily perform my vows.

62 For the Chief Musician; after the manner
of Jeduthun. *A Psalm of David.*

1 My soul ¹⁰waiteth only upon God:

From him cometh my salvation.

2 He only is my rock and my salvation:
He is my high tower; I shall not be
greatly moved.

3 How long will ye set upon a man,

¹¹That ye may slay *him*, all of you,
Like a bowing wall, like a tottering
fence?

4 They only consult to thrust him down
from his excellency;
They delight in lies:
They bless with their mouth, but they
curse inwardly. [Selah]

5 My soul, ¹²wait thou only upon God;
For my expectation is from him.

6 He only is my rock and my salvation:
He is my high tower; I shall not be
moved.

7 With God is my salvation and my glory:
The rock of my strength, and my
refuge, is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times, ye people;
Pour out your heart before him:
God is a refuge for us. [Selah]

9 Surely men of low degree are ¹³vanity,
and men of high degree are a lie:
In the balances they will go up;
They are together lighter than ¹⁴vanity.

10 Trust not in oppression,
And become not vain in robbery:
If riches increase, set not your heart
thereon.

11 God hath spoken once,
Twice have I heard this;
That power belongeth unto God:

12 Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth
mercy:

For thou renderest to every man
according to his work.

63 A Psalm of David, when he was in the
wilderness of Judah.

1 O God, thou art my God; ¹⁴early will
I seek thee:

My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh
longeth for thee,
In a dry and weary land, where no
water is.

2 So have I looked upon thee in the
sanctuary,
To see thy power and thy glory.

3 For thy lovingkindness is better than
life;
My lips shall praise thee.

4 So will I bless thee while I live:

I will lift up my hands in thy name.

5 My soul shall be satisfied as with
¹⁵marrow and fatness;
And my mouth shall praise thee with
joyful lips;

6 When I remember thee upon my bed,
¹⁶And meditate on thee in the night
watches.

7 For thou hast been my help,
And in the shadow of thy wings will I
rejoice.

8 My soul followeth hard after thee:

Thy right hand upholdeth me.

9 But those that seek my soul, ¹⁷to
destroy it,
Shall go into the lower parts of the
earth.

10 They shall be ¹⁸given over to the
power of the sword:
They shall be a portion for ¹⁹foxes.

11 But the king shall rejoice in God:
Every one that sweareth by him shall
glory;

For the mouth of them that speak lies
shall be stopped.

64 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Hear my voice, O God, in my com-
plaint:

Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.

2 Hide me from the secret counsel of
evil-doers;

From the ²⁰tumult of the workers of
iniquity:

¹ Or,
anywhere

² Or,
into

³ Or,
Who will
lead me
etc.

⁴ Or,
Will not
thou, O
God,

which
hast cast
us off,
and
goest
... home?

⁵ Heb.
salva-
tion.

⁶ Or,
Jealousy

⁷ Or, a
rock that
is too
high for
me

⁸ Heb.
tent.

⁹ Or,
given an
heritage
unto
those etc.

¹⁰ Heb. is
silent
unto
God.

¹¹ Or, as
other-
wise
said, Ye
shall be
slain etc.

¹² Heb.
be thou
silent
unto
God.

¹³ Heb. a
breath

¹⁴ Or,
earnest-
ly

¹⁵ Heb.
fat.

¹⁶ Or, I
medit-
ate

¹⁷ Or,
shall
be de-
stroyed;
they
shall etc.

¹⁸ Or,
poured
out by

¹⁹ Or,
jackals

²⁰ Or,
throng

3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword,
And have aimed their arrows, even bitter words:

4 That they may shoot in secret places at the perfect:
Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose;
They commune of laying snares privily; They say, Who shall see them?

6 They search out iniquities; ¹ We have accomplished, *say they*, a diligent search:

And the inward thought of every one, and the heart, is deep.

7 But God shall shoot at them; With an arrow suddenly shall they be wounded.

8² So they shall be made to stumble, their own tongue being against them:

All that see them shall ³ wag the head.

9 And all men shall fear;
And they shall declare the work of God, And shall wisely consider of his doing.

10 The righteous prevail against him, the Lord, and shall trust in him;
And all the upright in heart shall glory.

65 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm.
A Song of David.

1⁴ Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion:

And unto thee shall the vow be performed.

2 O thou that hearest prayer,
Unto thee shall all flesh come.

3⁶ Iniquities prevail against me:
As for our transgressions, thou shalt purge them away.

4 Blessed is the man whom thou choos-
est, and causest to approach unto thee,

That he may dwell in thy courts:

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house,
The holy place of thy temple.

5 By terrible things thou wilt answer us in righteousness,
O God of our salvation;
Thou that art the confidence of all the ends of the earth,

⁶ And of them that are afar off upon the sea:

6 Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains;
Being girded about with might:

7 Which stilleth the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
And the tumult of the peoples.

8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens:
Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

9 Thou visitest the earth, and water-
est it,

Thou greatly enrichest it;
The river of God is full of water:
Thou providest them corn, ⁷ when thou hast so prepared ⁸ the earth.

10 Thou waterest her furrows abundantly;
Thou ⁹ settlest the ridges thereof:
Thou makest it soft with showers;
Thou blessest the springing thereof.

11 Thou crownest ¹⁰ the year with thy goodness;
And thy paths drop fatness.

12¹¹ They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness:

And the hills are girded with joy.

13 The pastures are clothed with flocks;
The valleys also are covered over with corn;

They shout for joy, they also sing.

66 For the Chief Musician. A Song, a Psalm.

1 Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth:

2 Sing forth the glory of his name:
Make his praise glorious.

3 Say unto God, How terrible are thy works!

Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies ¹² submit themselves unto thee.

4 All the earth shall worship thee,
And shall sing unto thee;
They shall sing to thy name. [Selah]

5 Come, and see the works of God;
He is terrible in his doing toward the children of men.

6 He turned the sea into dry land:
They went through the river on foot:
There ¹³ did we rejoice in him.

7 He ruleth by his might for ever;
His eyes observe the nations:
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. [Selah]

8 O bless our God, ye peoples,
And make the voice of his praise to be heard:

9 Which ¹⁴ holdeth our soul in life,
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.

10 For thou, O God, hast proved us:
Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.

11 Thou broughtest us into the net;
Thou laydest a sore burden upon our loins.

12 Thou hast caused men to ride over our heads;
We went through fire and through water;

But thou broughtest us out into ¹⁵ a wealthy place.

13 I will come into thy house with burnt offerings,

I will pay thee my vows,

14 Which my lips have uttered,
And my mouth hath spoken, when I was in distress.

15 I will offer unto thee burnt offerings of fattings,
With the incense of rams;

I will offer bullocks with goats. [Selah]

16 Come, and hear, all ye that fear God,

⁷ Or, for so many years thou
⁸ Heb. hav.
⁹ Heb. thou hast

¹⁰ Heb. the year of thy goodness.

¹¹ Or, the pastures ... do drop

¹² Or, yield
¹³ Heb. for

¹³ Or, let us rejoice

¹⁴ Heb. holdeth

¹⁵ Heb. abundant

¹ Or, as other-
wise read,
they have accom-
plished or have hidden

² Or, so shall they against whom their tongue was make them to stumble
³ Or, flee away

⁴ Or, There shall be silence before thee, and praise, O God &c.

⁵ Heb. Words (or, Mut-
ters) of iniqui-
ties.

⁶ Or, And of the sea, as far off

And I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

17 I cried unto him with my mouth, And ¹he was extolled with my tongue.

18 If I ²regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord ³will not hear:

19 But verily God hath heard; He hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

20 Blessed be God, Which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

67 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm, a Song.

1 God be merciful unto us, and bless us, And cause his face to shine ⁴upon us; [Selah]

2 That thy way may be known upon earth,

Thy saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples ⁵praise thee, O God; Let all the peoples praise thee.

4 O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:

For thou shalt judge the peoples with equity,

And ⁶govern the nations upon earth. [Selah]

5 Let the peoples praise thee, O God; Let all the peoples praise thee.

6 The earth hath yielded her increase: God, even our own God, shall bless us.

7 God shall bless us; And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

68 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, a Song.

1 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered;

Let them also that hate him flee before him.

2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away:

As wax melteth before the fire, So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God:

Yea, let them rejoice with gladness.

4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name:

Cast up a high way for him that rideth through the deserts;

His name is JAH; and exult ye before him.

5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows,

Is God in his holy habitation.

6 God ⁷setteth the solitary in families: He bringeth out the prisoners into prosperity:

But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.

7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people,

When thou didst march through the wilderness; [Selah]

8 The earth trembled, The heavens also dropped at the presence of God:

Even yon Sinai trembled at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain,

Thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.

10 Thy ⁸congregation dwelt therein: Thou, O God, didst prepare of thy goodness for the poor.

11 The Lord giveth the word: The women that publish the tidings are a great host.

12 Kings of armies flee, they flee: And she that carrieth at home divideth the spoil.

13 ⁹Will ye lie among the sheepfolds, As the wings of a dove covered with silver,

And her pinions with yellow gold?

14 When the Almighty scattered kings therein,

It was as when it snoweth in Bashan.

15 A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan;

11 An high mountain is the mountain of Bashan.

16 Why look ye askance, ye high mountains,

At the mountain which God hath desired for his abode?

Yea, the Lord will dwell in it for ever.

17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands upon thousands:

The Lord is among them, *12 as in Sinai, in the sanctuary.*

18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led thy captivity captive;

Thou hast received gifts among men, Yea, among the rebellious also, that

13 the Lord God might dwell with them.

19 ¹⁵Blessed be the Lord, who daily beareth our burden,

Even the God who is our salvation. [Selah]

20 God is unto us a God of deliverances; And unto JEHOVAH the Lord belong the issues from death.

21 But God shall smite through the head of his enemies,

The hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his guiltiness.

22 The Lord said, I will bring again from Bashan,

I will bring them again from the depths of the sea:

23 That thou mayest dip thy foot in blood, That the tongue of thy dogs may have its portion from thine enemies.

24 They have seen thy goings, O God, Even the goings of my God, my King,

16 into the sanctuary.

25 The singers went before, the minstrels followed after,

¹ Or, as otherwise read, high praises was under my tongue
² Or, had regarded
³ Or, would

⁴ Heb. with us.

⁵ Or, give thanks unto

⁶ Heb. loud.

⁷ Heb. maketh the solitary to dwell in a house.

⁸ Or, troop

⁹ Or, When ye lie among the sheepfolds, it is as the wings ... gold.
¹⁰ Or, It snowed

¹¹ Heb. A mountain of summits.

¹² Or, Sinai is in the sanctuary

¹³ Heb. Jah. See ver. 4.

¹⁴ Or, dwell there
¹⁵ Or, Blessed be the Lord day by day: if one oppresseth us, God is our salvation

¹⁶ Or, in the sanctuary
Or, in holiness

In the midst of the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations,
Even the Lord, *ye that are of the fountain of Israel.*

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler,
The princes of Judah *and their* council,
The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength:
2 Strengthen, O God, that which thou hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem Kings shall bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds,
The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples,

4 Trampling under foot the pieces of silver;

5 He hath scattered the peoples that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt;
6 Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth;

O sing praises unto the Lord; [Selah]

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which are of old;
Lo, he uttereth his voice, *and that a mighty voice.*

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God:
His excellency is over Israel,
And his strength is in the skies.

35 7 O God, *thou art* terrible out of thy holy places:

The God of Israel, he giveth strength and power unto *his* people.
Blessed be God.

69 For the Chief Musician; set to
8 Shoshannim. *A Psalm of David.*

1 Save me, O God;

For the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing:

I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is dried:

Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head:

They that would cut me off, being mine enemies 9 wrongfully, are mighty:

Then I 10 restored that which I took not away.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness;
And my 11 sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait on thee be ashamed through me, O Lord God of hosts:

Let not those that seek thee be brought to dishonour through me,
O God of Israel.

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach;

Shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren,

And an alien unto my mother's children.

9 For the zeal of thine house hath eaten me up;

And the reproaches of them that reproach thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, *and chastened* my soul with fasting,

That was to my reproach.

11 When I made sackcloth my clothing,
I became a proverb unto them.

12 They that sit in the gate talk of me;
And *I am* the song of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee,
O LORD, in an acceptable time:

O God, in the multitude of thy mercy,
Answer me in the truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink:

Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Let not the waterflood overwhelm me,
Neither let the deep swallow me up;

And let not the pit shut her mouth upon me.

16 Answer me, O LORD; for thy loving-kindness is good:

According to the multitude of thy tender mercies turn thou unto me.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant;

For I am in distress; answer me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and redeem it:

Ransom me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonour:

Mine adversaries are all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am 12 full of heaviness:

And I looked for some to take pity,
but there was none;

And for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also 13 gall for my meat;
And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table before them become a snare;

And when they are in peace, *let it become a trap.*

23 Let their eyes be darkened, that they see not;

And make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them,
And let the fierceness of thine anger overtake them.

25 Let their 14 habitation be desolate;
Let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten;

And they tell of the 15 sorrow of those whom thou hast wounded.

1 Or, company

2 Or, Be strong, O God; thou that hast &c.

3 Or, hast wrought for us out of thy temple. Unto Jerusalem &c.

4 Or, Every one submitting himself with pieces of silver

5 Or, as other-wise read, scatter thou

6 Heb. Crush.

7 Or, Terrible is God

8 That is, Lilies.

9 Heb. falsely.

10 Or, had to restore

11 Heb. guiltiness.

12 Or, sure self

13 See Deut. xxxii. 1

14 Or, security

15 Or, pain

27 Add iniquity unto their iniquity:
And let them not come into thy righteousness.

28 Let them be blotted out of the book of life,

And not be written with the righteous.

29 But I am poor and sorrowful:
Let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high.

30 I will praise the name of God with a song,
And will magnify him with thanksgiving.

31 And it shall please the LORD better than an ox,

Or a bullock that hath horns and hoofs.

32 The meek have seen it, and are glad:
Ye that seek after God, let your heart live.

33 For the LORD heareth the needy,
And despiseth not his prisoners.

34 Let heaven and earth praise him,
The seas, and every thing that moveth therein.

35 For God will save Zion, and build the cities of Judah;
And they shall abide there, and have it in possession.

36 The seed also of his servants shall inherit it;
And they that love his name shall dwell therein.

70 For the Chief Musician. *A Psalm of David;*
²to bring to remembrance.

1⁴ Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
Make haste to help me, O LORD.

2 Let them be ashamed and confounded
That seek after my soul:
Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonour
That delight in my hurt.

3 Let them be turned back ⁵by reason of their shame
That say, Aha, Aha.

4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee;
And let such as love thy salvation say continually,
Let God be magnified.

5 But I am poor and needy;
Make haste unto me, O God:
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, make no tarrying.

71⁶ In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust:
Let me never be ashamed.

2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me:
Bow down thine ear unto me, and save me.

8 Be thou to me ⁷a rock of habitation, whereunto I may continually resort:
Thou hast given commandment to save me;

For thou art my rock and my fortress.

4 Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked,
Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou art my hope, O LORD God:

Thou art my trust from my youth.

6 By thee have I been holden up from the womb:

⁸Thou art he that took me out of my mother's bowels:

My praise shall be continually of thee.

7 I am as a wonder unto many;

But thou art my strong refuge.

8 My mouth shall be filled with thy praise,

And with thy honour all the day.

9 Cast me not off in the time of old age;
Forsake me not when my strength faileth.

10 For mine enemies speak concerning me;
And they that watch for my soul take counsel together,

11 Saying, God hath forsaken him:
Pursue and take him; for there is none to deliver.

12 O God, be not far from me:

O my God, make haste to help me.

13 Let them be ashamed and consumed that are adversaries to my soul;
Let them be covered with reproach and dishonour that seek my hurt.

14 But I will hope continually,
And will praise thee yet more and more.

15 My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness,

And of thy salvation all the day;

For I know not the numbers thereof.

16 I will come ⁹with the mighty acts of the LORD God:

I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth;

And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

18 Yea, even ¹⁰when I am old and gray-headed, O God, forsake me not;

Until I have declared ¹¹thy strength unto the next generation,
Thy might to every one that is to come.

19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high;

Thou who hast done great things,
O God, who is like unto thee?

20 Thou, which hast shewed ¹²us many and sore troubles,

Shalt quicken ¹³us again,

And shalt bring ¹⁴us up again from the depths of the earth.

21 Increase thou my greatness,

And turn again and comfort me.

22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery,
Even thy truth, O my God:

Unto thee will I sing praises with the harp,

O thou Holy One of Israel.

23 My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing praises unto thee;

And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long:

¹ Or, the living

² Or, in pain

³ Or, to make mourning

⁴ See Ps. xl.

⁵ See Ps. xl.

⁶ See Ps. xl.

⁷ Or, for a reward

⁸ Or, for a reward

⁹ Or, for a reward

¹⁰ Or, for a reward

¹¹ Or, for a reward

¹² Or, for a reward

¹³ Or, for a reward

¹⁴ Or, for a reward

¹⁵ Or, for a reward

¹⁶ Or, for a reward

¹⁷ Or, for a reward

¹⁸ Or, for a reward

¹⁹ Or, for a reward

²⁰ Or, for a reward

²¹ Or, for a reward

²² Or, for a reward

²³ Or, for a reward

²⁴ Or, for a reward

²⁵ Or, for a reward

²⁶ Or, for a reward

²⁷ Or, for a reward

²⁸ Or, for a reward

²⁹ Or, for a reward

³⁰ Or, for a reward

³¹ Or, for a reward

³² Or, for a reward

³³ Or, for a reward

³⁴ Or, for a reward

³⁵ Or, for a reward

³⁶ Or, for a reward

³⁷ Or, for a reward

³⁸ Or, for a reward

³⁹ Or, for a reward

⁴⁰ Or, for a reward

⁸ Or, Thou hast been my benefactor from etc.

⁹ Or, in the strength

¹⁰ Heb. unto old age and gray hairs.

¹¹ Heb. thine arm.

¹² Another rendering is, me.

⁷ According to some ancient authorities, a strong rock, whereunto etc.

For they are ashamed, for they are confounded, that seek my hurt.

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A Psalm of Solomon.

- 1 Give the king thy judgements, O God, And thy righteousness unto the king's son.
- 2¹ He shall judge thy people with righteousness, And thy poor with judgement.
- 3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, And the hills, in righteousness.
- 4 He shall judge the poor of the people, He shall save the children of the needy, And shall break in pieces the oppressor.
- 5 They shall fear thee while the sun endureth, And ²so long as the moon, throughout all generations.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass: As showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.
- 8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from ³the River unto the ends of the earth.
- 9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; And his enemies shall lick the dust.
- 10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall ⁴bring presents: The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
- 11 Yea, all kings shall fall down before him:

- All nations shall serve him.
- 12 For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; And the poor, ⁵that hath no helper.
- 13 He shall have pity on the ⁶poor and needy, And the souls of the needy he shall save.
- 14 He shall redeem their soul from ⁷oppression and violence; And precious shall their blood be in his sight:
- 15 And ⁸they shall live; and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: And men shall pray for him continually;
- ⁹They shall bless him all the day long.
- 16 There shall be ⁹abundance of corn in the ¹⁰earth upon the top of the mountains; The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon:
- And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
- 17 His name shall endure for ever; His name shall ¹¹be continued ¹²as long as the sun:
- And men shall ¹³be blessed in him; All nations shall call him happy.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel,
- Who only doeth wondrous things:
- 19 And blessed be his glorious name for ever;
- And let the whole earth be filled with his glory.
- Amen, and Amen.

- 20 The prayers of David the son of Jesse are ended.

BOOK III.

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A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1¹ Surely God is good to Israel, Even to such as are pure in heart.
- 2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; My steps had well nigh slipped.
- 3 For I was envious at the ²arrogant, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
- 4 For there are no ³bands in their death: But their strength is firm.
- 5 They are not ⁴in trouble as other men; Neither are they plagued like other men.
- 6 Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck; Violence covereth them as a garment.
- 7 Their eyes stand out with fatness: ⁵They have more than heart could wish.
- 8 They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression: They speak ⁶loftily.

- 9 They have set their mouth ⁷in the heavens, And their tongue walketh through the earth.
- 10 Therefore ⁸his people return hither: And waters of a full cup are ⁹wrung out by them.
- 11 And they say, How doth God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?
- 12 Behold, these are the wicked; And, being alway at ease, they increase in riches.
- 13 Surely in vain have I cleansed my heart, And washed my hands in innocence;
- 14 For all the day long have I been plagued, And ¹⁰chastened every morning.
- 15 If I had said, I will speak thus; Behold, I had dealt treacherously with the generation of thy children.
- 16 When I thought how I might know this, ¹¹It was too painful for me;

¹ Or, Let him and so throughout the Psalm.

² Heb. before the moon.

³ See Exod. xxiii. 31.

⁴ Or, render tribute

¹ Or. Only good is God

² Or, fools

³ Or, pangs

⁴ Heb. in the trouble of men.

⁵ Or. The imaginations of their heart overflow

⁶ Or, from on high

⁵ Or, and have that hath
⁶ Or, weak
⁷ Or, friend

⁸ Or, he

⁹ Or, as harvest
¹⁰ Or, land

¹¹ Or, his name
¹² Heb. before the sun.
¹³ Or, bless themselves

⁷ Or, against

⁸ Another reading is, he will bring back his people.
⁹ Or, distressed

¹⁰ Heb. my chastenings

¹¹ Heb. It was too painful for me.

17 Until I went into the sanctuary of God,
And considered their latter end.

18 Surely thou settest them in slippery
places:

Thou castest them down to ¹de-
struction.

19 How are they become a desolation in
a moment!

They are utterly consumed with terrors.

20 As a dream when one awaketh;
So, O Lord, ²when thou awakest, thou
shalt despise their image.

21 For my heart ³was grieved,
And I was pricked in my reins:

22 So brutish ⁴was I, and ignorant;
I was as a beast ⁵before thee.

23 Nevertheless I am continually with
thee:

Thou hast holden my right hand.

24 Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel,
And afterward receive me ⁶to glory.

25 Whom have I in heaven but thee?
And there is none upon earth that I
desire ⁷beside thee.

26 My flesh and my heart faileth:
But God is the ⁸strength of my heart
and my portion for ever.

27 For, lo, they that are far from thee
shall perish:

Thou hast destroyed all them that go
a whoring from thee.

28 But it is good for me to draw near
unto God:

I have made the Lord God my refuge,
That I may tell of all thy works.

74 Maschil of Asaph.

1 O God, why hast thou cast us off for
ever?

Why doth thine anger smoke against
the sheep of thy pasture?

2 Remember thy congregation, which
thou hast purchased of old,

Which thou hast redeemed to be the
tribe of thine inheritance;

And mount Zion, wherein thou hast
dwelt.

3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual
ruins,

⁹ All the evil that the enemy hath done
in the sanctuary.

4 Thine adversaries have roared in the
midst of thine assembly;

They have set up their ensigns for signs.

5 They ¹⁰seemed as men that lifted up
Axes upon a thicket of trees.

6 And now all the carved work thereof
together

They break down with hatchet and
hammers.

7 They have set thy sanctuary on fire;
They have profaned the dwelling place
of thy name even to the ground.

8 They said in their heart, Let us make
havoc of them altogether:

They have burned up all the ¹¹syna-
gogues of God in the land.

9 We see not our signs:
There is no more any prophet;

Neither is there among us any that
knoweth how long.

10 How long, O God, shall the adversary
reproach?

Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name
for ever?

11 Why drawest thou back thy hand,
even thy right hand?

Pluck it out of thy bosom and con-
sume them.

12 Yet God is my King of old,
Working salvation in the midst of the
earth.

13 Thou didst ¹²divide the sea by thy
strength:

Thou brakest the heads of the ¹³drag-
ons in the waters.

14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan
in pieces,

Thou gavest him to be meat to the
people inhabiting the wilderness.

15 Thou didst cleave fountain and flood:
Thou driedst up ¹⁴mighty rivers.

16 The day is thine, the night also is
thine:

Thou hast prepared the ¹⁵light and
the sun.

17 Thou hast set all the borders of the
earth:

Thou hast made summer and winter.

18 Remember this, that the enemy ¹⁶hath
reproached, O Lord,

And that a foolish people have blas-
phemed thy name.

19 O deliver not ¹⁷the soul of thy turtle-
dove unto the wild beast:

Forget not the ¹⁸life of thy poor forever.

20 Have respect unto the covenant:
For the dark places of the ¹⁹earth are
full of the habitations of violence.

21 O let not the oppressed return a-
shamed:

Let the poor and needy praise thy name.

22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause:
Remember how the foolish man re-
proacheth thee all the day.

23 Forget not the voice of thine ad-
versaries:

The tumult of those that rise up
against thee ²⁰ascendeth continually.

75 For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth.
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

1 We give thanks unto thee, O God;
We give thanks, ²¹for thy name is near:

Men tell of thy wondrous works.

2 When I shall ²²find the set time,
I will judge uprightly.

3 ²³The earth and all the inhabitants
thereof are dissolved:

I have ²⁴set up the pillars of it. [Selah]

4 I said unto the ²⁵arrogant, Deal not
arrogantly:

And to the wicked, Lift not up the
horn:

5 Lift not up your horn on high;
²⁶Speak not with a stiff neck.

6 For neither from the east, nor from
the west,

¹ Heb.
ruins.

² Or, in
the city

³ Heb.
was in a
ferment.

⁴ Or, am

⁵ Heb.
with
thee.

⁶ Or,
with

⁷ Or,
with
thee

⁸ Heb.
rock.

⁹ Or, The
enemy
hath
brought
all evil

¹⁰ Or,
words
of
their
own
mouth

¹¹ Or,
places of
assembly

¹² Heb.
break
up.
¹³ Or,
sea-
monsters

¹⁴ Or,
ever-
flowing

¹⁵ Heb.
lumin-
ary.

¹⁶ Or,
hath re-
proach-
ed the
Lord

¹⁷ Or, thy
turtle-
dove
unto the
green
multi-
tude
¹⁸ Or,
multi-
tude
¹⁹ Or,
land

²⁰ Or,
which
ascend-
eth

²¹ Or, for that
thy
name
is near
thy won-
drous
works
declare
²² Heb.
take.
²³ Or,
when the earth

²⁴ set up

²⁵ Heb.
propor-
tioned.

²⁶ Or,
fool

²⁷ Or,
Speak
not in-
solently

with a
haughty
neck

¹ Or, from the wilderness of mountains, cometh judgement
² Heb. wilderness.
³ Or, is red
⁴ Or, drain

- Nor yet ¹ from the ² south, cometh lifting up.
 7 But God is the judge:
 He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.
 8 For in the hand of the Lord there is a cup, and the wine ³ founneth;
 It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same:
 Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall ⁴ wring them out, and drink them.
 9 But I will declare for ever,
 I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.
 10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;
 But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

76 For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. A Psalm of Asaph, a Song.

⁵ Or, covert
⁶ Or, lair
⁷ Or, fery shafts
⁸ Or, lightnings
⁹ Or, more than

- 1 In Judah is God known:
 His name is great in Israel.
 2 In Salem also is his ⁵ tabernacle,
 And his ⁶ dwelling place in Zion.
 3 There he brake the ⁷ arrows of the bow;
 The shield, and the sword, and the battle. [Selah]
 4 Glorious art thou and excellent, ⁸ from the mountains of prey.
 5 The stouthearted are spoiled, they have slept their sleep;
 And none of the men of might have found their hands.
 6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
 Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
 7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared:
 And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?
 8 Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from heaven;
 The earth feared, and was still,
 9 When God arose to judgement,
 To save all the meek of the earth. [Selah]
 10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:
 The residue of wrath shalt thou ⁹ gird upon thee.

¹⁰ Or, restrain

- 11 Vow, and pay unto the Lord your God:
 Let all that be round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be feared.
 12 He shall cut off the spirit of princes:
 He is terrible to the kings of the earth.

77 For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun. A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 I will cry unto God with my voice;
 Even unto God with my voice, and he will give ear unto me.
 2 In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord:
 My hand was stretched out in the night, and slackened not;
 My soul refused to be comforted.
 3 I remember God, and am disquieted:
 I complain, and my spirit ¹⁰ is overwhelmed. [Selah]
 4 Thou holdest mine eyes watching:

¹⁰ Or, fainteth

- I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
 5 I have considered the days of old,
 The years of ancient times.
 6 I call to remembrance my song in the night:

- I commune with mine own heart;
 And my spirit made diligent search.
 7 Will the Lord cast off for ever?
 And will he be favourable no more?
 8 Is his mercy clean gone for ever?
 Doth his promise fail for evermore?
 9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
 Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? [Selah]

- 10 And I said, This is my infirmity;
¹¹ But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

- 11 I will make mention of the deeds of ¹² the Lord;

- For I will remember thy wonders of old.
 12 I will meditate also upon all thy work,
 And muse on thy doings.

- 13 Thy way, O God, is ¹³ in the sanctuary:
 Who is a great god like unto God?

- 14 Thou art the God that doest wonders:
 Thou hast made known thy strength among the peoples.

- 15 Thou hast with thine arm redeemed thy people,
 The sons of Jacob and Joseph. [Selah]

- 16 The waters saw thee, O God;
 The waters saw thee, they ¹⁴ were afraid:
 The depths also trembled.

- 17 The clouds poured out water;
 The skies sent out a sound:
 Thine arrows also went abroad.

- 18 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind;
 The lightnings lightened the world:
 The earth trembled and shook.

- 19 Thy way was in the sea,
 And thy paths in the great waters,
 And thy footsteps were not known.

- 20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock,
 By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

78 Maschil of Asaph.

- 1 Give ear, O my people, to my ¹⁵ law:
 Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
 I will utter dark sayings of old:

- 3 Which we have heard and known,
 And our fathers have told us.

- 4 We will not hide them from their children,
 Telling to the generation to come the praises of the Lord,

- And his strength, and his wondrous works that he hath done.
 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,

- And appointed a law in Israel,
 Which he commanded our fathers,

- That they should make them known to their children:

- 6 That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born;

¹¹ Or, That the right hand of the Most High doth reach up
¹² Heb. Jah
¹³ Or, in holiness

¹⁴ Or, were in pain

¹⁵ Or, teaching

Who should arise and tell *them* to their children:

7 That they might set their hope in God,

And not forget the works of God,
But keep his commandments:

8 And might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation;
A generation ¹ that set not their heart aright,

And whose spirit was not steadfast with God.

9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.

10 They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in his law;

11 And they forgot his doings,
And his wondrous works that he had shewed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

13 He clave the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And he made the waters to stand as an heap.

14 In the day-time also he led them with a cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.

15 He clave rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.

16 He brought streams also out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.

17 Yet went they on still to sin against him,
To rebel against the Most High in ²the desert.

18 And they tempted God in their heart
By asking meat for their lust.

19 Yea, they spake against God;
They said, Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?

20 Behold, he smote the rock, that waters gushed out,
And streams overflowed;
Can he give bread also?
Will he provide flesh for his people?

21 Therefore the LORD heard, and was wroth:

And a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also went up against Israel;

22 Because they believed not in God,
And trusted not in his salvation.

23 Yet he commanded the skies above,
And opened the doors of heaven;

24 And he rained down manna upon them to eat,

And gave them of the corn of heaven.
25 ³Man did eat the bread of the mighty:
He sent them meat to the full.

26 He ⁴caused the east wind to blow in the heaven:

And by his power he guided the south wind.

27 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust,

And winged fowl as the sand of the seas:

28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp,
Round about their habitations.

29 So they did eat, and were well filled;
And he gave them that they lusted after.

30 They were not estranged from their lust,

Their meat was yet in their mouths,

31 When the anger of God went up against them,
And slew of the fattest of them,
And smote down the young men of Israel.

32 For all this they sinned still,
And believed not in his wondrous works.

33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
And their years in terror.

34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him:
And they returned and sought God ⁵early.

35 And they remembered that God was their rock,

And the Most High God their redeemer.

36 But they flattered him with their mouth,

And lied unto him with their tongue.

37 For their heart was not ⁶right with him,
Neither were they faithful in his covenant.

38 But he, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not:

Yea, many a time turned he his anger away,

And did not stir up all his wrath.

39 And he remembered that they were but flesh;

A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

40 How oft did they rebel against him in the wilderness,

And grieve him in the desert!

41 And they turned again and tempted God,

And ⁷provoked the Holy One of Israel.

42 They remembered not his hand,
Nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary.

43 How he set his signs in Egypt,
And his wonders in the field of Zoan;

44 And turned their rivers into blood,
And their streams, that they could not drink.

45 He sent among them swarms of flies,
which devoured them;

And frogs, which destroyed them.

46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar,

And their labour unto the locust.

47 He ⁸destroyed their vines with hail,
And their sycomore trees with ⁹frost.

48 He gave over their cattle also to the hail,
And their flocks to hot thunderbolts.

¹ Or, that they set not their heart

² Or, a dry land

³ Or, Every one

⁴ Heb. led forth the east wind.

⁵ Or, earnestly

⁶ Or, stedfast

⁷ Or, limited

⁸ Heb. killed.
⁹ Or, great hail-storms

¹ Heb. *A
sounding.*

² Heb.
levelled.

³ Or,
*their
locusts
to the
murrain*

⁴ Heb.
*begin-
ning.*
See Deut
xxi. 17

⁵ Or,
*his holy
border*

⁶ Or,
*mount-
ain
land*

49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger,

Wrath, and indignation, and trouble,
¹ A band of angels of evil.

50 He ² made a path for his anger;
He spared not their soul from death,
But gave ³ their life over to the pesti-
lence;

51 And smote all the firstborn in Egypt,
The ⁴ chief of their strength in the
tents of Ham:

52 But he led forth his own people like
sheep,
And guided them in the wilderness
like a flock.

53 And he led them safely, so that they
feared not:
But the sea overwhelmed their ene-
mies.

54 And he brought them to ⁵ the border
of his sanctuary,
To this ⁶ mountain, which his right
hand had purchased.

55 He drove out the nations also before
them,
And allotted them for an inheritance
by line,

And made the tribes of Israel to
dwell in their tents.

56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against
the Most High God,
And kept not his testimonies;

57 But turned back, and dealt treach-
erously like their fathers:
They were turned aside like a deceit-
ful bow.

58 For they provoked him to anger with
their high places,
And moved him to jealousy with their
graven images.

59 When God heard *this*, he was wroth,
And greatly abhorred Israel:

60 So that he forsook the tabernacle of
Shiloh,

The tent which he placed among men;

61 And delivered his strength into capti-
vity,
And his glory into the adversary's
hand.

62 He gave his people over also unto the
sword;

And was wroth with his inheritance.

63 Fire devoured their young men;
And their maidens had no marriage-
song.

64 Their priests fell by the sword;
And their widows made lamentation.

65 Then the Lord awaked as one out of
sleep,

Like a mighty man that shouteth by
reason of wine.

66 And he smote his adversaries back-
ward:

He put them to a perpetual reproach.

67 Moreover he refused the tent of Jo-
seph,

And chose not the tribe of Ephraim;

68 But chose the tribe of Judah,
The mount Zion which he loved.

69 And he built his sanctuary like the
heights,

Like the earth which he hath estab-
lished for ever.

70 He chose David also his servant,
And took him from the sheepfolds:

71 From following the ewes that give suck
he brought him,

To feed Jacob his people, and Israel
his inheritance.

72 So he fed them according to the in-
tegrity of his heart;

And guided them by the skilfulness of
his hands.

79 A Psalm of Asaph.

10 God, the ⁷ heathen are come into
thine inheritance;

Thy holy temple have they defiled;
They have laid Jerusalem on heaps.

2 The dead bodies of thy servants have
they given to be meat unto the
fowls of the heaven,

The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts
of the earth.

3 Their blood have they shed like water
round about Jerusalem;

And there was none to bury them.

4 We are become a reproach to our
neighbours,

A scorn and derision to them that are
round about us.

5 How long, O Lord, wilt thou be angry
for ever?

Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?

6 Pour out thy wrath upon the heathen
that know thee not,

And upon the kingdoms that call not
upon thy name.

7 For they have devoured Jacob,
And laid waste his ⁸ habitation.

8 Remember not against us the iniqui-
ties of our forefathers:

Let thy tender mercies speedily pre-
vent us:

For we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for
the glory of thy name:

And deliver us, and purge away our
sins, for thy name's sake.

10 Wherefore should the heathen say,
Where is their God?

Let the revenging of the blood of thy
servants which is shed

Be known among the heathen in our
sight.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come
before thee;

According to the greatness of ⁹ thy
power preserve thou ¹⁰ those that
are appointed to death;

12 And render unto our neighbours seven-
fold into their bosom

Their reproach, wherewith they have
reproached thee, O Lord.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy
pasture

Will give thee thanks for ever:

We will shew forth thy praise to all
generations.

⁷ Or,
nations

⁸ Or,
pasture

⁹ Heb.
thine arm.
¹⁰ Heb.
their sin of death.

¹ That is, *Lilies*, a testimony.

² Or, *dwelled between*

³ Or, *restore*

⁴ Heb. *will thou smother*. See Ps. lxxiv. 1.

⁵ Or, *the cedars of God with the boughs thereof*

⁶ Or, *goodly cedars*

⁷ Or, *protect* (or *main-
tain*) *that which* *etc.*

⁸ Heb. *son*.

80 For the Chief Musician; set to ¹Shoshannim Eduth. A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock;
Thou that ²sittest upon the cherub-
im, shine forth.

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and
Manassah, stir up thy might,
And come to save us.

3 Turn us again, O God;
And cause thy face to shine, and we
shall be saved.

4 O Lord God of hosts,
How long ⁴wilt thou be angry against
the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou hast fed them with the bread
of tears,
And given them tears to drink in
large measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our
neighbours:
And our enemies laugh among them-
selves.

7 Turn us again, O God of hosts;
And cause thy face to shine, and we
shall be saved.

8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt:
Thou didst drive out the nations, and
plantedst it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it,
And it took deep root, and filled the
land.

10 The mountains were covered with the
shadow of it,

And ⁵the boughs thereof were like
⁶cedars of God.

11 She sent out her branches unto the
sea,

And her shoots unto the River.

12 Why hast thou broken down her fences,
So that all they which pass by the
way do pluck her?

13 The boar out of the wood doth ravage
it,
And the wild beasts of the field feed
on it.

14 Turn again, we beseech thee, O God of
hosts:

Look down from heaven, and behold,
and visit this vine,

15 And ⁷the stock which thy right hand
hath planted,

And the ⁸branch that thou madest
strong for thyself.

16 It is burned with fire, it is cut down:
They perish at the rebuke of thy
countenance.

17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy
right hand,

Upon the son of man whom thou
madest strong for thyself.

18 So shall we not go back from thee:
Quicken thou us, and we will call upon
thy name.

19 Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts:
Cause thy face to shine, and we shall
be saved.

81 For the Chief Musician; set to the Githith.
A Psalm of Asaph.

1 Sing aloud unto God our strength:
Make a joyful noise unto the God of
Jacob.

2 Take up the psalm, and ⁹bring hither
the timbrel,

The pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow up the trumpet in the new moon,
At the full moon, on our solemn feast
day.

4 For it is a statute for Israel,
An ordinance of the God of Jacob.

5 He appointed it in Joseph for a testi-
mony,

When he went out ¹⁰over the land of
Egypt:

Where I heard ¹¹a language that I
knew not.

6 I removed his shoulder from the bur-
den:

His hands were freed from the basket.

7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I de-
livered thee;

I answered thee in the secret place of
thunder;

I proved thee at the waters of Meri-
bah. [Selah]

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify
unto thee:

O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken
unto me!

9 There shall no strange god be in thee;
Neither shalt thou worship any strange
god.

10 I am the Lord thy God,
Which brought thee up out of the
land of Egypt:

Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill
it.

11 But my people hearkened not to my
voice;

And Israel would none of me.

12 So I let them go after the stubborn-
ness of their heart,

That they might walk in their own
counsels.

13 Oh that my people would hearken
unto me,

That Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I should soon subdue their enemies,
And turn my hand against their ad-
versaries.

15 The haters of the Lord should ¹²sub-
mit themselves unto him:

But their time should endure for ever.

16 He should feed them also with the
¹³finest of the wheat:

And with honey out of the rock should
I satisfy thee.

82 A Psalm of Asaph.

1 God standeth in the congregation of
God;

He judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly,
And respect the persons of the wick-
ed? [Selah]

3 Judge the ¹⁴poor and fatherless:

⁹ Or, *strike the timbrel*

¹⁰ Or, *against*

¹¹ Or, *the speech of one that etc*

¹² Or, *yield
feigned
obedi-
ence*
Heb. *Heb.*
¹³ Heb.
fat of wheat.

¹⁴ Or, *would*

1 Or,
week

Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.
4 Rescue the ¹poor and needy:
Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither do they understand;
They walk to and fro in darkness:
All the foundations of the earth are moved.

6 I said, Ye are gods,
And all of you sons of the Most High.
7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men,
And fall like one of the princes.
8 Arise, O God, judge the earth:
For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

83 A Song, a Psalm of Asaph.

1 O God, keep not thou silence:
Hold not thy peace, and be not still,
O God.

2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult:
And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

3 They take crafty counsel against thy people,
And consult together against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation;
That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one consent;

Against thee do they make a covenant:
6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;

Moab, and the ³Hagarenes;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek;

Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre:
8 Assyria also is joined with them;

³They have holpen the children of Lot. [Selah]

9 Do thou unto them as unto Midian;
As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon:

10 Which perished at En-dor:
They became as dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb;
Yea, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna:

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves in possession
The ⁴habitations of God.

13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust;
As stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire that burneth the forest,
And as the flame that setteth the mountains on fire;

15 So pursue them with thy tempest,
And terrify them with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with confusion:
That they may seek thy name, O LORD.

17 Let them be ashamed and dismayed for ever;
Yea, let them be confounded and perish:

18 That they may know that ⁵thou alone,
whose name is JEHOVAH,
Art the Most High over all the earth.

2 Or,
If I write
See
1 Chr.
v. 10.3 Heb.
They
have
been
an arm
to the
children
of Lot.4 Or,
p. 1295 Or,
thou,
whose
name
alone is
JEHO-
VAH,
art &c.

84 For the Chief Musician: set to the Gittith.
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

1 How ⁶amiable are thy tabernacles,
O LORD of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth
for the courts of the LORD;
My heart and my flesh ⁷cry out unto
the living God.

3 Yea, the sparrow hath found her an
house,
And the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
Even thine altars, O LORD of hosts,
My King, and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy
house:

They will be still praising thee. [Selah]
5 Blessed is the man whose strength is
in thee;

In whose heart are the high ways to
Zion.

6 Passing through the valley of ⁸Weep-
ing they make it a place of springs;
Yea, the early rain covereth it with
blessings.

7 They go from strength to strength,
Every one of them appeareth before
God in Zion.

8 O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer:
Give ear, O God of Jacob. [Selah]

9 Behold, O God our shield,
And look upon the face of thine an-
ointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than
a thousand.

I had rather ¹⁰be a doorkeeper in the
house of my God,

Than to dwell in the tents of wick-
edness.

11 For the LORD God is a sun and a shield:
The LORD will give grace and glory:
No good thing will he withhold from
them that walk uprightly.

12 O LORD of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in
thee.

85 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the
sons of Korah.

1 LORD, thou hast been favourable unto
thy land:

Thou hast ¹¹brought back the captivity
of Jacob.

2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of
thy people,

Thou hast covered all their sin. [Selah]

3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath:
Thou hast turned ¹²thyself from the
fierceness of thine anger.

4 Turn us, O God of our salvation,
And cause thine indignation toward
us to cease.

5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever?
Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all
generations?

6 Wilt thou not quicken us again:
That thy people may rejoice in thee?

7 Shew us thy mercy, O LORD,
And grant us thy salvation.

6 Or,
lonely7 Or, cry
for joy8 Or,
blessed
trees
Hob.
Jeru.
New
2 Sam.
v. 329 Or, be-
hold our
shield,
O God10 Or,
as thou
at the
threshold
of &c.11 Or,
returned
to12 Or,
Turn
to us

8 I will hear what God the LORD will speak:

For he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints:

But let them not turn again to folly.

9 Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him;

That glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth are met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth springeth out of the earth; And righteousness hath looked down from heaven.

12 Yea, the LORD shall give that which is good;

And our land shall yield her increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him; And shall ¹make his footsteps a way to walk in.

86 A Prayer of David.

1 Bow down thine ear, O LORD, and answer me;

For I am poor and needy.

2 Preserve my soul; for I am godly:

O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.

3 Be merciful unto me, O LORD;

For unto thee do I cry all the day long.

4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant;

For unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

5 For thou, LORD, art good, and ready to forgive,

And plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

6 Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; And hearken unto the voice of my supplications.

7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee;

For thou wilt answer me.

8 There is none like unto thee among the gods, O LORD;

Neither are there any works like unto thy works.

9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O LORD;

And they shall glorify thy name.

10 For thou art great, and doest wondrous things:

Thou art God alone.

11 Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth:

Unite my heart to fear thy name.

12 I will praise thee, O LORD my God, with my whole heart;

And I will glorify thy name for evermore.

13 For great is thy mercy toward me; And thou hast delivered my soul from ²the lowest pit.

14 O God, the proud are risen up against me,

And the congregation of violent men have sought after my soul,

And have not set thee before them.

15 But thou, O LORD, art a God full of compassion and gracious, Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy and truth.

16 O turn unto me, and ³have mercy upon me;

Give thy strength unto thy servant, And save the son of thine handmaid.

17 Shew me a token for good;

That they which hate me may see it, and be ashamed,

Because thou, LORD, hast holpen me, and comforted me.

87 A Psalm of the sons of Korah; a Song.

1 ⁴His foundation is in the holy mountains.

2 The LORD loveth the gates of Zion

More than all the dwellings of Jacob.

3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. [Selah]

4 I will make mention of ⁵Rahab and Babylon as among them that know me:

Behold Philistia, and Tyre, with ⁶Ethiopia;

This one was born there.

5 Yea, of Zion it shall be said, This one and that one was born in her;

And the Most High himself shall establish her.

6 The LORD shall count, when he writeth up the peoples,

This one was born there. [Selah]

7 They that sing as well as ⁷they that dance shall say,

All my fountains are in thee.

88 A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah; for the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath ⁸Leannoth. Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

1 O LORD, the God of my salvation,

I have cried day and night before thee:

2 Let my prayer enter into thy presence; Incline thine ear unto my cry:

3 For my soul is full of troubles, And my life draweth nigh unto ⁹Sheol.

4 I am counted with them that go down into the pit;

I am as a man that hath no help:

5 ¹⁰Cast off among the dead,

Like the slain that lie in the grave, Whom thou rememberest no more;

And they are cut off from thy hand.

6 Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit, In dark places, in the deeps.

7 Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,

And thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves. [Selah]

8 Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me;

Thou hast made me an abomination unto them:

I am shut up, and I cannot come forth.

9 Mine eye wasteth away by reason of affliction:

I have called daily upon thee, O LORD,

I have spread forth my hands unto thee.

¹ Or, set up in the way of his steps

³ Or, be gracious unto

⁴ Or, His foundation in the holy mountains the LORD loveth the gates &c. ⁵ Or, Egypt

⁶ Heb. Cush.

⁷ Or, the players on instruments shall be there

⁸ Or, for singing

⁹ Or, the grave

¹⁰ Or, Cast away

² Or, About beneath

¹ Or, the shades
Heb.
Rapha-
im.

² Heb.
Abad-
don.
See Job
xxvi. 6.

³ Or, are
darkness

⁴ Or,
sons of
God.
⁵ Or,
gods.
See Ps.
xxix. 1.

⁶ Or,
Egypt

10 Wilt thou shew wonders to the dead?
Shall ¹they that are deceased arise
and praise thee? [Selah]

11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared
in the grave?

Or thy faithfulness in ²Destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the
dark?

And thy righteousness in the land of
forgetfulness?

13 But unto thee, O LORD, have I cried,
And in the morning shall my prayer
come before thee.

14 LORD, why castest thou off my soul?

Why hidest thou thy face from me?

15 I am afflicted and ready to die from
my youth up:

While I suffer thy terrors I am dis-
tracted.

16 Thy fierce wrath is gone over me;

Thy terrors have cut me off.

17 They came round about me like water
all the day long;

They compassed me about together.

18 Lover and friend hast thou put far
from me,

And mine acquaintance ³into darkness.

89 Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

1 I will sing of the mercies of the LORD
for ever:

With my mouth will I make known thy
faithfulness to all generations.

2 For I have said, Mercy shall be built
up for ever;

Thy faithfulness shalt thou establish
in the very heavens.

3 I have made a covenant with my
chosen,

I have sworn unto David my servant;

4 Thy seed will I establish for ever,

And build up thy throne to all gen-
erations. [Selah]

5 And the heavens shall praise thy
wonders, O LORD;

Thy faithfulness also in the assembly
of the holy ones.

6 For who in the skies can be compared
unto the LORD?

Who among the ⁴sons of the ⁵mighty
is like unto the LORD,

7 A God very terrible in the council of
the holy ones,

And to be feared above all them that
are round about him?

8 O LORD God of hosts,

Who is a mighty one, like unto thee,
O JAH?

And thy faithfulness is round about
thee.

9 Thou rulest the pride of the sea:

When the waves thereof arise, thou
stillest them.

10 Thou hast broken ⁶Rahab in pieces,
as one that is slain;

Thou hast scattered thine enemies with
the arm of thy strength.

11 The heavens are thine, the earth also
is thine:

The world and the fulness thereof,
thou hast founded them.

12 The north and the south, thou hast
created them:

Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy
name.

13 Thou hast ⁷a mighty arm:

Strong is thy hand, and high is thy
right hand.

14 Righteousness and judgement are the
foundation of thy throne:

Mercy and truth go before thy face.

15 Blessed is the people that know the
⁸joyful sound:

They walk, O LORD, in the light of thy
countenance.

16 In thy name do they rejoice all the
day:

And in thy righteousness are they
exalted.

17 For thou art the glory of their strength:

And in thy favour ⁹our horn shall be
exalted.

18 For our shield belongeth unto the
LORD;

¹⁰And our king to the Holy One of
Israel.

19 Then thou spakest in vision to thy
¹¹saints,

And saidst, I have laid help upon one
that is mighty;

I have exalted one chosen out of the
people.

20 I have found David my servant;

With my holy oil have I anointed him:

21 With whom my hand shall be estab-
lished;

Mine arm also shall strengthen him.

22 The enemy shall not ¹²exact upon him;

Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.

23 And I will beat down his adversaries
before him,

And smite them that hate him.

24 But my faithfulness and my mercy
shall be with him;

And in my name shall his horn be
exalted.

25 I will set his hand also on the sea,

And his right hand on the rivers.

26 He shall cry unto me, Thou art my
father,

My God, and the rock of my salvation.

27 I also will make him my firstborn,
The highest of the kings of the earth.

28 My mercy will I keep for him for ever-
more,

And my covenant shall ¹³stand fast
with him.

29 His seed also will I make to endure
for ever,

And his throne as the days of heaven.

30 If his children forsake my law,

And walk not in my judgements;

31 If they ¹⁴break my statutes,

And keep not my commandments;

32 Then will I visit their transgression
with the rod,

And their iniquity with stripes.

⁷ Heb.
an arm
with
might.

⁸ Or,
trumpet
sound.

⁹ Another
reading
is, How
didst
thou exalt
our
horn.

¹⁰ Or,
From to the Holy
One of
Israel
our King.

¹¹ Many
MSs. and
ancient
versions
read the
plural.
Other au-
thorities
have the
singular.

¹² Or,
do him
violence.

¹³ Or, be
faithful.

¹⁴ Heb.
prophesies.

33 But thy mercy will I not utterly take from him,
Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.

¹ Heb. profane.

34 My covenant will I not ¹break,
Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.

² Or, One thing

35 ²Once have I sworn by my holiness;
I will not lie unto David;

36 His seed shall endure for ever,
And his throne as the sun before me.

³ Or, As the moon which is established for ever, and as the faithful witness &c. or, and is a faithful witness &c.

37 ³It shall be established for ever as the moon,

⁴And as the faithful witness in the sky. [Selah]

38 But thou hast cast off and rejected,
Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.

39 Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant:

Thou hast profaned his crown *even* to the ground.

⁴ Or, And the witness in the sky is faithful

40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges;
Thou hast brought his strong holds to ruin.

41 All that pass by the way spoil him:
He is become a reproach to his neighbours.

42 Thou hast exalted the right hand of his adversaries;

Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.

43 Yea, thou turnest back the edge of his sword,

And hast not made him to stand in the battle.

44 Thou hast made his brightness to cease,
And cast his throne down to the ground.

45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened:

Thou hast covered him with shame. [Selah]

46 How long, O Lord, wilt thou hide thyself for ever?

How long shall thy wrath burn like fire?

47 O remember how short my time is:
For what vanity hast thou created all the children of men!

48 What man is he that shall live and not see death,

That shall deliver his soul from the ⁵power of ⁶Sheol? [Selah]

⁵ Heb. hand.
⁶ Or, the grave

49 Lord, where are thy former mercies,
Which thou swarest unto David in thy faithfulness?

50 Remember, Lord, the reproach of thy servants;

How I do bear in my bosom the reproach of all the ⁷mighty peoples;

⁷ Or, many

51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Lord,

Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.

52 Blessed be the Lord for evermore.
Amen, and Amen.

BOOK IV.

90 A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

1 Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place
In all generations.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
Or ever thou ¹hadst formed the earth and the world,

¹ Heb. parent birth to.

Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

3 Thou turnest man to ²destruction;
And sayest, Return, ye children of men.

² Or, dust Heb. rubbish.

4 For a thousand years in thy sight
Are but as yesterday ³when it is past,
And as a watch in the night.

³ Or, when it passeth

5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood;
they are as a sleep:
In the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up;
In the evening it is cut down, and withereth.

7 For we are consumed in thine anger,
And in thy wrath are we troubled.

8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee,

Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.

9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath:

We bring our years to an end as ⁴a tale that is told.

⁴ Or, a sound or sigh

10 The days of our years are threescore years and ten,

Or even by reason of strength fourscore years;

Yet is their pride but labour and sorrow;

For it is soon gone, and we fly away.

11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger,
And thy wrath according to the fear that is due unto thee?

12 So teach us to number our days,
That we may get us an heart of wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long?
And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.

14 O satisfy us in the morning with thy mercy;
That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us,
And the years wherein we have seen evil.

¹ See Ps.
xxvii. 4

16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants,
And thy glory upon their children.
17 And let the ¹ beauty of the LORD our
God be upon us:
And establish thou the work of our
hands upon us;
Yea, the work of our hands establish
thou it.

² Or,
Thou shalt
abide...
Al-
mighty;
even
etc.

91 He that dwelleth in the secret place
of the Most High
^{*} Shall abide under the shadow of the
Almighty.

2 I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge
and my fortress;

My God, in whom I trust.

3 For he shall deliver thee from the
snare of the fowler,
And from the noisome pestilence.

4 He shall cover thee with his pinions,
And under his wings shalt thou take
refuge:

His truth is a shield and a buckler.
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror
by night,

Nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

6 For the pestilence that walketh in
darkness,

Nor for the destruction that wasteth
at noonday.

7 A thousand shall fall at thy side,
And ten thousand at thy right hand;
But it shall not come nigh thee.

8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold,
And see the reward of the wicked.

9 ^{*} For thou, O LORD, art my refuge!
Thou hast made the Most High thy
habitation;

10 There shall no evil befall thee,
Neither shall any plague come nigh
thy tent.

11 For he shall give his angels charge
over thee,

To keep thee in all thy ways.

12 They shall bear thee up in their hands,
Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and
adder:

The young lion and the serpent shalt
thou trample under feet.

14 Because he hath set his love upon me,
therefore will I deliver him:

I will set him on high, because he
hath known my name.

15 He shall call upon me, and I will
answer him;

I will be with him in trouble:

I will deliver him, and honour him.

16 With long life will I satisfy him,
And shew him my salvation.

92 A Psalm, a Song for the sabbath day.

1 It is a good thing to give thanks unto
the LORD,

And to sing praises unto thy name, O
Most High:

2 To shew forth thy lovingkindness in
the morning,
And thy faithfulness every night,

3 With an instrument of ten strings,
and with the psaltery;

With a solemn sound upon the harp.

4 For thou, LORD, hast made me glad
through thy work:

I will triumph in the works of thy
hands.

5 How great are thy works, O LORD!

Thy thoughts are very deep.

6 A brutish man knoweth not;

Neither doth a fool understand this:

7 When the wicked spring as the grass,
And when all the workers of iniquity
do flourish;

It is that they shall be destroyed for
ever:

8 But thou, O LORD, art on high for
evermore.

9 For, lo, thine enemies, O LORD,

For, lo, thine enemies shall perish;

All the workers of iniquity shall be
scattered.

10 But my horn hast thou exalted like
the horn of the wild-ox:

I am anointed with fresh oil.

11 Mine eye also hath seen my desire on
mine enemies,

Mine ears have heard my desire of the
evil-doers that rise up against me.

12 The righteous shall flourish like the
palm tree:

He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

13 They that are planted in the house of
the LORD

Shall flourish in the courts of our God.

14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old
age;

They shall be full of sap and green:

15 To shew that the LORD is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no un-
righteousness in him.

93 The LORD reigneth; he is apparelled
with majesty;

The LORD is apparelled, he hath gird-
ed himself with strength:

The world also is established, that it
cannot be moved.

2 Thy throne is established of old:

Thou art from everlasting.

3 The floods have lifted up, O LORD,

The floods have lifted up their voice;

The floods lift up their waves.

4 Above the voices of many waters,

The mighty breakers of the sea,

The LORD on high is mighty.

5 Thy testimonies are very sure:

Holiness becometh thine house,

O LORD, for evermore.

94 O LORD, thou God to whom vengeance
belongeth,

Thou God to whom vengeance belong-
eth, shine forth.

2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth:

Render to the proud their desert.

3 LORD, how long shall the wicked,

How long shall the wicked triumph?

4 They prate, they speak arrogantly:

⁴ Or,
them
that rise
up against
me

⁵ Or,
rising

² Or,
Because
thou hast
said, The
LORD
is my
refuge;

	<p>All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.</p> <p>5 They break in pieces thy people, O LORD, And afflict thine heritage.</p> <p>6 They slay the widow and the stranger, And murder the fatherless.</p> <p>7 And they say, ¹The LORD shall not see, Neither shall the God of Jacob consider.</p> <p>8 Consider, ye brutish among the people: And ye fools, when will ye be wise?</p> <p>9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see?</p> <p>10 He that ²chastiseth the nations, shall not he correct, Even he that teacheth man knowledge?</p> <p>11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, ³That they are ⁴vanity.</p> <p>12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, ⁵O LORD, And teachest out of thy law;</p> <p>13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, Until the pit be digged for the wicked.</p> <p>14 For the LORD will not cast off his people, Neither will he forsake his inheritance.</p> <p>15 For judgement shall return unto righteousness: And all the upright in heart shall follow it.</p> <p>16 Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?</p> <p>17 Unless the LORD had been my help, My soul had soon dwelt in silence.</p> <p>18 When I said, My foot slippeth; Thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.</p> <p>19 In the multitude of my ⁶thoughts within me Thy comforts delight my soul.</p> <p>20 Shall the ⁷throne of wickedness have fellowship with thee, Which frameth mischief by statute?</p> <p>21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, And condemn the innocent blood.</p> <p>22 But the LORD hath been my high tower; And my God the rock of my refuge.</p> <p>23 And he hath brought upon them their own iniquity, And shall cut them off in their own evil; The LORD our God shall cut them off.</p> <p>96 O come, let us sing unto the LORD: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.</p> <p>2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.</p> <p>3 For the LORD is a great God, And a great King above all gods.</p>	<p>4 In his hand are the deep places of the earth; The ⁷heights of the mountains are his also.</p> <p>5 The sea is his, and he made it; And his hands formed the dry land.</p> <p>6 O come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the LORD our Maker:</p> <p>7 For he is our God, And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.</p> <p>⁸To-day, Oh that ye would hear his voice!</p> <p>8 Harden not your heart, as at ⁹Meribah, As in the day of ¹⁰Massah in the wilderness:</p> <p>9 When your fathers tempted me, Proved me, and saw my work.</p> <p>10 Forty years long was I grieved with ¹¹that generation, And said, It is a people that do err in their heart, And they have not known my ways:</p> <p>11 Wherefore I swear in my wrath, That they should not enter into my rest.</p> <p>96 O sing unto the LORD a new song: Sing unto the LORD, all the earth.</p> <p>2 Sing unto the LORD, bless his name; Shew forth his salvation from day to day.</p> <p>3 Declare his glory among the nations, His marvellous works among all the peoples.</p> <p>4 For great is the LORD, and highly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods.</p> <p>5 For all the gods of the peoples are ¹¹idols: But the LORD made the heavens.</p> <p>6 Honour and majesty are before him: Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.</p> <p>7 Give unto the LORD, ye kindreds of the peoples, Give unto the LORD glory and strength.</p> <p>8 Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: Bring an offering, and come into his courts.</p> <p>9 O worship the LORD ¹²in the beauty of holiness: Tremble before him, all the earth.</p> <p>10 Say among the nations, The LORD reigneth: The world also is stablished that it cannot be moved: He shall judge the peoples with equity.</p> <p>11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;</p> <p>12 Let the field exult, and all that is therein; Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy;</p> <p>13 Before the LORD, for he cometh; For he cometh to judge the earth:</p>	<p>⁷ Or, strength</p> <p>⁸ Or, To-day, if ye will hear his voice, harden <i>cc.</i></p> <p>⁹ That is, strife.</p> <p>¹⁰ That is, temptation.</p> <p>¹¹ Or, things of nought</p> <p>¹² Or, in holy array</p>
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1 Or,
in his
salu-
fulness

He shall judge the world with right-
eousness,
And the peoples ¹ with his truth.

97 The LORD reigneth; let the earth
rejoice;

Let the multitude of isles be glad.

2 Clouds and darkness are round about
him:

Righteousness and judgement are the
foundation of his throne.

3 A fire goeth before him,
And burneth up his adversaries round
about.

4 His lightnings lightened the world:
The earth saw, and trembled.

5 The hills melted like wax at the pre-
sence of the LORD,
At the presence of the Lord of the
whole earth.

6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
And all the peoples have seen his glory.

7 Ashamed be all they that serve graven
images,

That boast themselves of idols:
Worship him, all ye gods.

8 Zion heard and was glad,
And the daughters of Judah rejoiced;
Because of thy judgements, O LORD.

9 For thou, LORD, art most high above
all the earth:

Thou art exalted far above all gods.

10 O ye that love the LORD, hate evil:
He preserveth the souls of his saints;
He delivereth them out of the hand of
the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous,
And gladness for the upright in heart.

12 Be glad in the LORD, ye righteous;
And give thanks to his holy ² name.

98 A Psalm.

1 O sing unto the LORD a new song;
For he hath done marvellous things:
His right hand, and his holy arm, hath
wrought salvation for him.

2 The LORD hath made known his sal-
vation:

His righteousness hath he openly
shewed in the sight of the nations.

3 He hath remembered his mercy and
his faithfulness toward the house of
Israel:

All the ends of the earth have seen the
salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all
the earth:

Break forth and sing for joy, yea, sing
praises.

5 Sing praises unto the LORD with the
harp;

With the harp and the voice of melody.

6 With trumpets and sound of cornet
Make a joyful noise before the King,
the LORD.

7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness there-
of;

The world, and they that dwell therein;
8 Let the floods clap their hands;

Let the hills sing for joy together;
9 Before the LORD, for he cometh to
judge the earth:

He shall judge the world with right-
eousness,
And the peoples with equity.

99 The LORD reigneth; let the peoples
tremble:

He ³ sitteth upon the cherubim; let
the earth be moved.

2 The LORD is great in Zion;

And he is high above all the peoples.

3 Let them praise thy great and terrible
name:
Holy is he.

4 The king's strength also loveth judge-
ment;

Thou dost establish equity,
Thou executest judgement and right-
eousness in Jacob.

5 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
And worship at his footstool:
Holy is he.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
And Samuel among them that call
upon his name;

They called upon the LORD, and he
answered them.

7 He spake unto them in the pillar of
cloud:

They kept his testimonies, and the
statute that he gave them.

8 Thou answeredst them, O LORD our
God:

Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
Though thou tookest vengeance of
their doings.

9 Exalt ye the LORD our God,
And worship at his holy hill;
For the LORD our God is holy.

100 A Psalm of thanksgiving.

1 Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
⁴ all ye lands.

2 Serve the LORD with gladness:
Come before his presence with singing.

3 Know ye that the LORD he is God:
It is he that hath made us, ⁵ and we
are his;

We are his people, and the sheep of
his pasture.

4 Enter into his gates with ⁷ thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise:
Give thanks unto him, and bless his
name.

5 For the LORD is good; his mercy
endureth for ever;
And his faithfulness unto all gener-
ations.

101 A Psalm of David.

1 I will sing of mercy and judgement:
Unto thee, O LORD, will I sing praises.

2 I will ⁸ behave myself wisely in a per-
fect way:

Oh when wilt thou come unto me?
I will walk within my house ⁹ with a
perfect heart.

3 Or,
at their's
barrow

4 Or,
for the
thank-
sgiving
5 Heb.
all the
earth

6 Another
readeth
is, and
we are
our
people.

7 Or, a
thank-
sgiving

8 Or,
give heed
unto the
perfect
way

9 Or,
in the
sanctuary
of my
heart

8 Heb.
me-
morial.

¹ Or, the
doing of
unfaith-
fulness

² Or,
evil
person

³ Or,
faintest

⁴ Or, in
smoke
⁵ Or,
as an
hearth

⁶ Or, is
stretched
out

⁷ Or,
abide
as king

3 I will set no base thing before mine eyes:

I hate ¹ the work of them that turn aside;

It shall not cleave unto me.

4 A froward heart shall depart from me: I will know no ² evil thing.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I destroy:

Him that hath an high look and a proud heart will I not suffer.

6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me:

He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall minister unto me.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house:

He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established before mine eyes.

8 Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land;

To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of the LORD.

102 A Prayer of the afflicted, when he ³ is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before the LORD.

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD, And let my cry come unto thee.

2 Hide not thy face from me in the day of my distress:

Incline thine ear unto me; In the day when I call answer me speedily.

3 For my days consume away ⁴ like smoke, And my bones are burned ⁵ as a firebrand.

4 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered;

For I forget to eat my bread.

5 By reason of the voice of my groaning My bones cleave to my flesh.

6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am become as an owl of the waste places.

7 I watch, and am become Like a sparrow that is alone upon the housetop.

8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; They that are mad against me do curse by me.

9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, And mingled my drink with weeping.

10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath:

For thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.

11 My days are like a shadow that ⁶ declineth;

And I am withered like grass.

12 But thou, O LORD, ⁷ shalt abide for ever;

And thy memorial unto all generations.

13 Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion:

For it is time to have pity upon her, yea, the set time is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones,

And have pity upon her dust.

15 So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD,

And all the kings of the earth thy glory:

16 For the LORD hath built up Zion, He hath appeared in his glory;

17 He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute,

And hath not despised their prayer.

18 This shall be written for the generation to come:

And a people which shall be created shall praise ⁸ the LORD.

19 For he hath looked down from the height of his sanctuary;

From heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

20 To hear the sighing of the prisoner; To loose ⁹ those that are appointed to death;

21 That men may declare the name of the LORD in Zion,

And his praise in Jerusalem;

22 When the peoples are gathered together,

And the kingdoms, to serve the LORD.

28 ¹⁰ He weakened my strength in the way;

He shortened my days.

24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days:

Thy years are throughout all generations.

25 Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth;

And the heavens are the work of thy hands.

26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure:

Yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment;

As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed:

27 But thou art the same,

And thy years shall have no end.

28 The children of thy servants shall continue,

And their seed shall be established before thee.

103 A Psalm of David.

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul;

And all that is within me, *bless* his holy name.

2 Bless the LORD, O my soul,

And forget not all his benefits:

3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;

Who healeth all thy diseases;

4 Who redeemeth thy life from ¹¹ destruction;

Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies:

5 Who satisfieth ¹² thy mouth with good things;

So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.

6 The LORD executeth righteous acts,

⁸ Heb.
Jah.

⁹ Heb.
the
children
of death.

¹⁰ An-
other
reading
is, He
afflicted
me
with his
strength.

¹¹ Or, the
pit

¹² Or, thy
years
Or, thy
prime
Heb.
thine
ornament.

And judgements for all that are oppressed.
 7 He made known his ways unto Moses,
 His doings unto the children of Israel.
 8 The Lord is full of compassion and gracious,
 Slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.
 9 He will not always chide;
 Neither will he keep his anger for ever.
 10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins,
 Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
 11 For as the heaven is high above the earth,
 So great is his mercy toward them that fear him.
 12 As far as the east is from the west,
 So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
 13 Like as a father pitieth his children,
 So the Lord pitieth them that fear him.
 14 For he knoweth our frame;
 He remembereth that we are dust.
 15 As for man, his days are as grass;
 As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
 16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone;
 And the place thereof shall know it no more.
 17 But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him,
 And his righteousness unto children's children;
 18 To such as keep his covenant,
 And to those that remember his precepts to do them.
 19 The Lord hath established his throne in the heavens;
 And his kingdom ruleth over all.
 20 Bless the Lord, ye angels of his:
 Ye mighty in strength, that fulfil his word,
 Harkening unto the voice of his word.
 21 Bless the Lord, all ye his hosts;
 Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
 22 Bless the Lord, all ye his works,
 In all places of his dominion:
 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
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 Bless the Lord, O my soul.
 O Lord my God, thou art very great;
 Thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
 2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment;
 Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
 3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters;
 Who maketh the clouds his chariot;
 Who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
 4 Who maketh winds his messengers;
 His ministers a flaming fire:
 5 Who laid the foundations of the earth,

That it should not be moved for ever.
 6 Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a vesture;
 The waters stood above the mountains.
 7 At thy rebuke they fled;
 At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away;
 8 They went up by the mountains,
 they went down by the valleys,
 Unto the place which thou hadst founded for them.
 9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over;
 That they turn not again to cover the earth.
 10 He sendeth forth springs into the valleys;
 They run among the mountains:
 11 They give drink to every beast of the field;
 The wild asses quench their thirst.
 12 By them the fowl of the heaven have their habitation,
 They sing among the branches.
 13 He watereth the mountains from his chambers:
 The earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
 14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle,
 And herb for the service of man;
 That he may bring forth food out of the earth:
 15 And wine that maketh glad the heart of man,
 And oil to make his face to shine,
 And bread that strengtheneth man's heart.
 16 The trees of the Lord are satisfied;
 The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
 17 Where the birds make their nests:
 As for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
 18 The high mountains are for the wild goats;
 The rocks are a refuge for the conies.
 19 He appointed the moon for seasons:
 The sun knoweth his going down.
 20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night;
 Wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.
 21 The young lions roar after their prey,
 And seek their meat from God.
 22 The sun ariseth, they get them away,
 And lay them down in their dens.
 23 Man goeth forth unto his work
 And to his labour until the evening.
 24 O Lord, how manifold are thy works!
 In wisdom hast thou made them all:
 The earth is full of thy riches.
 25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
 Wherein are things creeping innumerable,
 Both small and great beasts.
 26 There go the ships;
 There is leviathan, whom thou hast formed to take his pastime therein.

2 Or.
 (The mountains rose, the valleys sank down.)

4 Heb.
 after their voice.

5 Or.
 labour
 6 Heb.
 bread.

7 Heb.
 he made his face to shine with oil.
 8 See ver. 12.

9 See Lev. xi. 4.

10 Or.
 creatures

11 Or.
 play with him
 See Job xli. 5.

1 Or. the angels winds

2 Heb. he founded the earth upon her bases.

27 These wait all upon thee,
That thou mayest give them their
meat in due season.
28 That thou givest unto them they gather;
Thou openest thine hand, they are
satisfied with good.
29 Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled;
Thou ¹takest away their breath, they
die,
And return to their dust.
30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are
created;
And thou renewest the face of the
ground.
31 Let the glory of the Lord endure for
ever;
Let the Lord rejoice in his works:
32 Who looketh on the earth, and it
trembleth;
He toucheth the mountains, and they
smoke.
33 I will sing unto the Lord as long as
I live:
I will sing praise to my God while I
have any being.
34 Let my meditation be sweet unto
him:
I will rejoice in the Lord.
35 Let sinners be consumed out of the
earth,
And let the wicked be no more.
Bless the Lord, O my soul.
² Praise ye the Lord.

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O give thanks unto the Lord, call
upon his name;
Make known his doings among the
peoples.
2 Sing unto him, sing praises unto him;
³ Talk ye of all his marvellous works.
3 Glory ye in his holy name:
Let the heart of them rejoice that
seek the Lord.
4 Seek ye the Lord and his strength;
Seek his face evermore.
5 Remember his marvellous works that
he hath done;
His wonders, and the judgements of
his mouth;
6 O ye seed of Abraham his servant,
Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
7 He is the Lord our God:
His judgements are in all the earth.
8 He hath remembered his covenant
for ever,
The word which he commanded to a
thousand generations;
9 The covenant which he made with
Abraham,
And his oath unto Isaac;
10 And confirmed the same unto Jacob
for a statute,
To Israel for an everlasting covenant:
11 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land
of Canaan,
The ⁴lot of your inheritance:
12 When they were but a few men in
number;
Yea, very few, and sojourners in it;

13 And they went about from nation to
nation,
From one kingdom to another people.
14 He suffered no man to do them wrong;
Yea, he reproveth kings for their sakes;
15 *Saying*, Touch not mine anointed ones,
And do my prophets no harm.
16 And he called for a famine upon the
land;
He brake the whole staff of bread.
17 He sent a man before them;
Joseph was sold for a servant:
18 His feet they hurt with fetters;
⁵ He was laid in *chains* of iron:
19 Until the time that his word came to
pass;
The word of the Lord tried him.
20 The king sent and loosed him;
Even the ruler of peoples, and let him
go free.
21 He made him lord of his house,
And ruler of all his substance:
22 To bind his princes at his pleasure,
And teach his ⁶senators wisdom.
23 Israel also came into Egypt;
And Jacob sojourned in the land of
Ham.
24 And he increased his people greatly,
And made them stronger than their
adversaries.
25 He turned their heart to hate his
people,
To deal subtilly with his servants.
26 He sent Moses his servant,
And Aaron whom he had chosen.
27 ⁷ They set among them ⁸his signs,
And wonders in the land of Ham.
28 He sent darkness, and made it dark;
And they rebelled not against his
words.
29 He turned their waters into blood,
And slew their fish.
30 Their land swarmed with frogs,
In the chambers of their kings.
31 He spake, and there came swarms
of flies,
And ⁹lice in all their borders.
32 He gave them hail for rain,
And flaming fire in their land.
33 He smote their vines also and their
fig trees;
And brake the trees of their borders.
34 He spake, and the locust came,
And the cankerworm, and that with-
out number,
35 And did eat up every herb in their land,
And did eat up the fruit of their ground.
36 He smote also all the firstborn in their
land,
The ¹⁰chief of all their strength.
37 And he brought them forth with silver
and gold:
And there was ¹¹not one feeble person
among his tribes.
38 Egypt was glad when they departed;
For the fear of them had fallen upon
them.
39 He spread a cloud for a covering;
And fire to give light in the night.

¹ Or,
gather-
ed in

² Heb.
Hallelu-
jah.

³ Or,
Meditate

⁴ Heb.
cored, or,
lime.

⁵ Heb.
His soul
entwined
into the
iron.

⁶ Heb.
elders.

⁷ Some
ancient
versions
have, *He*.

⁸ Heb.
the
words
of his
signs.

⁹ See Ex.
viii. 16.

¹⁰ Heb.
begin-
ning.
See Deut.
xii. 17.
¹¹ Or,
none
that
stumbled

40 They asked, and he brought quails,
And satisfied them with the bread of
heaven.

41 He opened the rock, and waters
gushed out;

They ran in the dry places like a river.
42 For he remembered his holy word,
And Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with
joy,

And his chosen with singing.
44 And he gave them the lands of the
nations;

And they took the labour of the peo-
ples in possession:

45 That they might keep his statutes,
And observe his laws.

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

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¹ Praise ye the LORD.

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he
is good:

For his mercy endureth for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the
LORD,

Or shew forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that keep judgement,
And he that doeth righteousness at all
times.

4 Remember me, O LORD, with the favour
that thou bearest unto thy people;

O visit me with thy salvation:

5 That I may see the prosperity of thy
chosen,

That I may rejoice in the gladness of
thy nation,

That I may glory with thine inheri-
tance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have
done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy won-
ders in Egypt;

They remembered not the multitude
of thy mercies;

But were rebellious at the sea, even
at the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his
name's sake,

That he might make his mighty power
to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it
was dried up:

So he led them through the depths,
as through a ²wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of
him that hated them,

And redeemed them from the hand of
the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their adver-
saries:

There was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words;

They sang his praise.

13 They soon forgot his works;

They waited not for his counsel:

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilder-
ness,

And tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request;
But sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses also in the camp,
And Aaron the ³saint of the LORD.

17 The earth opened and swallowed up
Dathan,

And covered the company of Abiram.

18 And a fire was kindled in their company;
The flame burned up the wicked.

19 They made a calf in Horeb,

And worshipped a molten image.

20 Thus they changed their glory
For the likeness of an ox that eateth
grass.

21 They forgot God their saviour,
Which had done great things in Egypt;

22 Wondrous works in the land of Ham,
And terrible things by the Red Sea.

23 Therefore he said that he would de-
stroy them,

Had not Moses his chosen stood before
him in the breach,

To turn away his wrath, lest he should
destroy them.

24 Yea, they despised the pleasant land,
They believed not his word;

25 But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not unto the voice of
the LORD.

26 Therefore he lifted up his hand unto
them,

That he would ⁴overthrow them in the
wilderness:

27 And that he would overthrow their
seed among the nations,

And scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto
⁵Baal-peor,

And ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with
their doings;

And the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed
judgement:

And so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was counted unto him for
righteousness,

Unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters
of ⁶Meribah,

So that it went ill with Moses for their
sakes:

33 Because they were rebellious against
his spirit,

And he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples,
As the LORD commanded them;

35 But mingled themselves with the na-
tions,

And learned their works:

36 And they served their idols;
Which became a snare unto them:

37 Yea, they sacrificed their sons and
their daughters unto demons,

38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood
of their sons and of their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols
of Canaan;

¹ Heb.
Hallelu-
jah.

³ Or, holy
one

⁴ Heb.
maka
them
fall.

⁵ See
Num.
xv. 2.

⁶ Or,
 strife

² Or,
pasture
land

And the land was polluted with blood.
 39 Thus were they defiled with their works,
 And went a whoring in their doings.
 40 Therefore was the wrath of the LORD kindled against his people,
 And he abhorred his inheritance.
 41 And he gave them into the hand of the nations;
 And they that hated them ruled over them.
 42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
 And they were brought into subjection under their hand.
 43 Many times did he deliver them;
 But they were rebellious in their counsel,
 And were brought low in their iniquity.

44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress,
 When he heard their cry:
 45 And he remembered for them his covenant,
 And repented according to the multitude of his mercies.
 46 He made them also to be pitied
 Of all those that carried them captives.
 47 Save us, O LORD our God,
 And gather us from among the nations,
 To give thanks unto thy holy name,
 And to triumph in thy praise.
 48 Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,
 From everlasting even to everlasting.
 And let all the people say, Amen.
 1 Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
*Alleluia-
 jah.*

BOOK V.

107

O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
 For his mercy endureth for ever.
 2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
 Whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the adversary;
 3 And gathered them out of the lands,
 From the east and from the west,
 From the north and ¹ from the south.
 4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way;
 They found no city of habitation.
 5 Hungry and thirsty,
 Their soul fainted in them.
 6 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
 And he delivered them out of their distresses.
 7 He led them also by a straight way,
 That they might go to a city of habitation.
 8 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
 And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
 9 For he satisfieth the longing soul,
 And the hungry soul he filleth with good.
 10 Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 Being bound in affliction and iron;
 11 Because they rebelled against the words of God,
 And contemned the counsel of the Most High:
 12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labour;
 They fell down, and there was none to help.
 13 Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble,
 And he saved them out of their distresses.

14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death,
 And brake their bands in sunder.
 15 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
 And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass,
 And cut the bars of iron in sunder.
 17 Fools because of ² their transgression,
 And because of their iniquities, are afflicted.
 18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat;
 And they draw near unto the gates of death.
 19 Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble,
 And he saveth them out of their distresses.
 20 He sendeth his word, and healeth them,
 And delivereth them from their ³ destructions.
 21 Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness,
 And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
 22 And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving,
 And declare his works with singing.
 23 They that go down to the sea in ships,
 That do business in great waters;
 24 These see the works of the LORD,
 And his wonders in the deep.
 25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind,
 Which lifteth up the waves thereof.
 26 They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths:
 Their soul melteth away because of trouble.
 27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man,

¹ Heb.
*from the
 sea.*

² Heb.
*the way
 of their
 transgression.*

³ Heb.
plia.

¹ Heb. *all their wisdom is swallowed up.*

² Heb. *the haven of their desire.*

³ See Ps. lvi. 7-11.

⁴ Or, *I will awake the dawn.*

And ¹ are at their wits' end.
 28 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble,
 And he bringeth them out of their distresses.
 29 He maketh the storm a calm,
 So that the waves thereof are still.
 30 Then are they glad because they be quiet;
 So he bringeth them unto ² the haven where they would be.
 31 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness,
 And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
 32 Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people,
 And praise him in the seat of the elders.
 33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness,
 And watersprings into a thirsty ground;
 34 A fruitful land into a salt desert,
 For the wickedness of them that dwell therein.
 35 He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water,
 And a dry land into watersprings.
 36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell,
 That they may prepare a city of habitation;
 37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards,
 And get them fruits of increase.
 38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly;
 And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease.
 39 Again, they are minished and bowed down
 Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow.
 40 He poureth contempt upon princes,
 And causeth them to wander in the waste, where there is no way.
 41 Yet setteth he the needy on high from affliction,
 And maketh *him* families like a flock.
 42 The upright shall see it, and be glad;
 And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.
 43 Whoso is wise shall give heed to these things,
 And they shall consider the mercies of the Lord.

108 A Song, a Psalm of David.

¹ My heart is fixed, O God;
 I will sing, yea, I will sing praises, even with my glory.
 2 Awake, psaltery and harp:
⁴ I myself will awake right early.
 3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the peoples:
 And I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
 4 For thy mercy is great above the heavens,
 And thy truth *reacheth* unto the skies.
 5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens:

And thy glory above all the earth.
 6 ⁶ That thy beloved may be delivered,
 Save with thy right hand, and answer ⁶ us.
 7 God hath spoken in his holiness; I will exult:
 I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.
 8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine;
 Ephraim also is the defence of mine head;
 Judah is my ⁷ sceptre.
 9 Moab is my washpot;
⁸ Upon Edom will I cast my shoe:
 Over Philistia will I shout.
 10 Who will bring me into the fenced city?
⁹ Who hath led me unto Edom?
 11 ¹⁰ Hast not thou cast us off, O God?
 And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.
 12 Give us help against the adversary:
 For vain is the ¹¹ help of man.
 13 Through God we shall do valiantly:
 For he it is that shall tread down our adversaries.

109 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;
 2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit have they opened against me:
 They have spoken ¹² unto me with a lying tongue.
 3 They compassed me about also with words of hatred,
 And fought against me without a cause.
 4 For my love they are my adversaries:
 But I *give myself* unto prayer.
 5 And they have ¹³ rewarded me evil for good,
 And hatred for my love.
 6 Set thou a wicked man over him:
 And let ¹⁴ an adversary stand at his right hand.
 7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty;
 And let his prayer ¹⁵ be turned into sin.
 8 Let his days be few;
 And let another take his office.
 9 Let his children be fatherless,
 And his wife a widow.
 10 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg;
 And let them seek *their bread* ¹⁶ out of their desolate places.
 11 Let the extortioner ¹⁷ catch all that he hath;
 And let strangers make spoil of his labour.
 12 Let there be none to ¹⁸ extend mercy unto him;
 Neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.
 13 Let his posterity be cut off;
 In the generation following let their name be blotted out.
 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the Lord;

⁵ See Ps. lx. 8-12.

⁶ Another reading is, *me.*

⁷ Or, *leader.*

⁸ Or, *into.*

⁹ Or, *What wilt thou do?*

¹⁰ Or, *Wilt thou cast us off, O God, which hast cast us off, and goest ... hosts?*

¹¹ Heb. *salvation.*

¹² Or, *against.*

¹³ Heb. *led against me.*

¹⁴ Or, *Malice.*
Or, *an accuser.*

¹⁵ Or, *become.*

¹⁶ Or, *far from.*

¹⁷ Heb. *swore.*

¹⁸ Or, *continue kindness.*

And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before the LORD continually,

That he may cut off the memory of them from the earth.

16 Because that he remembered not to shew mercy,

But persecuted the poor and needy man, And the broken in heart, to slay them.

17 Yea, he loved cursing, and it came unto him;

And he delighted not in blessing, and it was far from him.

18 He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment,

And it came into his inward parts like water,

And like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the raiment wherewith he covereth himself,

And for the girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 This is the reward of mine adversaries from the LORD,

And of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But deal thou with me, O God the LORD, for thy name's sake:

Because thy mercy is good, deliver thou me,

22 For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow when it ¹declineth:

I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees ²are weak through fasting; And my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I am become also a reproach unto them: When they see me, they shake their head.

26 Help me, O LORD my God;

O save me according to thy mercy:

27 That they may know that this is thy hand;

That thou, LORD, hast done it.

28 Let them curse, but bless thou: When they arise, they shall be ashamed,

but thy servant shall rejoice.

29 ³Let mine adversaries be clothed with dishonour,

And let them cover themselves with their own shame as with a mantle.

30 I will give great thanks unto the LORD with my mouth;

Yea, I will praise him among the multitude.

31 For he shall stand at the right hand of the needy,

To save him from them that judge his soul.

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A Psalm of David.

1 The LORD saith unto my lord, Sit thou at my right hand,

Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

2 The LORD shall ⁴send forth the rod of thy strength out of Zion:

Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

3 Thy people ⁵offer themselves willingly ⁶in the day of thy ⁷power:

⁸In the beauties of holiness, from the womb of the morning,

⁹Thou hast the dew of thy youth.

4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent,

Thou art a priest for ever After the ¹⁰order of Melchizedek.

5 The LORD at thy right hand

¹¹Shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.

6 He shall judge among the nations,

¹²He ¹³shall fill the places with dead bodies;

He ¹⁴shall strike through the head ¹⁵in many countries.

7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: Therefore shall he lift up the head.

111

¹⁶Praise ye the LORD.

I will give thanks unto the LORD with my whole heart,

In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

2 The works of the LORD are great, Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

3 His work is honour and majesty: And his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered:

The LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He hath given ¹⁶meat unto them that fear him:

He will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath shewed his people the power of his works,

In giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and judgement;

All his precepts are sure.

8 They are established for ever and ever, They are ¹⁷done in truth and uprightness.

9 He hath sent redemption unto his people;

He hath commanded his covenant for ever:

Holy and reverend is his name.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

¹⁸A good understanding have all they that do ¹⁹thereafter:

His praise endureth for ever.

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²⁰Praise ye the LORD.

Blessed is the man that feareth the LORD,

That delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

¹ Or, is stretched out
² Or, totter

³ Or, Mine adversaries shall be clothed ... and they shall cover &c.

⁴ Or, stretch

⁵ Heb. are freely offered.

⁶ Or, in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness: from &c.

⁷ Or, army

⁸ Or, in holy attire

⁹ According to another reading, On the mountains of holiness.

¹⁰ Or, Thy youth are to thee as the dew

¹¹ Or, manner

¹² Or, hath stricken

¹³ Or, The places are full of &c.

¹⁴ Or, hath killed

¹⁵ Or, over a wide land

¹⁶ Heb. Hallelu-jah.

¹⁷ Heb. prop.

¹⁸ Or, made

¹⁹ Or, God's repute

²⁰ Heb. them.

3 Wealth and riches are in his house:
And his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:

He is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

5 Well is it with the man that dealeth graciously and lendeth;
He shall maintain his cause in judgement.

6 For he shall never be moved;
The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:
His heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid,
Until he see *his desire* upon his adversaries.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy;

His righteousness endureth for ever: His horn shall be exalted with honour.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved:
He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away:

The desire of the wicked shall perish.

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¹ Praise ye the LORD.

Praise, O ye servants of the LORD,
Praise the name of the LORD.

2 Blessed be the name of the LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.

3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same

The LORD's name is to be praised.

4 The LORD is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens.

5 Who is like unto the LORD our God,
That hath his seat on high,

6 That humbleth himself ²to behold
The things that are in heaven and in the earth?

7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,

And lifteth up the needy from the dunghill;

8 That he may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of his people.

9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house,

And to be a joyful mother of children.

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

114

When Israel went forth out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language;

2 Judah became his sanctuary,
Israel his dominion.

3 The sea saw it, and fled;
Jordan was driven back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams,
The little hills like young sheep.

5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest?

Thou Jordan, that thou turnest back?

6 Ye mountains, that ye skip like rams;

Ye little hills, like young sheep?

7 Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the LORD,

At the presence of the God of Jacob;

8 Which turned the rock into a pool of water,
The flint into a fountain of waters.

115

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,
But unto thy name give glory,
For thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

2 Wherefore should the nations say,
Where is now their God?

3 But our God is in the heavens:

He hath done whatsoever he pleased.

4 Their idols are silver and gold,

The work of men's hands.

5 They have mouths, but they speak not;

Eyes have they, but they see not;

6 They have ears, but they hear not;

Noses have they, but they smell not;

7 They have hands, but they handle not;

Feet have they, but they walk not; Neither speak they through their throat.

8 They that make them shall be like unto them;

Yea, every one that trusteth in them.

9 O Israel, trust thou in the LORD:

He is their help and their shield.

10 O house of Aaron, trust ye in the LORD:

He is their help and their shield.

11 Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD:

He is their help and their shield.

12 The LORD hath been mindful of us; he will bless us:

He will bless the house of Israel;

He will bless the house of Aaron.

13 He will bless them that fear the LORD,
Both small and great.

14 The LORD increase you more and more,

You and your children.

15 Blessed are ye of the LORD,

Which made heaven and earth.

16 The heavens are the heavens of the LORD;

But the earth hath he given to the children of men.

17 The dead praise not ³the LORD,
Neither any that go down into silence;

18 But we will bless ³the LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.

¹ Praise ye the LORD.

116

I love the LORD, because he hath heard

My voice and my supplications.

2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,

Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3 The cords of death compassed me,
And the pains of ⁴Sheol ⁵gat hold upon me:

¹ Heb. *Hallelu-Jah.*

² Or, to regard the heavens and the earth.

³ Heb. *Jah.*

⁴ Or, the grave
⁵ Or, found me

I found trouble and sorrow.
 4 Then called I upon the name of the LORD;
 O LORD, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
 5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
 Yea, our God is merciful.
 6 The LORD preserveth the simple:
 I was brought low, and he saved me.
 7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
 For the LORD hath dealt bountifully with thee.
 8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
 Mine eyes from tears,
 And my feet from falling.
 9 I will walk before the LORD
 In the ¹land of the living.
 10 ²I believe, for I will speak:
 I was greatly afflicted:
 11 I said in my ³haste,
 All men are ⁴a lie.
 12 What shall I render unto the LORD
 For all his benefits toward me?
 13 I will take the cup of salvation,
 And call upon the name of the LORD.
 14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD,
 Yea, in the presence of all his people.
 15 Precious in the sight of the LORD
 Is the death of his saints.
 16 O LORD, truly I am thy servant:
 I am thy servant, the son of thine handmaid;
 Thou hast loosed my bonds.
 17 I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving,
 And will call upon the name of the LORD.
 18 I will pay my vows unto the LORD,
 Yea, in the presence of all his people;
 19 In the courts of the LORD's house,
 In the midst of thee, O Jerusalem.
⁵Praise ye the LORD.
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 O praise the LORD, all ye nations;
 Laud him, all ye peoples.
 2 For his mercy is great toward us;
 And the truth of the LORD endureth for ever.
⁶Praise ye the LORD.
 118
 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
 For his mercy endureth for ever.
 2 Let Israel now say,
 That his mercy endureth for ever.
 3 Let the house of Aaron now say,
 That his mercy endureth for ever.
 4 Let them now that fear the LORD say,
 That his mercy endureth for ever.
 5 Out of my distress I called upon ⁶the LORD:
⁶The LORD answered me and set me in a large place.
 6 The LORD is on my side; I will not fear:
 What can man do unto me?
 7 The LORD is on my side among them that help me:
 Therefore shall I see ⁷my desire upon them that hate me.

8 It is better to trust in the LORD
 Than to put confidence in man.
 9 It is better to trust in the LORD
 Than to put confidence in princes.
 10 All nations compassed me about:
 In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
 11 They compassed me about; yea, they compassed me about:
 In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
 12 They compassed me about like bees;
 they are quenched as the fire of thorns:
 In the name of the LORD I will cut them off.
 13 Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall:
 But the LORD helped me.
 14 ⁶The LORD is my strength and song;
 And he is become my salvation.
 15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous:
 The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
 16 The right hand of the LORD is exalted:
 The right hand of the LORD doeth valiantly.
 17 I shall not die, but live,
 And declare the works of ⁶the LORD.
 18 ⁶The LORD hath chastened me sore:
 But he hath not given me over unto death.
 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness:
 I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto ⁶the LORD.
 20 This is the gate of the LORD;
 The righteous shall enter into it.
 21 I will give thanks unto thee, for thou hast answered me,
 And art become my salvation.
 22 The stone which the builders rejected
 Is become the head of the corner.
 23 ⁷This is the LORD's doing;
 It is marvellous in our eyes.
 24 This is the day which the LORD hath made;
 We will rejoice and be glad in it.
 25 Save now, we beseech thee, O LORD:
 O LORD, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.
 26 Blessed be he that ⁸cometh in the name of the LORD:
 We have blessed you out of the house of the LORD.
 27 The LORD is God, and he hath given us light:
 Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.
 28 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto thee:
 Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
 29 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:
 For his mercy endureth for ever.
 119
 ALEPH.
 Blessed are they that are ⁹perfect in the way,
 Who walk in the law of the LORD.

¹ Heb. lands.
² Or, I believed, when I spoke thus.
³ Or, alarm.
⁴ Heb. liars.

⁵ Heb. Hallelu-Jah.

⁶ Heb. Jah.

⁷ Heb. This is from the LORD.

⁸ Or, entereth.

⁹ Or, upright in way.

- 2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies,
That seek him with the whole heart.
3 Yea, they do no unrighteousness;
They walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast commanded us thy precepts,
That we should observe them diligently.
5 Oh that my ways were established
To observe thy statutes!
6 When shall I not be ashamed,
When I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will give thanks unto thee with uprightness of heart,
When I learn thy righteous judgements.
8 I will observe thy statutes:
O forsake me not utterly.

2 BETH.

- 9 Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed *thereto* according to thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:
O let me not wander from thy commandments.
11 Thy word have I laid up in mine heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O LORD:
Teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I declared
All the judgements of thy mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate in thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.
16 I will delight myself in thy statutes:
I will not forget thy word.

2 GIMEL.

- 17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live;
So will I observe thy word.
18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
Wondrous things out of thy law.
19 I am a sojourner in the earth:
Hide not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh for the longing
That it hath unto thy judgements at all times.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud ¹that are cursed,
Which do wander from thy commandments.
22 Take away from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also sat and talked against me:
But thy servant did meditate in thy statutes.
24 Thy testimonies also are my delight
And ²my counsellors.

2 DALETH.

- 25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust:

- Quicken thou me according to thy word.
26 I declared my ways, and thou answeredst me:
Teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:
So shall I meditate of thy wondrous works.
28 My soul ³melteth for heaviness:
Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
29 Remove from me the way of falsehood:
And grant me thy law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness:
Thy judgements have I set before me.
31 I cleave unto thy testimonies:
O LORD, put me not to shame.
32 I will run the way of thy commandments,
When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

2 HE.

- 33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
Yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,
And quicken me in thy ways.
38 Confirm thy word unto thy servant,
⁴Which *belongeth* unto the fear of thee.
39 Turn away my reproach whereof I am afraid;
For thy judgements are good.
40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:
Quicken me in thy righteousness.

2 VAU.

- 41 Let thy mercies also come unto me, O LORD,
Even thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 So shall I have an answer for him that reproacheth me;
For I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth;
For I have hoped in thy judgements.
44 So shall I observe thy law continually
For ever and ever.
45 And I will walk at liberty;
For I have sought thy precepts.
46 I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings,
And will not be ashamed.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
Which I have loved.
48 I will lift up my hands also unto thy commandments, which I have loved;

³ Heb.
drop-
path.

⁴ Or,
Who is
devoted
to

¹ Or,
Cursed
are they
which &c.

² Heb.
the men
of my
counsel.

And I will meditate in thy statutes.

† ZAIN.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant,

¹ Because thou hast made me to hope.

50 This is my comfort in my affliction:

² For thy word hath quickened me.

51 The proud have had me greatly in derision:

Yet have I not swerved from thy law.

52 I have remembered thy judgements of old, O LORD,

And have comforted myself.

53 ³ Hot indignation hath taken hold upon me,

Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.

54 Thy statutes have been my songs

In the house of my pilgrimage.

55 I have remembered thy name, O LORD,

in the night,

And have observed thy law.

56 This I have had,

⁴ Because I kept thy precepts.

‡ CHETH.

57 ⁵ The LORD is my portion:

I have said that I would observe thy words.

58 I intreated thy favour with my whole heart:

Be merciful unto me according to thy word.

59 I thought on my ways,

And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

60 I made haste, and delayed not,

To observe thy commandments.

61 The cords of the wicked have wrapped me round;

But I have not forgotten thy law.

62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee

Because of thy righteous judgements.

63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee,

And of them that observe thy precepts.

64 The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: Teach me thy statutes.

§ TETH.

65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant, O LORD, according unto thy word.

66 Teach me good judgement and knowledge;

For I have believed in thy commandments.

67 Before I was afflicted I went astray;

But now I observe thy word.

68 Thou art good, and doest good;

Teach me thy statutes.

69 The proud have forged a lie against me:

With my whole heart will I keep thy precepts.

70 Their heart is as fat as grease;

But I delight in thy law.

71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted;

That I might learn thy statutes.

72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me Than thousands of gold and silver.

¶ JOD.

73 Thy hands have made me and ⁶ fashioned me:

Give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.

74 They that fear thee shall see me and be glad;

Because I have hoped in thy word.

75 I know, O LORD, that thy judgements are righteous,

And that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.

76 Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort,

According to thy word unto thy servant.

77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live:

For thy law is my delight.

78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they have overthrown me ⁷ wrongfully:

But I will meditate in thy precepts.

79 Let those that fear thee turn unto me,

⁸ And they shall know thy testimonies.

80 Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes; That I be not ashamed.

‡ CAPH.

81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation:

But I hope in thy word.

82 Mine eyes fail for thy word,

While I say, When wilt thou comfort me?

83 For I am become like a ⁹ bottle in the smoke;

Yet do I not forget thy statutes.

84 How many are the days of thy servant? When wilt thou execute judgement on them that persecute me?

85 The proud have digged pits for me,

Who are not after thy law.

86 All thy commandments are faithful: They persecute me ⁷ wrongfully; help thou me.

87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;

But I forsook not thy precepts.

88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness; So shall I observe the testimony of thy mouth.

‡ LAMED.

89 For ever, O LORD,

Thy word is settled in heaven.

90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:

Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.

91 ¹⁰ They abide this day according to thine ordinances;

For all things are thy servants.

92 Unless thy law had been my delight, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts;

¹ Or, Whereto

² Or, That

³ Or, Horror

⁴ Or, That I have kept

⁵ Or, The LORD is my portion, hence I said: that I may observe Ac.

⁶ Or, established

⁷ Or, with fulsome hood

⁸ Another reading is, Even they that know.

⁹ Or, wine-skin

¹⁰ Or, As for thy judgments, they abide this day

For with them thou hast quickened me.

94 I am thine, save me;

For I have sought thy precepts.

95 The wicked have waited for me to destroy me;

But I will consider thy testimonies.

96 I have seen an end of all perfection;
But thy commandment is exceeding broad.

2 MEM.

97 Oh how love I thy law!

It is my meditation all the day.

98¹ Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies;

For they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers;

For thy testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the aged,
Because I have kept thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,

That I might observe thy word.

102 I have not turned aside from thy judgements;

For thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my² taste!

Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding:

Therefore I hate every false way.

3 NUN.

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and have confirmed it,
That I will observe thy righteous judgements.

107 I am afflicted very much:
Quicken me, O Lord, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill offerings of my mouth, O Lord,
And teach me thy judgements.

109 My soul is continually in my hand;
Yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me;
Yet went I not astray from thy precepts.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as an heritage for ever;

For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined mine heart to perform thy statutes,

For ever, even unto the end.

2 SAMECH.

113 I hate them that are of a double mind;
But thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my hiding place and my shield:

I hope in thy word.

115 Depart from me, ye evil-doers;

That I may keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word,
that I may live;

And let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe,
And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast set at nought all them that err from thy statutes;

For their deceit is³ falsehood.

119 Thou⁴ putt'st away all the wicked of the earth like dross:

Therefore I love thy testimonies.

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee;
And I am afraid of thy judgements.

2 AIN.

121 I have done judgement and justice:
Leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good:
Let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy salvation,
And for thy righteous word.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy mercy,

And teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant, give me understanding;

That I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for the Lord to work;
For they have made void thy law.

127 Therefore I love thy commandments
Above gold, yea, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem⁵ all thy precepts concerning all things to be right;
And I hate every false way.

2 PE.

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful:
Therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The opening of thy words giveth light;

It giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted;
For I longed for thy commandments.

132 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me,

As thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Order my footsteps in thy word;
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from the oppression of man:

So will I observe thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant;

And teach me thy statutes.

136 Mine eyes run down with rivers of water,
Because they observe not thy law.

2 TZADE.

137 Righteous art thou, O Lord,
And upright⁶ are thy judgements.

138 Thou hast commanded thy testimonies in righteousness
And very faithfulness.

¹ Or, *Thou through thy commandments makest*

² Heb. *palate*.

³ Or, *vain*.
⁴ Heb. *countest to count*.

⁵ Or, *as read by the Sept., Syr., and Vulg., all thy precepts to be right*

⁶ Or, *in thy judgements*

¹ Heb.
cut me
off.

² Heb.
tried, or,
refined.

³ Or,
found
me

⁴ Or,
as thou
art wont
⁵ Or,
that per-
secute
me with
wicked
ness

⁶ Or,
loathed
them

139 My zeal hath ¹ consumed me,
Because mine adversaries have for-
gotten thy words.

140 Thy word is very ² pure;
Therefore thy servant loveth it.

141 I am small and despised:
Yet do not I forget thy precepts.

142 Thy righteousness is an everlasting
righteousness,
And thy law is truth.

143 Trouble and anguish have ³ taken hold
on me:

Yet thy commandments are my de-
light.

144 Thy testimonies are righteous for
ever:

Give me understanding, and I shall
live.

ρ ΚΟΦ.

145 I have called with my whole heart;
answer me, O LORD:

I will keep thy statutes.

146 I have called unto thee; save me,
And I shall observe thy testimonies.

147 I prevented the dawning of the morn-
ing, and cried:

I hoped in thy words.

148 Mine eyes prevented the night
watches,

That I might meditate in thy word.

149 Hear my voice according unto thy
lovingkindness:

Quicken me, O LORD, ⁴ according to
thy judgements.

150 They draw nigh ⁵ that follow after
wickedness;

They are far from thy law.

151 Thou art nigh, O LORD;

And all thy commandments are truth.

152 Of old have I known from thy testi-
monies,

That thou hast founded them for
ever.

γ ΡΕΗ.

153 Consider mine affliction, and deliver
me;

For I do not forget thy law.

154 Plead thou my cause, and redeem me:
Quicken me according to thy word.

155 Salvation is far from the wicked;
For they seek not thy statutes.

156 Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD:
Quicken me according to thy judgements.

157 Many are my persecutors and mine
adversaries;

Yet have I not swerved from thy
testimonies.

158 I beheld the treacherous dealers, and
⁶ was grieved;

Because they observe not thy word.

159 Consider how I love thy precepts:
Quicken me, O LORD, according to
thy lovingkindness.

160 The sum of thy word is truth;
And every one of thy righteous
judgements endureth for ever.

W SHIN.

161 Princes have persecuted me without
a cause;

But my heart standeth in awe of thy
words.

162 I rejoice at thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.

163 I hate and abhor falsehood;

But thy law do I love.

164 Seven times a day do I praise thee,
Because of thy righteous judgements.

165 Great peace have they which love
thy law;

And they have none occasion of
stumbling.

166 I have hoped for thy salvation, O
LORD,

And have done thy commandments.

167 My soul hath observed thy testi-
monies;

And I love them exceedingly.

168 I have observed thy precepts and
thy testimonies;

For all my ways are before thee.

τ ΤΑΥ.

169 Let my cry come near before thee, O
LORD:

Give me understanding according to
thy word.

170 Let my supplication come before
thee:

Deliver me according to thy word.

171 Let my lips utter praise;

For thou teachest me thy statutes.

172 Let my tongue sing of thy word;

For all thy commandments are right-
eousness.

173 Let thine hand be ready to help me;

For I have chosen thy precepts.

174 I have longed for thy salvation, O
LORD;

And thy law is my delight.

175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise
thee;

And let thy judgements help me.

176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
seek thy servant;

For I do not forget thy command-
ments.

120

A Song of Ascents.

1 In my distress I cried unto the LORD,
And he answered me.

2 Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying
lips,

And from a deceitful tongue.

3 What shall be given unto thee, and
what shall be done more unto thee,

Thou deceitful tongue?

4 ⁷ Sharp arrows of the mighty,

With coals of ⁸ juniper.

5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!

6 My soul hath long had her dwelling
With him that hateth peace.

7 I am for peace:

But when I speak, they are for war.

⁷ Or,
It is as
the sharp
arrows
of the
mighty
man
⁸ Or,
broom

121 A Song of Ascents.

1 I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains:

From whence shall my help come?

2 My help cometh from the LORD,
Which made heaven and earth.

3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:

He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Shall neither slumber nor sleep.

5 The LORD is thy keeper:

The LORD is thy shade upon thy right hand.

6 The sun shall not smite thee by day,
Nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall keep thee from all evil;

He shall keep thy soul.

8 The LORD shall keep thy going out
and thy coming in,

From this time forth and for evermore.

122 A Song of Ascents; of David.

1 I was glad when they said unto me,

Let us go unto the house of the LORD.

2 Our feet ^{are} standing

Within thy gates, O Jerusalem;

3 Jerusalem, that art builded

As a city that is compact together:

4 Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of ^{the} LORD,

For a testimony unto Israel,

To give thanks unto the name of the LORD.

5 For there ^{are} set thrones for judgment,

The thrones of the house of David.

6 ^{Pray} for the peace of Jerusalem:

^{They} shall prosper that love thee.

7 Peace be within thy walls,

And prosperity within thy palaces.

8 For my brethren and companions' sakes,

I will now ^{say}, Peace be within thee.

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God

I will seek thy good.

123 A Song of Ascents.

1 Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes,

O thou that sittest in the heavens.

2 Behold, as the eyes of servants look
unto the hand of their master,

As the eyes of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress;

So our eyes look unto the LORD our God,

Until he have mercy upon us.

3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us:

For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

4 Our soul is exceedingly filled

With the scorning of those that are at ease,

And with the contempt of the proud.

124 A Song of Ascents; of David.

1 If it had not been the LORD who was
on our side,

Let Israel now say;

2 If it had not been the LORD who was
on our side,

When men rose up against us:

3 Then they had swallowed us up alive,
When their wrath was kindled against us:

4 Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul:

5 Then the proud waters had gone over
our soul.

6 Blessed be the LORD,

Who hath not given us as a prey to
their teeth.

7 Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the
snare of the fowlers:

The snare is broken, and we are
escaped.

8 Our help is in the name of the LORD,
Who made heaven and earth.

125 A Song of Ascents.

1 They that trust in the LORD
Are as mount Zion, which cannot be
moved, but abideth for ever.

2 As the mountains are round about
Jerusalem,

So the LORD is round about his people,

From this time forth and for evermore.

3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall not
rest upon the lot of the righteous;

That the righteous put not forth their
hands unto iniquity.

4 Do good, O LORD, unto those that
be good,

And to them that are upright in their
hearts.

5 But as for such as turn aside unto
their crooked ways,

The LORD shall lead them forth with
the workers of iniquity.

Peace be upon Israel.

126 A Song of Ascents.

1 When the LORD ^{turned} again the
captivity of Zion,

We were like unto them that dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with
laughter,

And our tongue with singing:

Then said they among the nations,

The LORD hath done great things for
them.

3 The LORD hath done great things for
us;

Whereof we are glad.

4 Turn again our captivity, O LORD,
As the streams in the South.

5 They that sow in tears shall reap in
joy.

6 Though he goeth on his way weeping,
^{bearing} forth the seed;

He shall come again with joy, bringing
his sheaves with him.

1 Or, Let
him not
suffer...
let him
not
slumber
that &c.

2 Or,
have
stood

3 Heb.
Jah.

4 Or,
were

5 Or,
sitteth ye
Jerusalem

6 Or,
May
they

7 Or,
speak
peace
concerning thee

8 Or,
brought
back
those
that re-
turned to
Zion

9 Or,
bearing
the
sheaves
of seed

127 A Song of Ascents; of Solomon.

- 1 Except the LORD build the house,
They labour in vain that build it:
Except the LORD keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.
- 2 It is vain for you that ye rise up early,
and so late take rest,
And eat the bread of toil:
For so he giveth unto his beloved¹ sleep.
- 3 Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD:
And the fruit of the womb is his reward.
- 4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
So are the children of youth.
- 5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be ashamed,
When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

¹ Or, in sleep

128 A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Blessed is every one that feareth the LORD,
That walketh in his ways.
- 2 For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands:
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.
- 3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine,
in the innermost parts of thine house:
Thy children like olive plants, round about thy table.
- 4 Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth the LORD.
- 5 The LORD² shall bless thee out of Zion:
And³ thou shalt see the good of Jerusalem all the days of thy life.
- 6 Yea, thou shalt see thy children's children.
- ⁴ Peace be upon Israel.

² Or, bless thee
³ Or, see thou

⁴ Or, And peace upon Israel

⁵ Or, Much

129 A Song of Ascents.

- 1⁵ Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth up,
Let Israel now say;
- 2⁶ Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth up:
Yet they have not prevailed against me.
- 3 The plowers plowed upon my back;
They made long their furrows.
- 4 The LORD is righteous:
He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.
- 5 Let them be ashamed and turned backward,
All they that hate Zion.
- 6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops,
Which withereth afore it⁶ groweth up:
- 7 Wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand,
Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom.
- 8 Neither do they which go by say,

⁶ Or, be plucked up

The blessing of the LORD be upon you;
We bless you in the name of the LORD.

130 A Song of Ascents.

- 1 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O LORD.
- 2 Lord, hear my voice:
Let thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.
- 3 If thou, O LORD, shouldst mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?
- 4 But there is forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.
- 5 I wait for the LORD, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.
- 6 My soul looketh for the LORD,
More than watchmen look for the morning;
Yea, more than watchmen for the morning.
- 7 O Israel, hope in the LORD;
For with the LORD there is mercy,
And with him is plenteous redemption.
- 8 And he shall redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

⁷ Heb. Jah.

131 A Song of Ascents; of David.

- 1 LORD, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty;
Neither do I⁸ exercise myself in great matters,
Or in things too wonderful for me.
- 2 Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child with his mother,
My soul is with me like a weaned child.
- 3 O Israel, hope in the LORD
From this time forth and for evermore.

⁸ Heb. walk

132 A Song of Ascents.

- 1 LORD, remember for David
All his affliction;
- 2 How he sware unto the LORD,
And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob:
- 3 Surely I will not come into the⁹ tabernacle of my house,
Nor go up into¹⁰ my bed;
- 4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids;
- 5 Until I find out a place for the LORD,
¹¹ A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.
- 6 Lo, we heard of it in¹² Ephrathah:
We found it in the field of¹³ the wood.
- 7 We will go into his tabernacles;
We will worship at his footstool.
- 8 Arise, O LORD, into thy resting place;
Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
- 9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness;
And let thy saints shout for joy.
- 10 For thy servant David's sake
Turn not away the face of thine anointed.

⁹ Heb. tent.

¹⁰ Heb. the couch of my bed.

¹¹ Heb. Tabernacles.
¹² Or, Ephraim
¹³ Or, See I Chr. xiii. 6.

11 The LORD hath sworn unto David in truth;
He will not turn from it:
Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.

12 If thy children will keep my covenant
And my testimony that I shall teach them,

Their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.

13 For the LORD hath chosen Zion;
He hath desired it for his habitation.

14 This is my resting place for ever:
Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.

15 I will ¹ abundantly bless her provision:
I will satisfy her poor with bread.

16 Her priests also will I clothe with salvation:
And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.

17 There will I make ² the horn of David to bud:

I have ³ ordained a lamp for mine anointed.

18 His enemies will I clothe with shame:
But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

133 A Song of Ascents; of David.

1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is

For brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,

That ran down upon the beard,
Even Aaron's beard;
That came down upon the ⁴ skirt of his garments;

3 Like the dew of Hermon,
That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion:

For there the LORD commanded the blessing,
Even life for evermore.

134 A Song of Ascents.

1 Behold, bless ye the LORD, all ye servants of the LORD,
Which by night stand in the house of the LORD.

2 Lift up your hands ⁵ to the sanctuary,
And bless ye the LORD.

3 The LORD bless thee out of Zion;
Even he that made heaven and earth.

135 Praise ye the LORD.

Praise ye the name of the LORD;
Praise him, O ye servants of the LORD:

2 Ye that stand in the house of the LORD,
In the courts of the house of our God.

3 Praise ye the LORD; for the LORD is good:
Singing praises unto his name; for it is pleasant.

4 For ⁷ the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself,

And Israel for his peculiar treasure.

5 For I know that the LORD is great,
And that our Lord is above all gods.

6 Whatsoever the LORD pleased, that hath he done,

In heaven and in earth, in the seas and in all deeps.

7 He causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth;

He maketh lightnings for the rain;
He bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

8 Who smote the firstborn of Egypt,
Both of man and beast.

9 He sent signs and wonders into the midst of thee, O Egypt,

Upon Pharaoh, and upon all his servants.

10 Who smote ⁸ many nations,
And slew mighty kings;

11 Sihon king of the Amorites,
And Og king of Bashan,

And all the kingdoms of Canaan:

12 And gave their land for an heritage,
An heritage unto Israel his people.

13 Thy name, O LORD, endureth for ever;
Thy memorial, O LORD, throughout all generations.

14 For the LORD shall judge his people,
And repent himself concerning his servants.

15 ⁹ The idols of the nations are silver and gold,

The work of men's hands.

16 They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;

17 They have ears, but they hear not;
Neither is there any breath in their mouths.

18 They that make them shall be like unto them;

Yea, every one that trusteth in them.

19 O house of Israel, bless ye the LORD:
O house of Aaron, bless ye the LORD:

20 O house of Levi, bless ye the LORD:
Ye that fear the LORD, bless ye the LORD.

21 Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
Who dwelleth at Jerusalem.

⁶ Praise ye the LORD.

136 O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good:

For his mercy endureth for ever.

2 O give thanks unto the God of gods:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

3 O give thanks unto the Lord of lords:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

4 To him who alone doeth great wonders:
For his mercy endureth for ever.

5 To him that by understanding made the heavens:

For his mercy endureth for ever.

6 To him that spread forth the earth above the waters:

For his mercy endureth for ever.

7 To him that made great lights:

For his mercy endureth for ever:

¹ Or, surely

² Or, a horn to spring forth unto David
³ Or, prepared

⁴ Or, collar

⁵ Or, in holiness

⁶ Heb. Hallelu-Jah.

⁷ Heb. Hallelu-Jah.

⁸ Or, great

⁹ See Ps. cxx. 4. &c.

- 8 The sun to rule by day:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
9 The moon and stars to rule by night:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
10 To him that smote Egypt in their first-born:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
11 And brought out Israel from among them:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
12 With a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
13 To him which divided the Red Sea in sunder:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
14 And made Israel to pass through the midst of it:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
15 But ¹overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
16 To him which led his people through the wilderness:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
17 To him which smote great kings:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
18 And slew famous kings:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
19 Sihon king of the Amorites:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
20 And Og king of Bashan:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
21 And gave their land for an heritage:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
22 Even an heritage unto Israel his servant:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
23 Who remembered us in our low estate:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever:
24 And hath delivered us from our adversaries:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
25 He giveth food to all flesh:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.
26 O give thanks unto the God of heaven:
For his mercy *endureth* for ever.

137

- By the rivers of Babylon,
There we sat down, yea, we wept,
When we remembered Zion.
2 Upon the willows in the midst thereof
We hanged up our harps.
3 For there they that led us captive
required of us ²songs,
And ³they that wasted us *required* of
us mirth, *saying*,
Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
4 How shall we sing the LORD's song
In a strange land?
5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
Let my right hand forget *her* cunning.
6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of
my mouth,
If I remember thee not;
If I prefer not Jerusalem
Above my chief joy.
7 Remember, O LORD, against the child-
ren of Edom

- The day of Jerusalem;
Who said, Rase it, rase it,
Even to the foundation thereof.
8 O daughter of Babylon, ⁴that art to be
destroyed;
Happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee
As thou hast served us.
9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and
dasheth thy little ones
Against the rock.

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A Psalm of David.

- 1 I will give thee thanks with my whole
heart:
Before the gods will I sing praises
unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,
And give thanks unto thy name for thy
lovingkindness and for thy truth:
For thou hast magnified thy word
above all thy name.
3 In the day that I called thou answer-
edst me,
Thou didst encourage me with strength
in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall give
thee thanks, O LORD,
For they have heard the words of thy
mouth.
5 Yea, they shall sing of the ways of the
LORD;
For great is the glory of the LORD.
6 For though the LORD be high, yet
hath he respect unto the lowly:
But the haughty he knoweth from
afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
thou wilt revive me;
Thou shalt stretch forth thine hand
against the wrath of mine enemies,
And thy right hand shall save me.
8 The LORD will perfect that which con-
cerneth me:
Thy mercy, O LORD, *endureth* for ever;
Forsake not the works of thine own
hands.

139 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

- 1 O LORD, thou hast searched me, and
known me.
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and
mine uprising,
Thou understandest my thought afar
off.
3 Thou ⁵searchest out my path and my
lying down,
And art acquainted with all my ways.
4 For there is not a word in my tongue,
But, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it alto-
gether.
5 Thou hast beset me behind and before,
And laid thine hand upon me.
6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for
me;
It is high, I cannot attain unto it.
7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit?
Or whither shall I flee from thy
presence?

¹ Heb.
about of.² Heb.
words of
song.
³ Or,
our top-
murders⁴ Or, that
art laid
waste⁵ Or,
with know-
est

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there:

If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, And thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall ¹overwhelm me,

²And the light about me shall be night;

12 Even the darkness hideth not from thee, But the night shineth as the day: The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou hast ³possessed my reins: Thou hast ⁴covered me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Wonderful are thy works;

And that my soul knoweth right well.

15 My frame was not hidden from thee, When I was made in secret, And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see mine imperfect substance,

And in thy book ⁵were all my members written,

Which day by day were fashioned, When as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand:

When I awake, I am still with thee.

19 ⁶Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God:

Depart from me therefore, ye blood-thirsty men.

20 For they ⁷speak against thee wickedly, And thine enemies ⁸take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O LORD, that hate thee?

And ⁹am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: I count them mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts:

24 And see if there be any way of ¹⁰wickedness in me,

And lead me in the way everlasting.

140 For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

1 Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man;

Preserve me from the violent man:

2 Which imagine mischiefs in their heart;

Continually do they ¹¹gather themselves together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent;

Adders' poison is under their lips. [Selah]

4 Keep me, O LORD, from the hands of the wicked;

Preserve me from the violent man:

Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords;

They have spread a net by the way side;

They have set gins for me. [Selah]

6 I said unto the LORD, Thou art my God:

Give ear unto the voice of my supplications, O LORD.

7 O God the LORD, the strength of my salvation,

Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O LORD, the desires of the wicked;

Further not his evil device; lest they exalt themselves. [Selah]

9 As for the head of those that compass me about,

Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them:

Let them be cast into the fire;

Into ¹²deep pits, that they rise not up again.

11 ¹³An evil speaker shall not be established in the earth:

Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that the LORD will maintain the cause of the afflicted,

And the right of the needy.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name:

The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

141 A Psalm of David.

1 LORD, I have called upon thee; make haste unto me:

Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee;

The lifting up of my hands as the evening ¹⁴sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth;

Keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, To be occupied in deeds of wickedness

With men that work iniquity:

And let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness;

And let him reprove me, it shall be as oil upon the head;

Let not my head refuse it:

¹⁵For even in their ¹⁶wickedness shall my prayer continue.

6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock;

1 Or, cover
2 Or, Then the night shall be light about me

3 Or, formed
4 Or, knit me together

5 Or, they were all written, even the days that were ordained

6 Or, Oh that thou wouldst slay

7 Or, utter thy name [Heb. thee]
Or, as otherwise read, rebel against thee
8 Or, I lift themselves up against thee for vanity
9 Or, do not I loathe
10 Or, grief

11 Or, stir up wars

12 Or, floods

13 Heb. A man of tongue.

14 Or, oblation

15 Or, For still to my prayer against their wickedness
16 Or, calamities

And they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.

7 As when one ploweth and cleaveth the earth,

¹ Our bones are scattered at ² the grave's mouth.

8 For mine eyes are unto thee, O God the Lord:

In thee do I put my trust; ³ leave not my soul destitute.

9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,

And from the gins of the workers of iniquity.

10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, Whilst that I withal ⁴ escape.

142 Maschil of David, when he was in the cave; a Prayer.

1 I cry with my voice unto the LORD; With my voice unto the LORD do I make supplication.

2 I pour out my complaint before him; I shew before him my trouble.

3 When my spirit ⁵ was overwhelmed within me, thou knewest my path.

In the way wherein I walk have they hidden a snare for me.

4 ⁶ Look on my right hand, and see; for there is no man that knoweth me:

Refuge hath failed me; no man careth for my soul.

5 I cried unto thee, O LORD; I said, Thou art my refuge,

My portion in the land of the living.

6 Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low:

Deliver me from my persecutors; for they are stronger than I.

7 Bring my soul out of prison, that I may give thanks unto thy name:

The righteous shall ⁷ compass me about;

For thou shalt deal bountifully with me.

143 A Psalm of David.

1 Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my supplications:

In thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

2 And enter not into judgement with thy servant;

For in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul;

He hath smitten my life down to the ground:

He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long dead.

4 Therefore ⁸ is my spirit overwhelmed within me;

My heart within me is desolate.

5 I remember the days of old; I meditate on all thy doings:

I muse on the work of thy hands.

6 I spread forth my hands unto thee:

My soul ⁹ thirsteth after thee, as a weary land.

7 Make haste to answer me, O LORD; my spirit faileth:

Hide not thy face from me; Lest I become like them that go down into the pit.

8 Cause me to hear thy lovingkindness in the morning;

For in thee do I trust:

Cause me to know the way wherein I should walk;

For I lift up my soul unto thee.

9 Deliver me, O LORD, from mine enemies: ¹⁰ I flee unto thee to hide me.

10 Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God:

¹¹ Thy spirit is good; lead me in ¹² the land of uprightness.

11 Quicken me, O LORD, for thy name's sake:

In thy righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

12 And in thy lovingkindness cut off mine enemies,

And destroy all them that afflict my soul; For I am thy servant.

144 A Psalm of David.

1 Blessed be the LORD my rock,

Which teacheth my hands to war, And my fingers to fight:

2 My lovingkindness, and my fortress, My high tower, and my deliverer;

My shield, and he in whom I trust; Who subdueth my people under me.

3 LORD, what is man, that thou takest knowledge of him?

Or the son of man, that thou makest account of him?

4 Man is like to ¹⁵ vanity: His days are as a shadow that passeth away.

5 Bow thy heavens, O LORD, and come down:

Touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.

6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them; Send out thine arrows, and discomfit them.

7 Stretch forth thine hand from above; Rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters,

Out of the hand of strangers;

8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

9 I will sing a new song unto thee, O God: Upon a psaltery of ten strings will I sing praises unto thee.

10 It is he that giveth salvation unto kings: Who rescueth David his servant from the hurtful sword.

11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of strangers,

Whose mouth speaketh vanity, And their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

¹ According to some ancient authorities, Their.
² Heb. the mouth of Sheol.
³ Or, pour thou not out my life.
⁴ Heb. pass over.

⁵ Or, faintest.

⁶ According to some ancient versions, I looked ... and saw etc.

⁷ Or, crown themselves because of me.

⁸ Or, my spirit fainteth.

⁹ Heb. Unto thee have I hidden.
¹⁰ Or, Let thy good spirit lead me.
¹¹ Or, a plain country.

¹⁵ Heb. a breath.

12 When our sons shall be as plants
grown up in their youth;
And our daughters as corner stones
hewn after the fashion of a palace;
13 When our garners are full, affording
all manner of store;
And our sheep bring forth thousands
and ten thousands in our fields;
14 When our oxen are well laden;
When there is no breaking in, and no
going forth,
And no outcry in our streets;
15 Happy is the people, that is in such a
case:
Yea, happy is the people, whose God
is the LORD.

145 A Psalm of praise; of David.

1 I will extol thee, my God, O King;
And I will bless thy name for ever and
ever.
2 Every day will I bless thee;
And I will praise thy name for ever
and ever.
3 Great is the LORD, and highly to be
praised;
And his greatness is unsearchable.
4 One generation shall laud thy works
to another,
And shall declare thy mighty acts.
5 Of the glorious majesty of thine honour,
And of thy wondrous works, will I
meditate.
6 And men shall speak of the might of
thy terrible acts;
And I will declare thy greatness.
7 They shall utter the memory of thy
great goodness,
And shall sing of thy righteousness.
8 The LORD is gracious, and full of
compassion;
Slow to anger, and of great mercy.
9 The LORD is good to all;
And his tender mercies are over all
his works.
10 All thy works shall give thanks unto
thee, O LORD;
And thy saints shall bless thee.
11 They shall speak of the glory of thy
kingdom,
And talk of thy power;
12 To make known to the sons of men
his mighty acts,
And the glory of the majesty of his
kingdom.
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
And thy dominion endureth through-
out all generations.
14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall,
And raiseth up all those that be bowed
down.
15 The eyes of all wait upon thee;
And thou givest them their meat in
due season.
16 Thou openest thine hand,
And satisfiest the desire of every
living thing.
17 The LORD is righteous in all his ways,
And gracious in all his works.

18 The LORD is high unto all them that
call upon him,
To all that call upon him in truth.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that
fear him;
He also will hear their cry, and will
save them.
20 The LORD preserveth all them that
love him;
But all the wicked will he destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of
the LORD;
And let all flesh bless his holy name
for ever and ever.

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3 Praise ye the LORD.
Praise the LORD, O my soul.
2 While I live will I praise the LORD:
I will sing praises unto my God while
I have any being.
3 Put not your trust in princes,
Nor in the son of man, in whom there
is no help.
4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to
his earth;
In that very day his thoughts perish.
5 Happy is he that hath the God of
Jacob for his help,
Whose hope is in the LORD his God:
6 Which made heaven and earth,
The sea, and all that in them is;
Which keepeth truth for ever:
7 Which executeth judgement for the
oppressed;
Which giveth food to the hungry:
The LORD looseth the prisoners;
8 The LORD openeth the eyes of the blind;
The LORD raiseth up them that are
bowed down;
The LORD loveth the righteous;
9 The LORD preserveth the strangers;
He upholdeth the fatherless and widow;
But the way of the wicked he turn-
eth upside down.
10 The LORD shall reign for ever,
Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.
3 Praise ye the LORD.

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3 Praise ye the LORD;
6 For it is good to sing praises unto
our God;
For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.
2 The LORD doth build up Jerusalem;
He gathereth together the outcasts of
Israel.
3 He healeth the broken in heart,
And bindeth up their wounds.
4 He telleth the number of the stars;
He giveth them all their names.
5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in
power;
His understanding is infinite.
6 The LORD upholdeth the meek:
He bringeth the wicked down to the
ground.
7 Sing unto the LORD with thanksgiving;
Sing praises upon the harp unto our
God:
8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds,

3 Heb.
Hallelu-
jah.

4 Or,
praises.

5 Or,
mailed
creaked

6 Or,
For he
is good:
sing
praises
unto our
God, for
he is
gracious

7 Heb.
sorrow.

1 Or,
sallying

2 Or,
outright
every
living
thing
with
favour

Who preparerth rain for the earth,
Who maketh grass to grow upon the
mountains.

9 He giveth to the beast his food,
And to the young ravens which cry.

10 He delighteth not in the strength of
the horse:

He taketh no pleasure in the legs of
a man.

11 The Lord taketh pleasure in them
that fear him,

In those that hope in his mercy.

12 Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem;

Praise thy God, O Zion.

13 For he hath strengthened the bars of
thy gates;

He hath blessed thy children within
thee.

14¹ He maketh peace in thy borders;
He filleth thee with the ²finest of the
wheat.

15 He sendeth out his commandment
upon earth;

His word runneth very swiftly.

16 He giveth snow like wool;

He scattereth the hoar frost like ashes.

17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels:

Who can stand before his cold?

18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth
them:

He causeth his wind to blow, and the
waters flow.

19 He sheweth his word unto Jacob,
His statutes and his judgements unto
Israel.

20 He hath not dealt so with any nation:
And as for his judgements, they have
not known them.

³Praise ye the LORD.

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⁴Praise ye the LORD.

Praise ye the LORD from the heavens:

Praise him in the heights.

2 Praise ye him, all his angels:

Praise ye him, all his host.

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon:

Praise him, all ye stars of light.

4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,

And ye waters that be above the
heavens.

5 Let them praise the name of the LORD:
For he commanded, and they were
created.

6 He hath also stablished them for ever
and ever:

He hath made a decree ⁴which shall
not pass away.

7 Praise the LORD from the earth,

Ye ⁵dragons, and all deeps:

8 Fire and hail, snow and vapour;

Stormy wind, fulfilling his word:

9 Mountains and all hills;

Fruitful trees and all cedars:

10 Beasts and all cattle;

Creeping things and flying fowl:

11 Kings of the earth and all peoples;

Princes and all judges of the earth:

12 Both young men and maidens;

Old men and children:

13 Let them praise the name of the LORD;

For his name alone is exalted:

His glory is above the earth and
heaven.

14 And he hath lifted up ⁶the horn of his
people,

The praise of all his saints;

Even of the children of Israel, a people
near unto him.

⁷Praise ye the LORD.

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⁸Praise ye the LORD.

Sing unto the LORD a new song,

And his praise in the assembly of the
saints.

2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made
him:

Let the children of Zion be joyful in
their King.

3 Let them praise his name in the dance:

Let them sing praises unto him with
the timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD taketh pleasure in his
people:

He will beautify the meek with ⁹salva-
tion.

5 Let the saints exult in glory:

Let them sing for joy upon their beds.

6 Let the high praises of God be in their
¹⁰month,

And a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To execute vengeance upon the nations,
And punishments upon the peoples;

8 To bind their kings with chains,
And their nobles with fetters of iron;

9 To execute upon them the judgement
written:

¹¹This honour have all his saints.

¹²Praise ye the LORD.

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¹³Praise ye the LORD.

Praise God in his sanctuary:

Praise him in the firmament of his
power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts:

Praise him according to his excellent
greatness.

3 Praise him with the sound of the
trumpet:

Praise him with the psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance:

Praise him with stringed instruments
and the pipe.

5 Praise him upon the loud cymbals:

Praise him upon the high sounding
cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise
¹⁴the LORD.

¹⁵Praise ye the LORD.

¹ Heb.
He
maketh
thy
border
peace.
² Heb.
fat of
wheat.

³ Heb.
Hallelu-
jah.

⁴ Or,
which
none
shall
trans-
gress.
⁵ Or,
ani-
monsters.
Or,
water-
spouts.

⁶ Or,
a horn
for his
people, i.e.
praise
for all
his
saints;
even for
us.

⁷ Or,
victory.

⁸ Heb.
throat.

⁹ Or,
He is the
honour
of all his
saints.

¹⁰ Heb.
Jah.

THE PROVERBS.

1 THE proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:

2 To know wisdom and instruction;
To discern the words of understanding;

3 To receive instruction in wise dealing,
In righteousness and judgement and equity;

4 To give ¹subtily to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion:

5 That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning;
And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels:

6 To understand a proverb, and ²a figure;
The words of the wise, and their ³dark sayings.

7 The fear of the LORD is the ⁴beginning of knowledge:
But the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.

8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father,
And forsake not the ⁵law of thy mother:

9 For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto thy head,
And chains about thy neck.

10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
Consent thou not.

11 If they say, Come with us,
Let us lay wait for blood,
Let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause;

12 Let us swallow them up alive as ⁶Sheol,
⁷And whole, as those that go down into the pit;

13 We shall find all precious substance,
We shall fill our houses with spoil;

14 ⁸Thou shalt cast thy lot among us;

We will all have one purse:
15 My son, walk not thou in the way with them;

Refrain thy foot from their path:

16 For their feet run to evil,
And they make haste to shed blood.

17 For in vain ⁹is the net spread,
In the eyes of any bird:

18 And these lay wait for their own blood,
They lurk privily for their own lives.

19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain;
It taketh away the life of the owners thereof.

20 Wisdom crieth aloud in the street;
She uttereth her voice in the broad places;

21 She crieth ¹⁰in the chief place of concourse;

At the entering in of the gates,

In the city, she uttereth her words:

22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity?

And scorners delight them in scorning,
And fools hate knowledge?

23 Turn you at my reproof:

Behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you,

I will make known my words unto you.

24 Because I have called, and ye refused;
I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded;

25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel,

And would none of my reproof:

26 I also will laugh in the day of your calamity;

I will mock when your fear cometh;

27 When your fear cometh as ¹¹a storm,
And your calamity cometh on as a whirlwind;

When distress and anguish come upon you.

28 Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer;

They shall seek me ¹²diligently, but they shall not find me:

29 For that they hated knowledge,
And did not choose the fear of the LORD:

30 They would none of my counsel;
They despised all my reproof:

31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way,

And be filled with their own devices.

32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them,

And the ¹³prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell securely,

And shall be quiet without fear of evil.

2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words,
And lay up my commandments with thee;

2 So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom,
And apply thine heart to understanding;

3 Yea, if thou cry after discernment,
And lift up thy voice for understanding;

4 If thou seek her as silver,

And search for her as for hid treasures;

5 Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD,

And find the knowledge of God.

6 For the LORD giveth wisdom;

¹ Or, prudence

² Or, an interpretation

³ Or, riddles
⁴ Or, chief part

⁵ Or, teaching

⁶ Or, the grave
⁷ Or, Even the perfect

⁸ Or, Cast in thy lot

⁹ Or, the net is spread in the night etc.

¹⁰ Heb. at the head of the noisy streets.

¹¹ Or, a delusion

¹² Or, early

¹³ Or, careless case

	29 Devise not evil against thy neighbour, Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.	17 For they eat the bread of wickedness, And drink the wine of violence.	
	30 Strive not with a man without cause, If he have done thee no harm.	18 But the path of the righteous is as ⁹ the shining light, That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.	⁹ Or, the light of dawn.
	31 Envy thou not the man of violence, And choose none of his ways.	19 The way of the wicked is as darkness: They know not at what they stumble.	
¹ Or, counsel Or, friend- ship	32 For the perverse is an abomination to the Lord: But his ¹ secret is with the upright.	20 My son, attend to my words; Incline thine ear unto my sayings.	
	33 The curse of the Lord is in the house of the wicked; But he bleaseth the habitation of the righteous.	21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; Keep them in the midst of thine heart.	
² Or, Though ³ Or, Yet	34 ² Surely he scorneth the scorners, ³ But he giveth grace unto the lowly.	22 For they are life unto those that find them, And health to all their flesh.	
⁴ Or, fools carry away shame	35 The wise shall inherit glory; But ⁴ shame shall be the promotion of fools.	23 Keep thy heart ¹⁰ with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life.	¹⁰ Or, above all that thou guardest
	4 Hear, my sons, the instruction of a father, And attend to know understanding:	24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, And perverse lips put far from thee.	
⁵ Or, teaching	2 For I give you good doctrine; Forsake ye not my ⁵ law.	25 Let thine eyes look right on, And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.	
⁶ Heb. an only one.	3 For I was a son unto my father, Tender and ⁶ only beloved in the sight of my mother.	26 ¹¹ Make level the path of thy feet, And let all thy ways be ¹² established.	¹¹ Or, Weigh care- fully ¹² Or, ordered aright
	4 And he taught me, and said unto me, Let thine heart retain my words; Keep my commandments, and live:	27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: Remove thy foot from evil.	
	5 Get wisdom, get understanding; Forget it not, neither decline from the words of my mouth:	5 My son, attend unto my wisdom; Incline thine ear to my understanding:	
	6 Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee; Love her, and she shall keep thee.	2 That thou mayest preserve discretion, And that thy lips may keep knowledge.	
⁷ Or, The begin- ning of wisdom is, Get wisdom	7 ⁷ Wisdom is the principal thing; there- fore get wisdom: Yea, with all thou hast gotten get understanding.	3 For the lips of a strange woman drop honey, And her mouth is smoother than oil:	
	8 Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: She shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.	4 But her latter end is bitter as worm- wood, Sharp as a two-edged sword.	
⁸ Or, glory	9 She shall give to thine head a chaplet of grace: A crown of ⁸ beauty shall she deliver to thee.	5 Her feet go down to death; Her steps take hold on ¹³ Sheol;	¹³ Or, the grave ¹⁴ Or, Lest thou find them and the level &c. Or, Lest thou weigh care- fully the path of life ¹⁵ Or, thou cannot not know them
	10 Hear, O my son, and receive my say- ings; And the years of thy life shall be many.	6 ¹⁴ So that she findeth not the level path of life: Her ways are unstable and ¹⁵ she know- eth it not.	
	11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom; I have led thee in paths of uprightness.	7 Now therefore, my sons, hearken unto me, And depart not from the words of my mouth.	
	12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened; And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.	8 Remove thy way far from her, And come not nigh the door of her house:	
	13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go: Keep her; for she is thy life.	9 Lest thou give thine honour unto others, And thy years unto the cruel:	
	14 Enter not into the path of the wicked, And walk not in the way of evil men.	10 Lest strangers be filled with thy ¹⁶ strength; And thy labours be in the house of an alien;	¹⁶ Or, wealth
	15 Avoid it, pass not by it; Turn from it, and pass on.	11 And thou ¹⁷ mourn at thy latter end, When thy flesh and thy body are con- sumed,	¹⁷ Or, grievous
	16 For they sleep not, except they have done mischief; And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.	12 And say, How have I hated instruction, And my heart despised reproof; 13 Neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers, Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!	
		14 I was well nigh in all evil	

	In the midst of the congregation and assembly.	14 Frowardness is in his heart, he deviseth evil continually; He ¹³ soweth discord.	¹⁹ Heb. letteth loose.
	15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern, And running waters out of thine own well.	15 Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; On a sudden shall he be broken, and that without remedy.	
¹ Or, Let	16 ¹ Should thy springs be dispersed abroad, And rivers of water in the streets?	16 There be six things which the Lord hateth; Yea, seven which are an abomination ¹⁴ unto him:	¹⁴ Heb. of his soul.
	17 Let them be for thyself alone, And not for strangers with thee.	17 Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood;	
	18 Let thy fountain be blessed; And rejoice in the wife of thy youth.	18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, Feet that be swift in running to mischief;	
² Heb. no astray.	19 As a loving hind and a pleasant doe, Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times; And ² be thou ravished always with her love.	19 A false witness that ¹⁵ uttereth lies, And he that ¹³ soweth discord among brethren.	¹⁵ Heb. breatheth out.
	20 For why shouldst thou, my son, ² be ravished with a strange woman, And embrace the bosom of a stranger?	20 My son, keep the commandment of thy father, And forsake not the ¹⁶ law of thy mother:	¹⁶ Or, teaching
³ Or, weigheth carefully	21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of the Lord, And he ² maketh level all his paths.	21 Bind them continually upon thine heart, Tie them about thy neck.	
	22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked, And he shall be holden with the cords of his sin.	22 When thou walkest, it shall lead thee; When thou ¹⁷ sleepest, it shall watch over thee;	¹⁷ Heb. lie down.
	23 He shall die for lack of instruction; And in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.	And when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.	
⁴ Or, thy hand with a stranger	6 My son, if thou art become surety for thy neighbour, If thou hast stricken ⁴ thy hands for a stranger,	23 For ¹⁸ the commandment is a lamp; And ¹⁹ the law is light;	¹⁸ Or, their commandment
	2 Thou art snared with the words of thy mouth, Thou art taken with the words of thy mouth.	And reproofs of instruction are the way of life:	¹⁹ Or, their teaching
	3 Do this now, my son, and deliver thyself, Seeing thou art come into the hand of thy neighbour;	24 To keep thee from the evil woman, From the flattery of the stranger's tongue.	
⁵ Or, better	Go, ⁵ humble thyself, and importune thy neighbour.	25 Lust not after her beauty in thine heart; Neither let her take thee with her eyelids.	
	4 Give not sleep to thine eyes, Nor slumber to thine eyelids.	26 For on account of a whorish woman a man is brought to a piece of bread:	²⁰ Heb. a man's wife.
⁶ Or, gazelle	5 Deliver thyself as a ⁶ roe from the hand of the hunter, And as a bird from the hand of the fowler.	And ²⁰ the adulteress hunteth for the precious life.	
	6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; Consider her ways, and be wise:	27 Can a man take fire in his bosom, And his clothes not be burned?	
⁷ Or, judge	7 Which having no ⁷ chief, Overseer, or ruler,	28 Or can one walk upon hot coals, And his feet not be scorched?	
	8 Provideth her meat in the summer, And gathereth her food in the harvest.	29 So he that goeth in to his neighbour's wife; Whosoever toucheth her shall not be ²¹ unpunished.	²¹ Heb. held innocent.
⁸ Heb. He down.	9 How long wilt thou ⁸ sleep, O sluggard? When wilt thou arise out of thy sleep?	30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal To satisfy his soul when he is hungry:	
⁹ Or, rover	10 Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to ⁹ sleep:	31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; He shall give all the substance of his house.	
¹⁰ Heb. a man with a shield.	11 So shall thy poverty come as a ⁹ robber, And thy want as ¹⁰ an armed man.	32 He that committeth adultery with a woman is void of ²² understanding: He doeth it that would destroy his own soul.	²² Heb. hurt.
¹¹ Or, slough	12 A worthless person, a man of iniquity; He walketh with a froward mouth;	33 Wounds and dishonour shall he get; And his reproach shall not be wiped away.	
¹² Or, teacheth	13 He winketh with his eyes, he ¹¹ speaketh with his feet, He ¹² maketh signs with his fingers;	34 For jealousy is the rage of a man;	

And he will not spare in the day of vengeance.

35 He will not regard any ransom;
Neither will he rest content, though
thou givest many gifts.

7 My son, keep my words,
And lay up my commandments with
thee.

2 Keep my commandments and live;
And my ¹law as the apple of thine eye.

3 Bind them upon thy fingers;
Write them upon the table of thine
heart.

4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister;
And call understanding thy ²kins-
woman:

5 That they may keep thee from the
strange woman,
From the stranger which ³flattereth
with her words.

6 For at the window of my house
I looked forth through my lattice;

7 And I beheld among the simple ones,
I discerned among the youths,
A young man void of understanding,

8 Passing through the street near her
corner,

And he went the way to her house;
9 In the twilight, in the evening of the
day,

In the ⁴blackness of night and the
darkness.

10 And, behold, there met him a woman
With the attire of an harlot, and ⁵wily
of heart.

11 She is ⁶clamorous and wilful;
Her feet abide not in her house:

12 Now she is in the streets, now in the
broad places,

And lieth in wait at every corner.
13 So she caught him, and kissed him,

⁷And with an impudent face she said
unto him:

14 Sacrifices of peace offerings ⁸are with
me;

This day have I paid my vows.
15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee,

Diligently to seek thy face, and I have
found thee.

16 I have spread my couch with ⁹carpets
of tapestry,

With striped cloths of the yarn of
Egypt.

17 I have ¹⁰perfumed my bed
With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.

18 Come, let us take our fill of love until
the morning;

Let us solace ourselves with loves.
19 For the Goodman is not at home,

He is gone a long journey:
20 He hath taken a bag of money with him;

He will come home at the full moon.
21 With her much fair speech she causeth

him to yield,
With the flattering of her lips she
forceth him away.

22 He goeth after her ¹¹straightway,
As an ox goeth to the slaughter,

Or as ¹²fetters to the correction of the
fool;

23 Till an arrow strike through his liver;
As a bird hasteth to the snare,

And knoweth not that it is for his life.

24 Now therefore, my sons, hearken unto
me,

And attend to the words of my mouth.
25 Let not thine heart decline to her ways,

Go not astray in her paths.

26 For she hath cast down many wounded:

Yea, all her slain are a mighty host.

27 Her house is the way to ¹³Sheol,
Going down to the chambers of death.

8 Doth not wisdom cry,
And understanding put forth her voice?

2 In the top of high places by the way,
Where the paths meet, she standeth;

3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the
city,

At the coming in at the doors, she
crieth aloud:

4 Unto you, O men, I call;
And my voice is to the sons of men.

5 O ye simple, understand ¹⁴subtily;
And, ye fools, be ye of an under-
standing heart.

6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things;
And the opening of my lips shall be
right things.

7 For my mouth shall utter truth;
And wickedness is an abomination to
my lips.

8 All the words of my mouth ¹⁵are in
righteousness;

There is nothing crooked or perverse
in them.

9 They are all plain to him that under-
standeth,

And right to them that find know-
ledge.

10 Receive my instruction, and not silver;
And knowledge rather than choice
gold.

11 For wisdom is better than ¹⁶rubies;
And all the things that may be desired
are not to be compared unto her.

12 I wisdom have made ¹⁴subtily my
dwelling,

And find out ¹⁷knowledge and dis-
cretion.

13 The fear of the LORD is to hate evil:
Pride, and arrogance, and the evil way,

And the froward mouth, do I hate.
14 Counsel is mine, and ¹⁸sound know-
ledge:

I am understanding; I have might.
15 By me kings reign,

And princes decree justice.
16 By me ¹⁹princes rule,

And nobles, even all the judges ²⁰of
the earth.

17 I love them that love me;
And those that seek me ²¹diligently
shall find me.

18 Riches and honour are with me;
Yea, ²²durable riches and righteous-
ness.

¹² Or, one
in fetters
The text is prob-
ably corrupt.

¹³ Or,
the grave

¹⁴ Or,
pru-
dence

¹⁵ Or,
any right-
eousness

¹⁶ See Job
xxviii. 18

¹⁷ Or,
house of
wisdom in
revelations

¹⁸ Or,
effective
working

¹⁹ Or,
rulers

²⁰ Many
ancient
author-
ities
read,
of right-
eousness

²¹ Or,
earnestly
²² Or,
ancient

¹ Or,
teaching

³ Or,
familiar
friend

³ Heb.
maketh
smooth
her
words.

⁴ Heb.
pupil (of
the eye)

⁵ Or,
close
Heb.
guarded.
⁸ Or,
tur-
bulent

⁷ Heb.
She
hard-
ened her
face, and
said.

⁸ Or,
were due
from me

⁹ Or,
cushions

¹⁰ Or,
sprin-
kled

¹¹ Heb.
sud-
denly.

<p>¹ Heb. the foolish of lips. ² Or, shall be overthrown or laid low. ³ The Sept. and Syr. read, But he that rebuketh openly maketh peace. ⁴ Or, the mouth of the wicked covereth violence. ⁵ Heb. heart. ⁶ Or, is a way. ⁷ Or, instruction. ⁸ Or, causeth to err. ⁹ Or, is wise. ¹⁰ Or, toll addeth nothing thereto. ¹¹ Or, But a man of understanding hath wisdom. ¹² Or, As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more. ¹³ Heb. addeth.</p>	<p>8 The wise in heart will receive commandments: But ¹a prating fool ²shall fall. 9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely: But he that perverteth his ways shall be known. 10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow: ³But ¹a prating fool ²shall fall. 11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life: But ⁴violence covereth the mouth of the wicked. 12 Hatred stirreth up strifes: But love covereth all transgressions. 13 In the lips of him that hath discernment wisdom is found: But a rod is for the back of him that is void of ⁵understanding. 14 Wise men lay up knowledge: But the mouth of the foolish is a present destruction. 15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city: The destruction of the poor is their poverty. 16 The labour of the righteous <i>tendeth to life</i>; The increase of the wicked to sin. 17 He ⁶is in the way of life that heedeth ⁷correction: But he that forsaketh reproof ⁸erreth. 18 He that hideth hatred is of lying lips; And he that uttereth a slander is a fool. 19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression: But he that refraineth his lips ⁹doeth wisely. 20 The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver: The heart of the wicked is little worth. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many: But the foolish die for lack of ⁵understanding. 22 The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, And ¹⁰he addeth no sorrow therewith. 23 It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness: ¹¹And so ¹²is wisdom to a man of understanding. 24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him: And the desire of the righteous shall be granted. 25 ¹³When the whirlwind passeth, the wicked is no more: But the righteous is an everlasting foundation. 26 As vinegar to the teeth, and as smoke to the eyes, So is the sluggard to them that send him. 27 The fear of the Lord ¹⁴prolongeth days: But the years of the wicked shall be shortened.</p>	<p>28 The hope of the righteous <i>shall be gladness</i>: But the expectation of the wicked shall perish. 29 The way of the Lord is a strong hold to the upright; But ¹⁴it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity. 30 The righteous shall never be removed: But the wicked shall not dwell in the ¹⁵land. 31 The mouth of the righteous ¹⁶bringeth forth wisdom: But the froward tongue shall be cut off. 32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable: But the mouth of the wicked ¹⁷<i>speaketh</i> frowardness. 11 ¹⁸A false balance is an abomination to the Lord: But a just weight is his delight. 2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame: But with the lowly is wisdom. 3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them: But the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them. 4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath: But righteousness delivereth from death. 5 The righteousness of the perfect shall ¹⁹direct his way: But the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness. 6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them: But they that deal treacherously shall be taken in their own mischief. 7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish: And the hope of ²⁰iniquity perisheth. 8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, And the wicked cometh in his stead. 9 With his mouth the godless man destroyeth his neighbour: But through knowledge shall the righteous be delivered. 10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth: And when the wicked perish, there is shouting. 11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted: But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. 12 He that despiseth his neighbour is void of ⁵wisdom: But a man of understanding holdeth his peace. 13 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. 14 Where no wise guidance is, the people falter: But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.</p>	<p>¹⁴ Or, destruction shall be to &c. ¹⁵ Or, earth. ¹⁶ Or, bridleth with. ¹⁷ Or, is. ¹⁸ Heb. A balance of deceit. ¹⁹ Or, make straight or plain. ²⁰ Or, strong men.</p>
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¹ Heb. shall be sore broken.
² Heb. those that strike hands.

³ Or, So righteousness toucheth to life, and he etc.

⁴ Or, My hand upon it
¹ Heb. hand to hand.

⁵ Or, ring
⁶ Heb. turneth aside from.

⁷ Or, as-repenses

⁸ Or, what is justly due

⁹ Or, instruction

15 He that is surety for a stranger ¹ shall smart for it:
But he that hateth ² suretiship is sure.
16 A gracious woman retaineth honour:
And violent men retain riches.
17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul:
But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.
18 The wicked earneth deceitful wages:
But he that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward.
19 ³ He that is stedfast in righteousness shall attain unto life:
And he that pursueth evil *doeth it* to his own death.
20 They that are perverse in heart are an abomination to the Lord:
But such as are perfect in *their* way are his delight.
21 ⁴ Though hand *join* in hand, the evil man shall not be unpunished:
But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
22 As a ⁵ jewel of gold in a swine's snout,
So is a fair woman which ⁶ is without discretion.
23 The desire of the righteous is only good:
But the expectation of the wicked is ⁷ wrath.
24 There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more;
And there is that withholdeth ⁸ more than is meet, but it *tendeth* only to want.
25 The liberal soul shall be made fat:
And he that watereth shall be watered also himself.
26 He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him:
But blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.
27 He that diligently seeketh good seeketh favour:
But he that searcheth after mischief, it shall come unto him.
28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall:
But the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.
29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind:
And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.
30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;
And he that is wise winneth souls.
31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth:
How much more the wicked and the sinner!
32 Whoso loveth ⁹ correction loveth knowledge:
But he that hateth reproof is brutish.
2 A good man shall obtain favour of the Lord:
But a man of wicked devices will he condemn.
3 A man shall not be established by wickedness:

But the root of the righteous shall never be moved.
4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband:
But she that ¹⁰ maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of the righteous are ¹¹ just:
But the counsels of the wicked are deceit.
6 The words of the wicked ¹² are of lying in wait for blood:
But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
7 ¹³ The wicked are overthrown, and are not:
But the house of the righteous shall stand.
8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom:
But he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
9 Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant,
Than he that honoureth himself, and lacketh bread.
10 A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast:
But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
11 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread:
But he that followeth after ¹⁴ vain persons is void of understanding.
12 The wicked desireth ¹⁵ the net of evil men:
But the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.
13 In the transgression of the lips is ¹⁶ a snare to the evil man:
But the righteous shall come out of trouble.
14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth:
And the doings of a man's hands shall be rendered unto him.
15 The way of the foolish is right in his own eyes:
But he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsel.
16 A fool's vexation is ¹⁷ presently known:
But a prudent man concealeth shame.
17 He that ¹⁸ uttereth truth sheweth forth righteousness,
But a false witness deceit.
18 There is that speaketh rashly like the piercings of a sword:
But the tongue of the wise is health.
19 The lip of truth shall be established for ever:
But a lying tongue is but for a moment.
20 Deceit is in the heart of them that devise evil:
But to the counsellors of peace is joy.
21 There shall no mischief happen to the righteous:
But the wicked shall be filled with evil.
22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord:

¹⁰ Or, doth shame fully

¹¹ Heb. judgment.

¹² Or, are a lying in wait

¹³ Or, Overthrow the wicked, and they are not

¹⁴ Or, vain things
¹⁵ Or, the prey

¹⁶ Or, an evil mare

¹⁷ Or, openly
Heb. in the day
¹⁸ Heb. breatheth out.

	But they that deal truly are his delight.	But the way of the treacherous is rugged.	
	23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge: But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.	16 Every prudent man worketh with knowledge: But a fool spreadeth out folly.	
1 Heb. slothful. 2 Or, Care	24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule: But ¹ the slothful shall be put under taskwork.	17 A wicked messenger falleth into evil: But a faithful ambassador is health.	
	25 ² Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop; But a good word maketh it glad.	18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth ¹⁹ correction: But he that regardeth reproof shall be honoured.	19 Or, instruction
	26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbour: But the way of the wicked causeth them to err.	19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul: But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.	
3 Or, catcheth not his prey	27 ¹ The slothful man ² roasteth not that which he took in hunting: But the precious substance of men ⁴ is to the diligent.	20 Walk with wise men, and thou shalt be wise: But the companion of fools shall ²¹ smart for it.	20 According to another reading. He that walketh with wise men shall be wise.
4 Or, he is to be diligent	28 In the way of righteousness is life; And in the pathway thereof there is no death.	21 Evil pursueth sinners: But the righteous shall be recompensed with good.	21 Heb. broken.
5 Or, correction	13 A wise son heareth his father's ⁵ instruction: But a scorner heareth not rebuke.	22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children's children; And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.	22 Or, tiller land
6 Or, from	2 A man shall eat good ⁶ by the fruit of his mouth: But ⁷ the soul of the treacherous shall eat violence.	23 Much food is in the ²³ tillage of the poor: But there is that is destroyed by reason of injustice.	
7 Or, the desire of the treacherous is for violence	3 He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his life: But he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.	24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son: But he that loveth him chasteneth him ²⁵ betimes.	25 Or, diligently
	4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.	25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul: But the belly of the wicked shall want.	
8 Or, causeth shame and bringeth reproach	5 A righteous man hateth lying: But a wicked man ⁸ is loathsome, and cometh to shame.	14 Every wise woman buildeth her house: But ²⁴ the foolish plucketh it down with her own hands.	24 Heb. folly.
9 Heb. uprightness of way.	6 Righteousness guardeth ⁹ him that is upright in the way: But wickedness overthroweth ¹⁰ the sinner.	2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the LORD: But he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.	
10 Heb. sin.	7 There is that ¹¹ maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing: There is that ¹¹ maketh himself poor, yet hath great wealth.	3 In the mouth of the foolish is a ²⁶ rod ²⁶ of pride: But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.	26 Or, shoot
11 Or, feltneth	8 The ransom of a man's life is his riches: But the poor heareth no ¹² threatening.	4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: But much increase is by the strength of the ox.	26 Or, for his pride
12 Or, rebuke	9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth: But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.	5 A faithful witness will not lie: But a false witness ²⁷ uttereth lies.	27 Heb. breatheth out.
13 The Sept. and Vulg. have, in haste.	10 By pride cometh only contention: But with the well advised is wisdom.	6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not: But knowledge is easy unto him that hath understanding.	
14 Heb. with the hand.	11 Wealth gotten ¹³ by vanity shall be diminished: But he that gathereth ¹⁴ by labour shall have increase.	7 ²⁸ Go into the presence of a foolish man, And thou shalt not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.	28 Or, Go from... for thou wilt not do.
15 See ch. xvi. 30.	12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.	8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: But the folly of fools is deceit.	
16 Or, maketh himself a debtor thereto	13 Whoso despiseth ¹⁵ the word ¹⁶ bringeth destruction on himself: But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.	9 ²⁹ The foolish make a mock at ³⁰ guilt: But among the upright there is ³¹ good will.	29 Or, the guilt offering
17 Or, teaching	14 The ¹⁷ law of the wise is a fountain of life, To depart from the snares of death.	10 The heart knoweth its own bitterness; And a stranger doth not intermeddle with its joy.	30 Or, the favour of God
18 Or, petheth	15 Good understanding ¹⁸ giveth favour:		

11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown:

But the tent of the upright shall flourish.

12 There is a way which ¹ seemeth right unto a man,

But the end thereof are the ways of death.

13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; And the end of mirth is heaviness.

14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways:

And a good man shall be satisfied from himself.

15 The simple believeth every word:

But the prudent man looketh well to his going.

16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil:

But the fool beareth himself insolently, and is confident.

17 He that is soon angry will deal foolishly: And a man of wicked devices is hated.

18 The simple inherit folly:

But the prudent are crowned with knowledge.

19 The evil bow before the good;

And the wicked at the gates of the righteous.

20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbour:

But the rich hath many friends.

21 He that despiseth his neighbour sinneth:

But he that hath pity on the poor, happy is he.

22 ² Do they not err that devise evil?

But mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.

23 In all labour there is profit:

But the talk of the lips *tendeth* only to penury.

24 ³ The crown of the wise is their riches: But the folly of fools is *only* folly.

25 A true witness delivereth souls:

But he that ⁴ uttereth lies *causeth* deceit.

26 In the fear of the LORD is strong confidence:

And ⁵ his children shall have a place of refuge.

27 The fear of the LORD is a fountain of life,

To depart from the snares of death.

28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory:

But in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.

29 He that is slow to anger is of great understanding:

But he that is hasty of spirit ⁶ exalteth folly.

30 A ⁷ sound heart is the life of the flesh: But ⁸ envy is the rottenness of the bones.

31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker:

But he that hath mercy on the needy honoureth him.

32 The wicked is thrust down in his ⁹ evil-doing:

But the righteous ¹⁰ hath hope in his death.

33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding:

¹¹ But that *which* is in the inward part of fools is made known.

34 Righteousness exalteth a nation:

But sin is a reproach to ¹² any people.

35 The king's favour is toward a servant that dealth wisely:

But his wrath shall be against him that ¹³ causeth shame.

15 A soft answer turneth away wrath:

But a grievous word stirreth up anger.

2 The tongue of the wise uttereth knowledge aright:

But the mouth of fools poureth out folly.

3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.

4 ¹⁴ A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: But perverseness therein is a breaking of the spirit.

5 A fool despiseth his father's ¹⁵ correction:

But he that regardeth reproof ¹⁶ getteth prudence.

6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure:

But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.

7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge: But the heart of the foolish ¹⁷ doeth not so.

8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD:

But the prayer of the upright is his delight.

9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD:

But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.

10 There is grievous correction for him that forsaketh the way:

And he that hateth reproof shall die.

11 ¹⁸ Sheol and ¹⁹ Abaddon are before the LORD:

How much more then the hearts of the children of men!

12 A scorner loveth not to be reproved: He will not go unto the wise.

13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance:

But by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.

14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge:

But the mouth of fools feedeth on folly.

15 All the days of the afflicted are evil:

But he that is of a cheerful heart *hath* a continual feast.

16 Better is little with the fear of the LORD, Than great treasure and trouble therewith.

17 Better is a ²⁰ dinner of herbs where love is,

Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.

¹ Or, is straight before

² Or, shall they not go astray

³ Or, Their riches is a crown unto the wise

⁴ Heb. breatheth out.

⁵ Or, the children of him that hath it

⁶ Or, carryeth away

⁷ Or, tranquill

⁸ Or, jealousy

⁹ Or, calamity

¹⁰ Or, hath a refuge

¹¹ Or, And in the midst of fools it maketh itself known

¹² Heb. people.

¹³ Or, doth shamefully

¹⁴ Heb. The healing of the tongue.

¹⁵ Or, instruction

¹⁶ Or, doleth prudently

¹⁷ Or, is not aright or right

¹⁸ Or, The grave

¹⁹ Or, Destruction

²⁰ Or, portion

18 A wrathful man stirreth up contention:

But he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.

19 The way of the sluggard is as an hedge of thorns:

But the path of the upright is made an high way.

20 A wise son maketh a glad father:
But a foolish man despiseth his mother.

21 Folly is joy to him that is void of wisdom:

But a man of understanding maketh straight his going.

22 Where there is no counsel, purposes are disappointed:

But in the multitude of counsellors they are established.

23 A man hath joy in the answer of his mouth:

And a word in due season, how good is it!

24 To the wise the way of life goeth upward,

That he may depart from ²Sheol beneath.

25 The LORD will root up the house of the proud:

But he will establish the border of the widow.

26 Evil devices are an abomination to the LORD:

But ³pleasant words are pure.

27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house:

But he that hateth gifts shall live.

28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer:

But the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.

29 The LORD is far from the wicked:
But he heareth the prayer of the righteous.

30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart:
And good tidings make the bones fat.

31 The ear that hearkeneth to the reproof of life

Shall abide among the wise.

32 He that refuseth ⁴correction despiseth his own soul:

But he that hearkeneth to reproof getteth ¹understanding.

33 The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom;

And before honour goeth humility.

16 The ⁵preparations of the heart belong to man:

But the answer of the tongue is from the LORD.

2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes:

But the LORD weigheth the spirits.

3⁶ Commit thy works unto the LORD,
And thy ⁷thoughts shall be established.

4 The LORD hath made every thing for ⁸its own end:

Yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.

5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to the LORD:

⁹ Though hand join in hand, he shall not be unpunished.

6 By mercy and truth iniquity is ¹⁰purged:
And by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

7 When a man's ways please the LORD,
He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

8 Better is a little with righteousness
Than great revenues with injustice.

9 A man's heart deviseth his way:
But the LORD directeth his steps.

10 ¹¹ A divine sentence is in the lips of the king:

His mouth shall not transgress in judgement.

11 A just balance and scales are the LORD's:
All the weights of the bag are his work.

12 It is an abomination to kings to commit wickedness:

For the throne is established by righteousness.

13 Righteous lips are the delight of kings;
And they love him that speaketh right.

14 The wrath of a king is as messengers of death:

But a wise man will pacify it.

15 In the light of the king's countenance is life;

And his favour is as a cloud of the latter rain.

16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold!

Yea, to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver.

17 The high way of the upright is to depart from evil:

He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.

18 Pride goeth before destruction,
And an haughty spirit before a fall.

19 Better it is to be of a lowly spirit with the ¹²poor,

Than to divide the spoil with the proud.

20 He that ¹³giveth heed unto ¹⁴the word shall find good:

And whose trusteth in the LORD,
happy is he.

21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent:

And the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.

22 Understanding is a wellspring of life unto him that hath it:

But the correction of fools is *their* folly.

23 The heart of the wise instructeth his mouth,
And addeth learning to his lips.

24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb,
Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.

25 ¹⁵ There is a way which ¹⁶seemeth right unto a man,

But the end thereof are the ways of death.

26 The appetite of the labouring man laboureth for him;

⁹ See ch. x. 21.

¹⁰ Or, atoned for

¹¹ Heb. Divination.

¹² Or, meek

¹³ Or, heedeth

¹⁴ Or, heedeth

¹⁵ See ch. xiii. 23.

¹⁶ See ch. xiv. 12.

¹⁷ Or, to straighten before

¹ Heb. heart.

² Or, the grave

³ Or, the pure speak pleasant words

⁴ Or, instruction

⁵ Or, plans

⁶ Heb. Roll.
⁷ Or, purposes
⁸ Or, his own purpose

<p>¹ Or, <i>urypeth him, thereto</i> ² Heb. <i>disgetteth</i></p>	<p>For his mouth ¹craveth it of him. 27 A worthless man ²deviseth mischief: And in his lips there is as a scorching fire.</p>	<p>14 The beginning of strife is <i>as</i> when one letteth out water: Therefore leave off contention, before there be quarrelling.</p>	
<p>³ Or, <i>alien-ate</i> ⁴ Heb. <i>friend</i></p>	<p>28 A froward man scattereth abroad strife: And a whisperer ³separateth chief friends.</p>	<p>15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the righteous, Both of them alike are an abomination to the LORD.</p>	
<p>⁵ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>29 A man of violence enticeth his neighbour, And leadeth him in a way that is not good.</p>	<p>16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, Seeing he hath no ¹⁵understanding?</p>	<p>¹⁵ Heb. <i>heart</i>.</p>
<p>⁶ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>30 ⁴He that shutteth his eyes, it is to devise froward things: He that compresseth his lips bringeth evil to pass.</p>	<p>17 A friend loveth at all times, And ¹⁶a brother is born for adversity.</p>	<p>¹⁶ Or, <i>as born as a brother</i></p>
<p>⁷ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>31 The hoary head is a crown of ⁵glory, ⁶It shall be found in the way of righteousness.</p>	<p>18 A man void of ¹⁷understanding striketh hands, And becometh surety in the presence of his neighbour.</p>	<p>¹⁷ Or, <i>He that loveth transgression loveth strife</i></p>
<p>⁸ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; And he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.</p>	<p>19 ¹⁷He loveth transgression that loveth strife: He that raiseth high his gate seeketh destruction.</p>	<p>¹⁸ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>⁹ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>33 The lot is cast into the lap; But the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD.</p>	<p>20 He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into ¹⁹mischief.</p>	<p>¹⁹ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>¹⁰ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>17 Better is a dry morsel and quietness therewith, Than an house full of ⁷feasting with strife.</p>	<p>21 He that begetteth a fool <i>doeth it to his sorrow</i>: And the father of a fool hath no joy.</p>	<p>²⁰ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>¹¹ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>2 A servant that dealeth wisely shall have rule over a son that ⁸causeth shame, And shall have part in the inheritance among the brethren.</p>	<p>22 A merry heart ²¹is a good medicine: But a broken spirit drieth up the bones.</p>	<p>²¹ Heb. <i>causeth good healing</i>.</p>
<p>¹² Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>3 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: But the LORD trieth the hearts.</p>	<p>23 A wicked man taketh a gift out of the bosom, To pervert the ways of judgement.</p>	<p>²² Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>¹³ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>4 An evil-doer giveth heed to wicked lips; And ⁹a liar giveth ear to a mischievous tongue.</p>	<p>24 Wisdom is before the face of him that hath understanding: But the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.</p>	<p>²³ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>¹⁴ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker: And he that is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.</p>	<p>25 A foolish son is a grief to his father, And bitterness to her that bare him.</p>	<p>²⁴ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>¹⁵ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>6 Children's children are the crown of old men; And the glory of children are their fathers.</p>	<p>26 Also to ²⁵punish the righteous is not good, Nor to smite the noble for <i>their</i> uprightness.</p>	<p>²⁵ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>¹⁶ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>7 ¹⁰Excellent speech becometh not a fool: Much less do lying lips a prince.</p>	<p>27 ²⁶He that spareth his words hath knowledge: And he that is of a cool spirit is a man of understanding.</p>	<p>²⁶ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>¹⁷ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>8 A gift is <i>as</i> a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it: Whithersoever ¹¹it turneth, ¹²it ¹³prospereth.</p>	<p>28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: ²⁷When he shutteth his lips, he is esteemed as prudent.</p>	<p>²⁷ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>¹⁸ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love: But he that harpeth on a matter ¹⁴separateth chief friends.</p>	<p>18 He that separateth himself seeketh <i>his own desire</i>, And ²⁸rageth against all sound wisdom.</p>	<p>²⁸ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>¹⁹ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>10 A rebuke entereth deeper into one that hath understanding Than an hundred stripes into a fool.</p>	<p>2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, But only that his heart may reveal itself.</p>	<p>²⁹ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
<p>²⁰ Or, <i>that shutteth his eyes to devise froward things, that compasseth his lips, bringeth in evil</i></p>	<p>11 ¹⁴An evil man seeketh only rebellion; Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.</p>	<p>3 When the wicked cometh, there cometh also contempt, And with ignominy <i>cometh</i> reproach.</p>	<p>³⁰ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
	<p>12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, Rather than a fool in his folly.</p>	<p>4 The words of a man's mouth are <i>as</i> deep waters; ³¹The wellspring of wisdom is <i>as</i> a flowing brook.</p>	<p>³¹ Or, <i>calamity</i></p>
	<p>13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, Evil shall not depart from his house.</p>	<p>5 To accept the person of the wicked is not good, ³²Nor to turn aside the righteous in judgement.</p>	<p>³² Or, <i>calamity</i></p>

¹ Or, bring contention

6 A fool's lips ¹enter into contention, And his mouth calleth for stripes.
7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.
8 The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels,

² Heb. chambers.

And they go down into the ³innermost parts of the belly.

³ Heb. is art on high.

9 He also that is slack in his work is brother to him that is a destroyer.
10 The name of the LORD is a strong tower: The righteous runneth into it, and ⁴is safe.

11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, And as an high wall in his own imagination.

12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty, And before honour *goeth* humility.

13 He that giveth answer before he heareth, It is folly and shame unto him.

14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity;

⁴ Or, raises up

But a broken spirit who can ⁵bear?

15 The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge; And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.

16 A man's gift maketh room for him, And bringeth him before great men.

17 He that pleadeth his cause first *seemeth* just; But his neighbour cometh and searcheth him out.

18 The lot causeth contentions to cease, And parteth between the mighty.

⁵ Or, injured

19 A brother ⁶offended is harder to be won than a strong city: And such contentions are like the bars of a castle.

20 A man's belly shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; With the increase of his lips shall he be satisfied.

21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue; And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

22 Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, And obtaineth favour of the LORD.

23 The poor useth intreaties:

But the rich answereth roughly.

⁶ Heb. A man of friends.

24 ⁷He that maketh many friends doeth it to his own destruction;

⁷ Heb. lower.

But there is a ⁸friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

19 Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity

Than he that is perverse in his lips and is a fool.

⁸ Or, doeth without knowledge

2 Also, ⁹that the soul be without knowledge is not good; And he that hasteth with his feet ⁹sinneth.

⁹ Or, mislead his way

3 The foolishness of man subverteth his way; And his heart fretteth against the LORD.

4 Wealth addeth many friends:

But ¹⁰the poor is separated from his friend.

5 A false witness shall not be unpunished; And he that ¹¹uttereth lies shall not escape.

6 Many will intreat the favour of ¹²the liberal man:

And every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.

7 All the brethren of the poor do hate him: How much more do his friends go far from him!

¹³He pursueth them with words, but they are gone.

8 He that getteth ¹⁴wisdom loveth his own soul: He that keepeth understanding shall find good.

9 A false witness shall not be unpunished;

And he that ¹¹uttereth lies shall perish.

10 Delicate living is not seemly for a fool; Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.

11 The discretion of a man maketh him slow to anger; And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

12 The king's wrath is as the roaring of a lion;

But his favour is as dew upon the grass.

13 A foolish son is the calamity of his father:

And the contentions of a wife are a continual dropping.

14 House and riches are an inheritance from fathers:

But a prudent wife is from the LORD.

15 Slothfulness casteth into a deep sleep; And the idle soul shall suffer hunger.

16 He that keepeth the commandment keepeth his soul:

But he that ¹⁵is careless of his ways shall die.

17 He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD,

And his good deed will he pay him again.

18 Chasten thy son, seeing there is hope; And set not thy heart on ¹⁶his destruction.

19 A man of great wrath shall bear the penalty:

For if thou deliver him, thou must do it yet again.

20 Hear counsel, and receive ¹⁷instruction. That thou mayest be wise in thy latter end.

21 There are many devices in a man's heart;

But the counsel of the LORD, that shall stand.

22 ¹⁸The desire of a man is the measure of his kindness:

And a poor man is better than a liar.

23 The fear of the LORD *tendeth* to life: And he that hath it shall abide satisfied; He shall not be visited with evil.

¹⁰ Or, the friend of the poor separateth himself from him

¹¹ Heb. breatheth out.

¹² Or, a prince

¹³ Or, he pursueth

¹⁴ Or, words, which are sought

¹⁵ Heb. heart.

¹⁵ Heb. careless

¹⁶ Heb. causing him to die.

¹⁷ Or, correction

¹⁸ Or, that which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness

24 The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish,
And will not so much as bring it to his mouth again.

25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will learn prudence:

And reprove one that hath understanding, *and* he will understand knowledge.

26 He that ¹spoil eth his father, and chaseth away his mother,
Is a son that causeth shame and bringeth reproach.

27 Cease, my son, to hear instruction
Only to err from the words of knowledge.

28 A worthless witness mocketh at judgement:
And the mouth of the wicked swalloweth iniquity.

29 Judgements are prepared for scorners,
And stripes for the back of fools.

20 Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler;

And whosoever ²ereth thereby is not wise.

2 The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion:

He that ³provoketh him to anger sinneth *against* his own ⁴life.

3 It is an honour for a man to ⁵keep aloof from strife:

But every fool will be quarrelling.

4 The slothful will not plow by reason of the winter;

⁶Therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.

5 Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water;

But a man of understanding will draw it out.

6 ⁷Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness:

But a faithful man who can find?

7 A just man that walketh in his integrity,
Blessed are his children after him.

8 A king that sitteth on the throne of judgement

⁸Scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin?

10 ⁹Divers weights, and divers measures,
Both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord.

11 Even a child maketh himself known by his doings,
Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye,
The Lord hath made even both of them.

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty;
Open thine eyes, *and* thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

14 It is naught, it is naught, saith the buyer:

But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and abundance of ¹⁰rubies:
But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger;

And ¹¹hold him in pledge *that is surety* for ¹²strangers.

17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man;
But afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 Every purpose is established by counsel:
And by wise guidance make thou war.

19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets:

Therefore meddle not with him that openeth wide his lips.

20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother,
His lamp shall be put out in the blackest darkness.

21 An inheritance may be gotten hastily at the beginning;

But the end thereof shall not be blessed.

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil:
Wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.

23 Divers weights are an abomination to the Lord;

And ¹³a false balance is not good.

24 A man's goings are of the Lord;
How then can man understand his way?

25 It is a snare to a man ¹⁴rashly to say,
It is holy,

And after vows to make inquiry.

26 A wise king winnoweth the wicked,
And bringeth the *threshing* wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord,

Searching all the innermost parts of the belly.

28 Mercy and truth preserve the king:
And ¹⁵his throne is upheld by mercy.

29 The glory of young men is their strength:

And the beauty of old men is the hoary head.

30 Stripes that wound cleanse away evil:
And strokes *reach* the innermost parts of the belly.

21 The king's heart is in the hand of the Lord as the watercourses:

He turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes:

But the Lord weigheth the hearts.

3 To do justice and judgement
Is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

4 An high look, and a proud heart,
¹⁶Even the lamp of the wicked, is sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent *tend* only to plenteousness:

But every one that is hasty *hasteth* only to want.

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue

¹ Or, violently excoriated

² Or, revealeth

³ Or, angereth himself against him

⁴ Heb. soul.

⁵ Or, cease

⁶ Or, Therefore when he seeketh in harvest, there shall be nothing

⁷ Or, Many a man will boast more than he is kind to him

⁸ Or, Winnoweth

⁹ Heb. A stone and a stone, an ephah, and an ephah.

¹⁰ See Job xxviii. 18.

¹¹ Or, take a pledge of him

¹² Another reading is, a strange woman.

¹³ Heb. a balance of deceit.

¹⁴ Or, rashly to utter holy words

Or, to devour that which is holy

¹⁵ Or, he upholdeth his throne

¹⁶ Or, And the tillage

¹ Or, according to some ancient authorities they are snares of death or, into the snares of death ² Or, straight

² Or, a house in common Heb. a house of society.

⁴ Or, when one considereth the wise

⁵ Or, One that is righteous... he overthroweth the wicked &c.

⁶ Heb. bendeth.

⁷ Or, But destruction shall be to &c.

⁸ Or, the shades Heb. Sephaim.

⁹ Or, a contentious woman and vexation

Is a vapour driven to and fro; ¹ they that seek them seek death.

7 The violence of the wicked shall sweep them away;

Because they refuse to do judgement.

8 The way of him that is laden with guilt is exceeding crooked:

But as for the pure, his work is ² right.

9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,

Than with a contentious woman in ² a wide house.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil: His neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.

11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise:

And ⁴ when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 ⁵ The righteous man considereth the house of the wicked;

How the wicked are overthrown to their ruin.

13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,

He also shall cry, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret ⁶ pacifieth anger, And a present in the bosom strong wrath.

15 It is joy to the righteous to do judgement;

⁷ But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding

Shall rest in the congregation of ⁸ the dead.

17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man:

He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked is a ransom for the righteous; And the treacherous cometh in the stead of the upright.

19 It is better to dwell in a desert land, Than with ⁹ a contentious and fretful woman.

20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise;

But a foolish man swalloweth it up.

21 He that followeth after righteousness and mercy

Findeth life, righteousness, and honour.

22 A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty,

And bringeth down the strength of the confidence thereof.

23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue

Keepeth his soul from troubles.

24 The proud and haughty man, scorner is his name,

He worketh in the arrogance of pride.

25 The desire of the slothful killeth him; For his hands refuse to labour.

26 There is that coveteth greedily all the day long:

But the righteous giveth and withholdeth not.

27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination:

How much more, when he bringeth it ¹⁰ with a wicked mind!

28 A false witness shall perish:

But the man that heareth shall speak ¹¹ unchallenged.

29 A wicked man hardeneth his face:

But as for the upright, ¹² he ordereth his ways.

30 There is no wisdom nor understanding Nor counsel against the Lord.

31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle:

But ¹³ victory is of the Lord.

22 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches,

And ¹⁴ loving favour rather than silver and gold.

2 The rich and the poor meet together:

The Lord is the maker of them all.

3 A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself:

But the simple pass on, and ¹⁵ suffer for it.

4 The reward of humility and the fear of the Lord

Is riches, and honour, and life.

5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the froward:

He that keepeth his soul shall be far from them.

6 Train up a child ¹⁶ in the way he should go,

And even when he is old he will not depart from it.

7 The rich ruleth over the poor, And the borrower is servant to the lender.

8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap ¹⁷ calamity:

And the rod of his wrath shall fail.

9 He that hath a ¹⁸ bountiful eye shall be blessed;

For he giveth of his bread to the poor.

10 Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out;

Yea, strife and ignominy shall cease.

11 He that loveth ¹⁹ pureness of heart,

²⁰ For the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.

12 The eyes of the Lord preserve him that hath knowledge,

But he overthroweth the words of the treacherous man.

13 The sluggard saith, There is a lion without:

I shall be ²¹ murdered in the streets.

14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit:

He ²² that is abhorred of the Lord shall fall therein.

15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child;

But the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.

16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his gain,

And he that giveth to the rich, cometh only to want.

¹⁰ Or, to atone for wickedness

¹¹ Or, as to evidence

¹² Another reading is, he considereth his ways.

¹³ Or, deliverance

¹⁴ Or, favour is better than &c.

¹⁵ Heb. mistaken.

¹⁶ Heb. according to his way.

¹⁷ Or, necessity

¹⁸ Heb. good.

¹⁹ Or, another reading is, the pure of heart.

²⁰ Or, that hath grace in his lips

²¹ Or, slain

²² Or, against whom the Lord hath indignation

17 Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise,
And apply thine heart unto my knowledge.

18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee,
If they be established together upon thy lips.

19 That thy trust may be in the Lord,
I have made them known to thee this day, even to thee.

20 Have not I written unto thee ¹excellent things

²Of counsels and knowledge;
21 To make thee know ³the certainty of the words of truth,

That thou mayest carry back words of truth to them that send thee?

22 Rob not the poor, ⁴because he is poor,
Neither ⁵oppress the afflicted in the gate:

23 For the Lord will plead their cause,
And despoil of life those that despoil them.

24 Make no friendship with a man that is given to anger;
And with a wrathful man thou shalt not go:

25 Lest thou learn his ways,
And get a snare to thy soul.

26 Be thou not one of them that strike hands,

Or of them that are sureties for debts:

27 If thou hast not wherewith to pay,
Why should he take away thy bed from under thee?

28 Remove not the ancient landmark,
Which thy fathers have set.

29 Seest thou a man ⁶diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings;
He shall not stand before ⁷mean men.

23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler,
Consider diligently ⁸him that is before thee;

⁹And put a knife to thy throat,
If thou be a man given to appetite.

3 Be not desirous of his dainties;
Seeing they are deceitful meat.

4 Weary not thyself to be rich;
Cease ¹⁰from thine own wisdom.

5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not?

For riches certainly make themselves wings,

Like an eagle that flieth toward heaven.

6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye,
Neither desire thou his dainties:

7 For ¹²as he reckoneth within himself, so is he:

Eat and drink, saith he to thee;
But his heart is not with thee.

8 The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up,
And lose thy sweet words.

9 Speak not in the hearing of a fool;

For he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

10 ¹³Remove not the ancient landmark;
And enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

11 For their redeemer is strong;
He shall plead their cause against thee.

12 Apply thine heart unto ¹⁴instruction,
And thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Withhold not correction from the child:
For ¹⁵if thou beat him with the rod, he shall not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod,
And shalt deliver his soul from ¹⁶Sheol.

15 My son, if thine heart be wise,
My heart shall be glad, even mine:

16 Yea, my reins shall rejoice,
When thy lips speak right things.

17 Let not thine heart envy sinners:
But *be thou* in the fear of the Lord all the day long:

18 For surely there is a ¹⁷reward;
And thy hope shall not be cut off.

19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise,
And guide thine heart in the way.

20 Be not among winebibbers;
Among gluttonous eaters of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty:

And drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags.

22 Harken unto thy father that begat thee,
And despise not thy mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell it not;
Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice:

And he that begetteth a wise child shall have joy of him.

25 Let thy father and thy mother be glad,
And let her that bare thee rejoice.

26 My son, give me thine heart,
And let thine eyes ¹⁸delight in my ways.

27 For a whore is a deep ditch;
And a strange woman is a narrow pit.

28 Yea, she lieth in wait ¹⁹as a robber,
And increaseth the treacherous among men.

29 Who hath ²⁰woe? who hath ²¹sorrow? who hath contentions?

Who hath complaining? who hath wounds without cause?

Who hath ²²redness of eyes?

30 They that tarry long at the wine;
They that go to ²³seek out mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon the wine when it is red,
When it giveth its colour in the cup,

When it ²⁴goeth down smoothly:

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent,
And stingeth like ²⁵an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold ²⁶strange things,

¹³ See ch. xxii. 28.

¹⁴ Or, correction

¹⁵ Or, though

¹⁶ Or, the grave

¹⁷ Or, reward
¹⁸ Or, correct
¹⁹ Heb. latter end.

¹ The word is doubtful.
Another reading is, Accretion.
² Or, in
³ Or, of a certainty the words etc.
⁴ Or, for
⁵ Or, crush

⁶ Or, skilful
⁷ Heb. obscure.

⁸ Or, what
⁹ Or, For thou wilt put

¹⁰ Or, by reason of thine own understanding
¹¹ Or, Wilt thou set thine eyes upon it? It is gone.
¹² Heb. Shall thine eyes fly upon it and it is not?

¹³ Or, as one that reckoneth

¹⁸ Another reading is, obscure.
¹⁹ Or, as if it were a prey

²⁰ Heb. Oh!
²¹ Heb. Alas!

²² Or, darkness
²³ Or, ivy

²⁴ Or, smooth
²⁵ Heb. itself upright
²⁶ Or, a basilisk
²⁷ Or, strange women

And thine heart shall utter froward things.

34 Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea,
Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, *shalt thou say*,
and I was not hurt;
They have beaten me, and I felt it not:
When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

24 Be not thou envious against evil men,
Neither desire to be with them:

2 For their heart studieth oppression,
And their lips talk of mischief.

3 Through wisdom is an house builded;
And by understanding it is established:

4 And by knowledge are the chambers filled
With all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man ¹is strong;
Yea, a man of knowledge ²increaseth might.

6 For by wise guidance thou shalt make thy war:

And in the multitude of counsellors there is ³safety.

7 Wisdom is too high for a fool:
He openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that deviseth to do evil,
Men shall call him a mischievous person.

9 The thought of ⁴the foolish is sin:
And the scorner is an abomination to men.

10 If thou faint in the day of adversity,
Thy strength is small.

11 Deliver them that are carried away unto death,

And those that are ⁵ready to be slain
⁶see that thou hold back.

12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew not ⁷this:

Doth not he that weigheth the hearts consider it?

And he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it?

And shall not he render to every man according to his work?

13 My son, eat thou honey, for it is good;
And the honeycomb, which is sweet to thy taste:

14 So shalt thou know wisdom to be unto thy soul:

If thou hast found it, then shall there be a ⁸reward,

And thy hope shall not be cut off.

15 Lay not wait, ⁹O wicked man, against the ¹⁰habitation of the righteous;

Spoil not his ¹¹resting place:

16 For a righteous man falleth seven times, and riseth up again:

But the wicked are overthrown by calamity.

17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth,
And let not thine heart be glad when he is overthrown:

18 Lest the Lord see it, and it displease him,

And he turn away his wrath from him.

19 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers;
Neither be thou envious at the wicked:

20 For there will be no ²reward to the evil man;

The lamp of the wicked shall be put out.

21 My son, fear thou the Lord and the king:

And meddle not with them that are given to change:

22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly;
And who knoweth the destruction ¹²of them both?

23 These also are *sayings* of the wise.

To have respect of persons in judgement is not good.

24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous;

Peoples shall curse him, nations shall abhor him:

25 But to them that rebuke *him* shall be delight,

And a good blessing shall come upon them.

26 He ¹³kisseth the lips
That giveth a right answer.

27 Prepare thy work without,
And make it ready for thee in the field;

And afterwards build thine house.

28 Be not a witness against thy neighbour without cause;

¹⁴And deceive not with thy lips.

29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me;

I will render to the man according to his work.

30 I went by the field of the slothful,
And by the vineyard of the man void of understanding;

31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns,

The face thereof was covered with ¹⁵nettles,

And the stone wall thereof was broken down.

32 Then I beheld, and considered well:
I saw, and received instruction.

33 ¹⁶Yet a little sleep, a little slumber,
A little folding of the hands to sleep:

34 So shall thy poverty come as a robber;
And thy want as an armed man.

25 These also are proverbs of Solomon,
which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out.

2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing:
But the glory of kings is to search out a matter.

3 The heaven for height, and the earth for depth,
And the heart of kings is unsearchable.

4 Take away the dross from the silver,
And there cometh forth a vessel for the finer:

¹ Heb. is in strength.

² Heb. strength-cloth might.

³ Or, victory

⁴ Heb. foolishness.

⁵ Heb. tottering to the slaughter.

⁶ Or, forbear thou not to deliver
⁷ Or, this man

⁸ See ch. xxiii. 18.

⁹ Or, as a wicked man

¹⁰ Or, pasture

¹¹ Or, fold

¹² Or, of their years

¹³ Or, kisseth with the lips

¹⁴ Heb. And wouldst thou deceive with thy lips?

¹⁵ Or, wild nettles

¹⁶ See ch. vi. 10, 11.

¹ Heb.
Glorify
not thy-
self.

³ Or,
Lest it be
said in the
end
(thereof)
What
will thou
do?
when &c.

³ Or,
But

⁴ Or,
in due
season
⁵ Or,
Alligree
work
⁶ Or,
a
moe-
ring

⁷ Heb.
in a gift
of false-
hood.
⁸ Or,
Judge

⁹ Heb.
full of
thee.

¹⁰ Or,
soda

¹¹ Heb.
he that
hath
thee.

5 Take away the wicked from before the king,
And his throne shall be established in righteousness.

6¹ Put not thyself forward in the presence of the king,
And stand not in the place of great men:

7 For better is it that it be said unto thee, Come up hither;
Than that thou shouldst be put lower in the presence of the prince,
Whom thine eyes have seen.

8 Go not forth hastily to strive,
² Lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof,
When thy neighbour hath put thee to shame.

9 Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself,

³ And disclose not the secret of another:

10 Lest he that heareth it revile thee,
And thine infamy turn not away.

11 A word ⁴ fitly spoken
Is like apples of gold in ⁵ baskets of silver.

12 As ⁶ an earring of gold, and an ornament of fine gold,
So is a wise reprovcr upon an obedient ear.

13 As the cold of snow in the time of harvest,
So is a faithful messenger to them that send him;
For he refresheth the soul of his masters.

14 As clouds and wind without rain,
So is he that boasteth himself ⁷ of his gifts falsely.

15 By long forbearing is a ⁸ ruler persuaded,
And a soft tongue breaketh the bone.

16 Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee;
Lest thou be filled therewith, and vomit it.

17 Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbour's house;
Lest he be ⁹ weary of thee, and hate thee.

18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbour
Is a man, and a sword, and a sharp arrow.

19 Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble
Is like a broken tooth, and a foot out of joint.

20 As one that taketh off a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon ¹⁰ nitre,
So is he that singeth songs to an heavy heart.

21 If ¹¹ thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat;
And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink:

22 For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head,
And the Lord shall reward thee.

23 The north wind bringeth forth rain:
So doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.

24¹² It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,
Than with a contentious woman in a wide house.

25 As cold waters to a ¹³ thirsty soul,
So is good news from a far country.

26 As a ¹⁴ troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring,
So is a righteous man that ¹⁵ giveth way before the wicked.

27 It is not good to eat much honey:
¹⁶ So for men to search out their own glory is not glory.

28¹⁷ He whose spirit is without restraint
Is like a city that is broken down and hath no wall.

29 As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest,
So honour is not seemly for a fool.

2 As the sparrow in her wandering, as the swallow in her flying,
So the curse that is causeless ¹⁸ lighteth not.

3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass,
And a rod for the back of fools.

4 Answer not a fool according to his folly,
Lest thou also be like unto him.

5 Answer a fool according to his folly,
Lest he be wise in ¹⁹ his own conceit.

6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool
Cuteth off his own feet, and drinketh in damage.

7 The legs of the lame hang loose:
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.

8²⁰ As a bag of gems in a heap of stones,
So is he that giveth honour to a fool.

9 As a thorn that goeth up into the hand of a drunkard,
So is a parable in the mouth of fools.

10²¹ As an archer that woundeth all,
So is he that hireth the fool and he that hireth them that pass by.

11 As a dog that returneth to his vomit,
So is a fool that repeateth his folly.

12 Seest thou a man wise in ²² his own conceit?
There is more hope of a fool than of him.

13²³ The sluggard saith, There is a lion in the way;
A lion is in the streets.

14 As the door turneth upon its hinges,
So doth the sluggard upon his bed.

15²⁴ The sluggard burieth his hand in the dish;
It wearieth him to bring it again to his mouth.

16 The sluggard is wiser in ²⁵ his own conceit
Than seven men that can ²⁶ render a reason.

17²⁷ He that passeth by, and vexeth himself with strife belonging not to him,
Is like one that taketh a dog by the ears.

18 As a madman who casteth firebrands,

¹² See ch. xxi. 9.

¹³ Or, weary

¹⁴ Heb. trampled.
¹⁵ Or, is moved

¹⁶ Or, But for men to search out their own glory is glory
The Hebrew text is obscure.

¹⁷ Or, He that hath no rule over his spirit
¹⁸ Heb. cometh not.

¹⁹ Heb. his own eyes.

²⁰ Or, As one that bindeth fast a stone in a sling

²¹ Or, A master worketh all things; but he that hireth the fool is as one that hireth them that pass by
The Hebrew text is obscure.

²² See ch. xxii. 12.

²³ See ch. xix. 24.

²⁴ Or, answer discreetly

²⁵ Or, He that vexeth himself
... is like one that taketh a passing dog &c.

Arrows, and death;

19 So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour,

And saith, Am not I in sport?

20 For lack of wood the fire goeth out:
And where there is no whisperer, contention ceaseth.

21 As coals are to hot embers, and wood to fire;

So is a contentious man to inflame strife.

22¹ The words of a whisperer are as dainty morsels,
And they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.

23 Fervent lips and a wicked heart
Are like an earthen vessel overlaid with silver dross.

24 He that hateth dissembleth with his lips,

But he layeth up deceit within him:

25 When he speaketh fair, believe him not;
For there are seven abominations in his heart:

26 Though his hatred cover itself with guile,
His wickedness shall be openly shewed before the congregation.

27 Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein:
And he that rolleth a stone, it shall return upon him.

28 A lying tongue hateth those whom it hath² wounded;

And a flattering mouth worketh ruin.

27 Boast not thyself of to-morrow;
For thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.

2 Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth;

A stranger, and not thine own lips.

3 A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty;
But a fool's vexation is heavier than them both.

4 Wrath is cruel, and anger is³ outrageous;
But who is able to stand before jealousy?

5 Better is open rebuke
Than love that is hidden.

6 Faithful are the wounds of a friend:
But the kisses of an enemy are profuse.

7 The full soul⁴ loatheth an honeycomb:
But to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.

8 As a bird that wandereth from her nest,
So is a man that wandereth from his place.

9 Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart:
So doth the sweetness of a man's friend⁵ that cometh of hearty counsel.

10 Thine own friend, and thy father's friend, forsake not;

And go not to thy brother's house in the day of thy calamity:

Better is a neighbour that is near than a brother far off.

11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad,

That I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12⁵ A prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself:

But the simple pass on, and suffer for it.

18⁶ Take his garment that is surety for a stranger;

And hold him in pledge⁷ that is surety for a strange woman.

14 He that bleaseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning,
It shall be counted a curse to him.

15 A continual dropping in a very rainy day

And a contentious woman are alike:

16 He that would⁷ restrain her⁸ restraineth the wind,

And⁹ his right hand encountereth oil.

17 Iron sharpeneth iron;
So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

18 Whoso keepeth the fig tree shall eat the fruit thereof;

And he that waiteth on his master shall be honoured.

19¹⁰ As in water face answereth to face,
So the heart of man to man.

20¹¹ Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied;

And the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold,

And a man is¹² tried by his praise.

22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar with a pestle among bruised corn,

Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks,

And look well to thy herds:

24 For riches are not for ever;
And doth the crown endure unto all generations?

25 The¹³ hay is carried, and the tender grass sheweth itself,

And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in.

26 The lambs are for thy clothing,
And the goats are the price of the field:

27 And¹⁴ there will be goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household;

And maintenance for thy maidens.

28 The wicked flee when no man pursueth:

But the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof:

But by¹⁵ men of understanding and knowledge the state¹⁶ thereof shall be prolonged.

3 A needy man that oppresseth the poor

Is like a sweeping rain¹⁷ which leaveth no food.

⁵ See ch. xviii. 3

⁶ See ch. xx. 16.

⁷ Heb. hide.

⁸ Heb. hideth.

⁹ Or, the countenance of his right hand encountereth itself

¹⁰ Or, As water sheweth face to face, so the heart sheweth man to man

¹¹ See ch. xv. 11.

¹² Or, that which he praiseth Or, that whereof he boasteth

¹³ Heb. green.

¹⁴ Or, a man

¹⁵ Heb. without food.

¹ See ch. xviii. 8

² Heb. crushed.

³ Heb. a flood.

⁴ Heb. crumpled upon.

4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked:

But such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not judgement: But they that seek the LORD understand all things.

6¹ Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity,

Than he that is ²perverse in his ways, though he be rich.

7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son: But he that is a companion of gluttonous men shameth his father.

8 He that augmenteth his substance by usury and increase, Gathereth it for him that hath pity on the poor.

9 He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, Even his prayer is an abomination.

10 Whoso causeth the upright to go astray in an evil way, He shall fall himself into his own pit: But the perfect shall inherit good.

11 The rich man is wise in ³his own conceit;

But the poor that hath understanding searcheth him out.

12 When the righteous triumph, there is great glory:

But when the wicked rise, men ⁴hide themselves.

13 He that covereth his transgressions shall not prosper:

But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall obtain mercy.

14 Happy is the man that feareth alway: But he that hardeneth his heart shall fall into ⁵mischief.

15 As a roaring lion, and a ranging bear; So is a wicked ruler over a poor people.

16⁶ The prince that lacketh understanding is also a great oppressor:

But he that hateth covetousness shall prolong his days.

17 A man that is laden with the blood of any person

Shall flee unto the pit; let no man stay him.

18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be delivered:

But he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.

19⁷ He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread:

But he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.

20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings:

But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.

21 To have respect of persons is not good: ⁸Neither that a man should transgress for a piece of bread.

22 He that hath an evil eye hasteth after riches,

And knoweth not that want shall come upon him.

23 He that rebuketh a man shall afterward find more favour

Than he that flattereth with the tongue.

24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression; The same is the companion of a destroyer.

25 He that is of a greedy spirit stirreth up strife:

But he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.

26 He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool:

But whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.

27 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack:

But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.

28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves:

But when they perish, the righteous increase.

29 He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck

Shall suddenly be broken, and that without remedy.

2 When the righteous ¹⁰are increased, the people rejoice:

But when a wicked man beareth rule, the people sigh.

3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father:

But he that keepeth company with harlots wasteth his substance.

4 The king by judgement establisheth the land:

But ¹¹he that exacteth gifts overthroweth it.

5 A man that flattereth his neighbour Spreadeth a net for his steps.

6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare:

But the righteous doth sing and rejoice.

7 The righteous taketh knowledge of the cause of the poor:

The wicked ¹²hath not understanding to know it.

8 Scornful men set a city in a flame:

But wise men turn away wrath.

9 If a wise man hath a controversy with a foolish man,

¹³Whether he be angry or laugh, there will be no rest.

10 The bloodthirsty hate him that is perfect:

¹⁴And as for the upright, they seek his life.

11 A fool uttereth all his ¹⁵anger:

But a wise man keepeth it back and stilleth it.

12 If a ruler hearkeneth to falsehood, All his servants are wicked.

13 The poor man and the oppressor meet together:

The LORD lighteneth the eyes of them both.

14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor,

¹ See ch. xii. 1.

² Heb. perverse of two ways.

³ Heb. his own eyes.

⁴ Heb. must be searched for.

⁵ Or, calamity.

⁶ Or, O prince that lacketh understanding and art a great oppressor; he etc.

⁷ Or, he that walketh per-
versely in two ways.

⁸ See ch. xii. 11.

⁹ Or, For a piece of bread a man will transgress.

¹⁰ Or, are in authority.

¹¹ Or, he that imposeth tribute Heb. a man of offerings.

¹² Or, understandeth not knowledge.

¹³ Or, He rageth and laugheth, and there is no rest.

¹⁴ Or, But the upright care for his soul Heb. spirit.

1 Or, are
in au-
thority

2 Heb.
answer.
3 Or,
business

4 The
meaning
of the
word is
doubtful.
The
Vulgate
renders
it, re-
fractory.

5 See
Lev. v. 1.

6 Heb.
shall be
set on
high.

7 Or, Jakeh, of
Musa
See Gen.
xv. 14.

8 Or,
burden

9 Or, as
other-
wise
read, I
have
wearied
myself.
10 God,
I have
wearied
myself.
11 God,
and am
con-
sumed:
for I am
do.

10 Or,
that
I should
have the
know-
ledge &c.

11 See Ps.
xli. 8.
xviii. 30.

12 Heb.
purified.

His throne shall be established for ever.
15 The rod and reproof give wisdom:
But a child left to himself causeth
shame to his mother.

16 When the wicked¹ are increased, trans-
gression increaseth:
But the righteous shall look upon their
fall.

17 Correct thy son, and he shall give thee
rest;

Yea, he shall give delight unto thy soul.
18 Where there is no vision, the people
cast off restraint:

But he that keepeth the law, happy
is he.

19 A servant will not be corrected by
words:

For though he understand he will not²
give heed.

20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his³
words?

There is more hope of a fool than of him.
21 He that delicately bringeth up his
servant from a child

Shall have him become⁴ a son at the
last.

22 An angry man stirreth up strife,
And a wrathful man aboundeth in
transgression.

23 A man's pride shall bring him low:
But he that is of a lowly spirit shall
obtain honour.

24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth
his own soul:

⁵He heareth the adjuration and ut-
tereth nothing.

25 The fear of man bringeth a snare:
But whoso putteth his trust in the
LORD⁶ shall be safe.

26 Many seek the ruler's favour:
But a man's judgement cometh from
the LORD.

27 An unjust man is an abomination to
the righteous:

And he that is upright in the way is an
abomination to the wicked.

30 The words of Agur the son of⁷
Jakeh; the⁸ oracle.

The man saith⁹ unto Ithiel, unto Ithiel
and Ucal:

2 Surely I am more brutish than any man,
And have not the understanding of a
man:

3 And I have not learned wisdom,
¹⁰Neither have I the knowledge of the
Holy One.

4 Who hath ascended up into heaven,
and descended?

Who hath gathered the wind in his fists?
Who hath bound the waters in his
garment?

Who hath established all the ends of
the earth?

What is his name, and what is his
son's name, if thou knowest?

5¹¹ Every word of God is¹² tried:

He is a shield unto them that trust in
him.

6 Add thou not unto his words,
Lest he reprove thee, and thou be
found a liar.

7 Two things have I asked of thee;
Deny me¹³ not before I die:

8 Remove far from me vanity and lies:
Give me neither poverty nor riches;
Feed me with¹⁴ the food that is need-
ful for me:

9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say,
Who is the LORD?

Or lest I be poor, and steal,
And¹⁵ use profanely the name of my
God.

10 Slander not a servant unto his master,
Lest he curse thee, and thou be held
guilty.

11 There is a generation that curseth
their father,
And doth not bless their mother.

12 There is a generation that are pure in
their own eyes,
And yet are not washed from their
filthiness.

13 There is a generation, Oh how lofty
are their eyes!
And their eyelids are lifted up.

14 There is a generation whose teeth are
as swords, and their jaw teeth as
knives,
To devour the poor from off the earth,
and the needy from among men.

15 The¹⁵ horseleach hath two daughters,
¹⁶crying, Give, give.
There are three things that are never
satisfied,

Yea, four that say not, Enough:
16¹⁷ The grave; and the barren womb;
The earth that is not satisfied with
water;
And the fire that saith not, Enough.

17 The eye that mocketh at his father,
And despiseth to obey his mother,
The ravens of¹⁸ the valley shall pick it
out,
And the¹⁹ young eagles shall eat it.

18 There be three things which are too
wonderful for me,
Yea, four which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air;
The way of a serpent upon a rock;
The way of a ship in the midst of the
sea;

And the way of a man with a maid.
20 So is the way of an adulterous woman;
She eateth, and wipeth her mouth,
And saith, I have done no wickedness.

21²⁰ For three things the earth doth
tremble,

And for four, which it cannot bear:
22 For a servant when he is king;
And a fool when he is filled with
meat;

13 Heb.
the bread of
my por-
tion.

14 Heb.
handles
the name.

15 Or,
sampler.
16 Or,
called

17 Heb.
Shed.

18 Or,
the forest

19 Or,
volunteers

20 Heb.
Under.

23 For an odious woman when she is married;
And an handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

24 There be four things which are little upon the earth,
But they are exceeding wise:

25 The ants are a people not strong,
Yet they provide their meat in the summer;

26 The ¹conies are but a feeble folk,
Yet make they their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king,
Yet go they forth all of them by bands;

28 The lizard ²taketh hold with her hands,
Yet is she in kings' palaces.

29 There be three things which are stately in their march,

Yea, four which are stately in going:

30 The lion, which is mightiest among beasts,

And turneth not away for any;

31 The ³greyhound; the he-goat also;
And the king, ⁴against whom there is no rising up.

32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself,

Or if thou hast thought evil,

Lay thine hand upon thy mouth.

33 For the ⁵churning of milk bringeth forth butter,

And the ⁶wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood:

So the ⁷forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

31 ⁸The words of king Lemuel; the ⁹oracle which his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, O son of my womb?

And what, O son of my vows?

3 Give not thy strength unto women,
Nor thy ways to ¹⁰that which destroyeth kings.

4 It is not for kings, O Lemuel, it is not for kings to drink wine;
Nor for princes ¹¹to say, Where is strong drink?

5 Lest they drink, and forget ¹²the law,
And pervert the judgement ¹³of any that is afflicted.

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish,

And wine unto the bitter in soul:

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty,

And remember his misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb,
In the cause of all such as are ¹⁴left desolate.

9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously,
And minister judgement to the poor and needy.

10 A virtuous woman who can find?
For her price is far above ¹⁵rubies.

11 The heart of her husband trusteth in her,
And he shall have no lack of ¹⁶gain.

12 She doeth him good and not evil
All the days of her life.

13 She seeketh wool and flax,
And worketh ¹⁷willingly with her hands.

14 She is like the merchant-ships;
She bringeth her food from afar.

15 She riseth also while it is yet night,
And giveth meat to her household,
And her ¹⁸task to her maidens.

16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it:
With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.

17 She girdeth her loins with strength,
And maketh strong her arms.

18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is profitable:

Her lamp goeth not out by night.

19 She layeth her hands to the distaff,
And her ¹⁹hands hold the spindle.

20 She spreadeth out her ²⁰hand to the poor;

Yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.

21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household;

For all her household are clothed with scarlet.

22 She maketh for herself ²¹carpets of tapestry;

Her clothing is fine linen and purple.

23 Her husband is known in the gates,
When he sitteth among the elders of the land.

24 She maketh linen garments and selleth them;

And delivereth girdles unto the ²²merchant.

25 Strength and dignity are her clothing;
And she laugheth at the time to come.

26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom;
And the ²³law of kindness is on her tongue.

27 She looketh well to the ways of her household,

And eateth not the bread of idleness.

28 Her children rise up, and call her blessed;

Her husband *also*, and he praiseth her, *saying*:

29 Many daughters have done virtuously,

But thou excellest them all.

30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain:

But a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands;
And let her works praise her in the gates.

¹ See Lev. xi. 6.

² Or, those conat ants with thy hands

³ Or, scar-horse Heb. wall girl (or, wall bird) in the lotus.

⁴ Or, when his arm is with him

⁵ Heb. pressing.

⁶ Or, The words of Lemuel king of Mass, which see ch. xxxi.

⁷ Or, burden

⁸ Or, as other-wise read, them that destroy

⁹ Another reading is, to drive strong drink.

¹⁰ Heb. that which is decreed.

¹¹ Heb. of all the sons of affliction.

¹² Or, ready to pass away Heb. the sons of passing away.

¹³ See Job xiv. 18.

¹⁴ Heb. apoll.

¹⁵ Or, at the business of

¹⁶ Or, portion

¹⁷ Heb. palms.

¹⁸ Heb. palm.

¹⁹ Or, cushions

²⁰ Heb. Canaan-ite.

²¹ Or, teaching

ECCLESIASTES;

OR, THE PREACHER.

1 Or, the great orator Heb. Kokoeth.

8 Or, torrents

3 Or, all words are feeble

4 See ver. 1.

5 Or, a feeding on wind (see Hos. xii. 1) Or, exaltation of spirit and so elsewhere.

6 Heb. do/ect.

7 Or, you, more than all

8 Heb. over.

9 Heb. hath seen abundantly.

10 Or, and how shall enjoy

11 Or, good

1 THE words of ¹the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.
2 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; vanity of vanities, all is vanity.
3 What profit hath man of all his labour wherein he laboureth under the sun?
4 One generation goeth, and another generation cometh; and the earth abideth for ever. The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to his place where he ariseth. The wind goeth toward the south, and turneth about unto the north; it turneth about continually in its course, and the wind returneth again to its circuits. All the ²rivers run into the sea, yet the sea is not full; unto the place whither the rivers go, thither 8 they go again. ³All things are full of weariness; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor 9 the ear filled with hearing. That which hath been is that which shall be; and that which hath been done is that which shall be done: and there 10 is no new thing under the sun. Is there a thing whereof men say, See, this is new? it hath been already, in 11 the ages which were before us. There is no remembrance of the former generations; neither shall there be any remembrance of the latter generations that are to come, among those that shall come after.
12 I ⁴the Preacher was king over Israel 13 in Jerusalem. And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven: it is a sore travail that God hath given to the sons of men to be 14 exercised therewith. I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and ⁵a 15 striving after wind. That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and ⁶that which is wanting cannot be numbered. 16 I communed with mine own heart, saying, Lo, I have gotten me great wisdom ⁷above all that were before me ⁸in Jerusalem: yea, my heart ⁹hath had great experience of 17 wisdom and knowledge. And I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also was a striving after wind.
18 For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow.
2 I said in mine heart, Go to now, I will prove thee with mirth; ¹⁰therefore enjoy ¹¹pleasure: and, behold, this

2 also was vanity. I said of laughter, It is mad: and of mirth, What doeth 3 it? I searched in mine heart how to cheer my flesh with wine, mine heart yet ¹²guiding me with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what it was good for the sons of men that they should do under the 4 heaven ¹³all the days of their life. I made me great works; I builded me 5 houses; I planted me vineyards; I made me gardens and parks, and I planted trees in them of all kinds of 6 fruit: I made me pools of water, to water therefrom the forest where trees 7 were reared: I bought menservants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of herds and flocks, above all 8 that were before me in Jerusalem: I gathered me also silver and gold, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces: I gat me men singers and women singers, and the delights of the sons of men, ¹⁴concubines very 9 many. So I was great, and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom ¹⁵remained 10 with me. And whatsoever mine eyes desired I kept not from them: I withheld not my heart from any joy, for my heart rejoiced because of all my labour; and this was my portion from 11 all my labour. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had wrought, and on the labour that I had laboured to do: and, behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was no profit under the sun.
12 And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness and folly: for what 13 can the man do that cometh ¹⁶after the king? even that which hath been already done. Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light 14 excelleth darkness. The wise man's eyes are in his head, and the fool walketh in darkness: and yet I perceived that one event happeneth to 15 them all. Then said I in my heart, As it happeneth to the fool, so will it happen even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart, that this also was vanity.
16 For of the wise man, even as of the fool, there is no remembrance for ever; seeing that in the days to come all will have been already forgotten. And how doth the wise man die even 17 as the fool! So I hated life; because the work that is wrought under the sun

12 Or, holding its course

13 Heb. the number of the days of their life.

14 Or, musical instruments, and that of all sorts The Sept. and Syriac render, capsaery, male and female. The meaning of the Hebrew is very uncertain.

15 Or, stood by me

16 Or, after the king. even him whom they made king long ago! Or, after the king, in those things which have been already done!

was grievous unto me: for all is vanity and a striving after wind.

18 And I hated all my labour wherein I laboured under the sun: seeing that I must leave it unto the man that shall

19 be after me. And who knoweth whether he shall be a wise man or a fool? yet shall he have rule over all my labour wherein I have laboured, and wherein I have shewed wisdom under the sun.

20 This also is vanity. Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to despair concerning all the labour wherein I had

21 laboured under the sun. For there is a man whose labour is with wisdom, and with knowledge, and with ¹skillfulness; yet to a man that hath not laboured therein shall he ²leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a

22 great evil. For what hath a man of all his labour, and of the ³striving of his heart, wherein he laboureth under the 23 sun? For all his days are *but* sorrows, and his travail is grief; yea, even in the night his heart taketh no rest. This also is vanity.

24 There is nothing better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy good in his labour. This also I saw, that it is from the hand of

25 God. For who can eat, or who can 26 ⁴have enjoyment, ⁵more than I? For to the man that pleaseth him *God* giveth wisdom, and knowledge, and joy: but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that pleaseth God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

3 To every thing there is a season, and a time to every ⁶purpose under the 2 heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to 3 pluck up that which is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to 4 break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from 6 embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to

7 cast away; a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a 8 time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time

9 for peace. What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? 10 I have seen the travail which God hath given to the sons of men to be exer-

11 cised therewith. He hath made every thing beautiful in its time: also he hath set ⁷the world in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out the work that God hath done from the beginning

12 even to the end. I know that there is nothing better for them, than to rejoice, and ⁸to do good so long as

13 they live. And also that every man

should eat and drink, and enjoy good 14 in all his labour, is the gift of God. I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God hath done it, that men should fear

15 before him. ⁹That which is hath been already; and that which is to be hath already been: and God seeketh again that which is ¹⁰passed away.

16 And moreover I saw under the sun, in the place of judgement, that wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, that wickedness was

17 there. I said in mine heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked: for there is a time there for every

18 ⁶purpose and for every work. ¹¹I said in mine heart, *It is because of the sons of men, that God may prove them, and that they may see that they them-*

19 *selves are but as beasts. For ¹²that which befalleth the sons of men befall-*eth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one ¹³breath; and man hath no preeminence above the

20 beasts: for all is vanity. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all 21 turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit ¹⁴of man ¹⁵whether it goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast

¹⁵whether it goeth downward to the 22 earth? Wherefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his works; for that is his

portion: for who shall bring him *back* to see what shall be after him?

4 Then I returned and saw all the oppressions that are done under the sun: and behold, the tears of such as were oppressed, and they had no comfort; and on the side of their oppressors there was power, but they

2 had no comforter. Wherefore I praised the dead which are already dead more than the living which are yet alive;

3 yea, ¹⁶better than them both *did I esteem* him which hath not yet been, who hath not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

4 Then I saw all labour and every ¹⁷skillful work, that ¹⁸for this a man is envied of his neighbour. This also is

5 vanity and a striving after wind. The fool foldeth his hands together, and eat- 6 eth his own flesh. Better is an hand- 7 ful ¹⁹with quietness, than two handfals ¹⁹with labour and striving after wind.

7 Then I returned and saw vanity under 8 the sun. There is one that is alone, and he hath not a second; yea, he hath neither son nor brother; yet is there no end of all his labour, neither are his eyes satisfied with riches. For whom

then, *saith he*, do I labour, and deprive my soul of good? This also is

9 vanity, yea, it is a sore travail. Two are better than one; because they have

¹ Or, success

² Heb. giveth.

³ Or, vexation

⁴ Or, haven thereto

⁵ According to some ancient authorities, *apart from him.*

⁶ Or, matter

⁷ Or, eternally

⁸ Or, to get good

⁹ Or, That which hath been is now ¹⁰ Heb. driven away.

¹¹ Or, I said in mine heart concerning the sons of men, *It is that God do.*

¹² Or, the sons of men are a chance, and the beasts are a chance, and one do.

¹³ Or, spirit

¹⁴ Heb. of the sons of men.

¹⁵ Or, that goeth

¹⁶ Or, better than they both is he which do.

¹⁷ Or, successful

¹⁸ Or, it cometh of a man's rivalry with his neighbour

¹⁹ Or, of

10 a good reward for their labour. For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him that is alone when he falleth, and hath not another to lift him up. Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth: but how can one be

12 warm alone? And if a man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king, who knoweth not how to receive admonition any more.

14 For out of prison he came forth to be king; ¹yea, even in his kingdom he was

15 born poor. I saw all the living which walk under the sun, that they were with the youth, the second, that stood up in

16 his stead. ²There was no end of all the people, even of all them over whom he was: yet they that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

5 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God; for to draw nigh to hear is better than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they know not that they

2 do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter

³any thing before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore

3 let thy words be few. For a dream cometh with a multitude of ⁴business; and a fool's voice with a multitude of

4 words. When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which

5 thou vowest. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou

6 shouldest vow and not pay. Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the ⁶angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the

7 work of thine hands? ⁶For thus it cometh to pass through the multitude of

dreams and vanities and many words: but fear thou God.

8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and the violent taking away of judgement and justice in ⁷a province, marvel not at the matter: for one

higher than the high regardeth; and

9 there be higher than they. ⁸Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field.

10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance with increase: this also is

11 vanity. When goods increase, they are increased that eat them: and what advantage is there to the owner thereof, saving the beholding of them with his

12 eyes? The sleep of a labouring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much: but the fulness of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

13 There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun, namely,

riches kept by the owner thereof to

14 his hurt: and those riches perish by evil ⁹adventure; and if he hath be-

gotten a son, there is nothing in his

15 hand. As he came forth of his mother's womb, naked shall he go again as he

came, and shall take nothing for his labour, which he may carry away in

16 his hand. And this also is a grievous evil, that in all points as he came,

so shall he go: and what profit hath he that he laboureth for the wind?

17 ¹⁰All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he is sore vexed and hath

sickness and wrath.

18 Behold, ¹¹that which I have seen to be good and to be comely is for one to

eat and to drink, and to enjoy good in all his labour, wherein he laboureth

under the sun, ¹²all the days of his life which God hath given him: for this is

19 his portion. Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and

hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour; this is the gift of God.

20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

6 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is heavy upon

2 men: a man to whom God giveth riches, wealth, and honour, so that he lacketh

nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to

eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it; this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

3 If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his

years be many, but his soul be not filled with good, and moreover he have no

burial; I say, that an untimely birth is

4 better than he: for it cometh in vanity, and departeth in darkness, and the

name thereof is covered with darkness; moreover it hath not seen the sun

¹³nor known it; ¹⁴this hath rest rather

6 than the other: yea, though he live a thousand years twice told, and yet enjoy

7 no good: do not all go to one place? All the labour of man is for his mouth, and

8 yet the appetite is not filled. For what advantage hath the wise more than

the fool? ¹⁵or what hath the poor man, that knoweth to walk before the living?

9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire: this also is

vanity and a striving after wind.

10 ¹⁶Whatsoever hath been, the name thereof was given long ago, and it is

known that it is ¹⁷man: neither can he contend with him that is mightier than

11 he. Seeing there be many ¹⁸things that increase vanity, what is man the

12 better? For who knoweth what is good for man in his life, ¹⁹all the days of

his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what

shall be after him under the sun?

¹ According to some ancient versions, whereas the other though born in his kingdom became poor.

² Or, There is no end, in the mind of all the people, to all that hath been before them; they also &c.

(Ch. iv. 17 in Heb.)

(Ch. v. 1 in Heb.)

³ Or, a word

⁴ Or, travail

⁶ Or, messenger of God &c. Mal. ii. 7.

⁷ Or, For in the multitude of dreams and vanities are also many words &c. there are vanities, and in many words

⁸ Or, the state

⁹ Or, But the profit of a hard way is to a king that maketh himself servant to the field &c. &c. a king over the cultivated field

⁹ Or, travail

¹⁰ The Sept. has, all his days are in darkness and mourning, and much weeping and sickness and wrath

¹¹ Or, that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one &c.

¹² Heb. the number of the days.

¹³ Or, neither had any knowledge

¹⁴ Or, it is better with this than with the other

¹⁵ Or, the poor man that hath understanding, in walking before the living

¹⁶ Or, Whatsoever he be, his name was given him long ago, and it is known that he is man

¹⁷ Heb. Adam, Gen. i. 26.

¹⁸ Or, words

7 A good name is better than precious ointment; and the day of death than 2 the day of one's birth. It is better to go to the house of mourning, than to go to the house of feasting: for that is the end of all men; and the living will 3 lay it to his heart. Sorrow is better than laughter: for by the sadness of the countenance the heart is made 4 glad. The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of 5 fools is in the house of mirth. It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than for a man to hear the song of fools. 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool: this 7 also is vanity. ⁸ Surely extortion maketh a wise man foolish; and a gift destroyeth the understanding. Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is 9 better than the proud in spirit. Be not hasty in thy spirit to be ¹⁰ angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. 10 Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire ¹¹ wisely concerning this. Wisdom ¹² is as good as an inheritance: yea, more excellent is it for them that see the sun. For wisdom is a defence, even as money is a defence: but the excellency of knowledge is, that wisdom preserveth the life of him that 13 hath it. Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he 14 hath made crooked? In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God hath even made the one side by side with the other, to the end that man should not find out any thing that shall be after him. 15 All this have I seen in the days of my vanity: there is a righteous man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that longeth 16 his life in his evil-doing. Be not righteous over much; neither make thyself over wise: why shouldest thou 17 destroy thyself? Be not over much wicked, neither be thou foolish: why 18 shouldest thou die before thy time? It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from that withdraw not thine hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth of them all. 19 Wisdom is a strength to the wise man more than ten rulers which are 20 in a city. ²¹ Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, that doeth 21 good, and sinneth not. Also ²² take not heed unto all words that are spoken; lest thou hear thy servant curse thee: 22 for oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou thyself likewise hast cursed others. 23 All this have I ²⁴ proved in wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far 24 from me. That which ²⁵ is far off, and exceeding deep; who can find it

25 out? I turned about, and my heart was set to know and to search out, and to seek wisdom and the reason of things, and to know ²⁶ that wickedness is folly, and that foolishness is madness: and I find a thing more bitter than death, even the woman ²⁷ whose heart is snares and nets, and her hands as bands: whose pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. Behold, this have I found, saith the Preacher, ²⁸ laying one thing to another, to find out the account: 28 which my soul still seeketh, but I have not found: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all 29 those have I not found. Behold, this only have I found, that God made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions. 30 Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? A man's wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the ³¹ hardness of his face is changed. I counsel thee, Keep the king's command, and that in regard of 3 the oath of God. Be not hasty to go out of his presence; persist not in an evil thing: for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him. Because the king's word hath 4 power; and who may say unto him, 5 What doest thou? Whoso keepeth the commandment shall know no evil thing; and a wise man's heart discerneth time 6 and judgement: for to every ⁷ purpose there is a time and judgement; because the ⁸ misery of man is great upon him: 7 for he knoweth not that which shall be; ⁹ for who can tell him how it shall be? There is no man that hath power over the ¹⁰ spirit to retain the ¹¹ spirit; neither hath he power over the day of death; and there is no discharge ¹² in that war: neither shall wickedness deliver him that is given to it. All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: ¹³ there is a time wherein one man hath power over another ¹⁴ to his hurt. 10 And withal I saw the wicked buried, ¹⁵ and they came to the grave; and they that had done right went away from the holy place, and were forgotten in 11 the city: this also is vanity. Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is ¹⁶ fully set in them to 12 do evil. Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and prolong his days, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before 13 him: but it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because 14 he feareth not before God. There is a vanity which is done upon the earth; that there be righteous men, unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there be

¹ Or, better

² Or, for

³ Or, woe

⁴ Or, vexation

⁵ Heb. out of wisdom.

⁶ Or, is good together with an inheritance: and profitable unto them etc.

⁷ Heb. give not thine heart.

⁸ Or, cried by

⁹ Or, hath seen

¹⁰ Or, the wickedness of folly, and foolishness which is madness

¹¹ Or, who is a snare, and her heart is as nets

¹² Or, weighing one thing after another, to find out the reason

¹³ Heb. strength.

¹⁴ Or, matter

¹⁵ Or, evil

¹⁶ Or, for even when it cometh to pass, who shall declare it unto him?

¹⁷ Or, wind

¹⁸ Or, in battle

¹⁹ Or, what time one man had etc.

²⁰ Or, to his own hurt

²¹ Or, who had come and gone away from the holy place, and they were forgotten in the city where they had so done

²² Or, and men came and went etc.

²³ Or, evil

²⁴ Or, evil

²⁵ Or, evil

²⁶ Or, evil

²⁷ Or, evil

wicked men, to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous:
 15 I said that this also is vanity. Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be merry:
 16 for that shall abide with him in his labour all the days of his life which God hath given him under the sun.

16 When I applied mine heart to know wisdom, and to see the ²business that is done upon the earth: (³for also there is that neither day nor night seeth

17 sleep with his eyes:) then I beheld all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because however much a man labour to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yea moreover, though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not

9 be able to find it. For all this I laid to my heart, even to explore all this; that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God: whether it be love or hatred, man knoweth it

2 not; all is before them. All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good ⁴and to the clean and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth,

3 as he that feareth an oath. This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea also, the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that

4 they go to the dead. ⁵For to him that is joined with all the living there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is

6 forgotten. As well their love, as their hatred and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God hath already accepted thy works. Let thy garments be always white; and let not thy head lack ointment.

8 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all the days of thy vanity: for that is thy portion in life, and in thy labour wherein thou labour-

10 est under the sun. Whatsoever thy hand ⁷findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in ⁸the grave, whither thou goest.

11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet

bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance ¹²happeneth to them all. For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare, even so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 I have also seen wisdom under the sun on this wise, and it seemed great unto

14 me: there was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built

15 great bulwarks against it: now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man.

16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of the wise ⁹spoken in quiet are heard more than the cry of him that

18 ruleth among fools. Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner

10 destroyeth much good. Dead flies cause the ointment of the perfumer

¹⁰ to send forth a stinking savour: so doth a little folly ¹¹outweigh wisdom

2 and honour. A wise man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart

3 at his left. Yea also, when the fool walketh by the way, his ¹²understanding faileth him, and he saith ¹³to every

4 one that he is a fool. If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave

not thy place; for ¹⁴yielding alwayeth

5 great offences. There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as it were an

error which proceedeth from the ruler: 6 folly is set in great ¹⁵dignity, and the

7 rich sit in low place. I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walk-

8 ing as servants upon the earth. He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and

whoso breaketh through a fence, a serpent shall bite him. Whoso ¹⁶heweth

out stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood is endangered

10 thereby. If the iron be blunt, and one do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable

11 to direct. ¹⁷If the serpent bite ¹⁸before it be charmed, then is there no advantage in ¹⁹the charmer. The words of

a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up him-

18 self. The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the end of ²⁰his talk is mischievous madness.

14 A fool also multiplieth words: yet man knoweth not what shall be; and that

which shall be after him, who can tell 15 him? The labour of fools wearieth

every one of them, for he knoweth not 16 how to go to the city. Woe to thee,

O land, when thy king is a ²¹child,

¹ Or, and that this should accompany him

² Or, travail

³ Or, how that neither by day nor by night do men see sleep with their eyes

⁴ Some ancient versions read, and to the clean; to the clean &c.

⁵ Another reading is, For who is exempted? With all &c. or, who can choose? With all &c.

⁶ Or, Enjoy (Heb. See) life

⁷ Or, attaineth to do by thy strength, that do

⁸ Heb. Shool.

⁹ Or, heard in quiet are better than &c.

¹⁰ Or, to stink and destroy

¹¹ Or, him that is raised for wisdom

¹² Heb. heart.

¹³ Or, of

¹⁴ Or, gentle-ness

¹⁵ Heb. great

¹⁶ Heb. height.

¹⁷ Or, mouth

¹⁸ Or, he who is the serpent

¹⁹ Or, he who is the serpent

²⁰ Or, he who is the serpent

²¹ Or, he who is the serpent

and thy princes eat in the morning!
 17 Happy art thou, O land, when thy king is ¹the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength,
 18 and not for drunkenness! By slothfulness the ²roof sinketh in; and through idleness of the hands the house leaketh.
 19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh glad the life: and money answereth all things. Curse not the king, no, not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.
 11 ³Cast thy bread ⁴upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.
 2⁵ Give a portion to seven, yea, even unto eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth: and if a tree fall ⁶toward the south, or ⁶toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there shall it be. He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. As thou knowest not what is the way of the ⁷wind, nor how the bones *do grow* in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the work of God who doeth all.
 6 In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun.
 8⁸ Yea, if a man live many years, let him rejoice in them all; ⁹but let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.
 9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgement. Therefore remove ¹⁰sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh: for youth and the prime of life are vanity. Remember also thy Creator in the days

of thy youth, or ever the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them; or ever the sun, and the light, and the moon, and the stars, be darkened, and the clouds return after the rain: in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the ¹¹grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows be darkened, and the doors shall be shut in the street; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; yea, they shall be afraid ¹²of that which is high, and terrors shall be in the way; and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper ¹³shall be a burden, and ¹⁴the caper-berry shall ¹⁵fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: or ever the silver cord be ¹⁶loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern; and the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; all is vanity.
 9 And further, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he ¹⁷pondered, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. The Preacher sought to find out ¹⁸acceptable words, and that which was written uprightly, *even* words of truth.
 11 The words of the wise are as goads, and as nails well fastened are *the words of the* ¹⁹masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd.
 12²⁰ And furthermore, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.
 13 ²¹This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for ²²this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgement, ²³with every hidden thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil.

¹ Or, a free man

² Or, rafters sink

³ Or, send forth
⁴ Heb. upon the face of the waters.

⁵ Or, Divide a portion into seven, yea, even into eight
⁶ Or, in

⁷ Or, spirit

⁸ Or, for
⁹ Or, and remember

¹⁰ Or, vexation
¹¹ Or, provocation

¹¹ Or, grinding women

¹² Or, of danger from on high

¹³ Or, shall drag itself along

¹⁴ Or, desire

¹⁵ Or, burst

¹⁶ Or, snapped asunder

¹⁷ Or, gave ear

¹⁸ Heb. words of delight.

¹⁹ Or, collectors of sentences

²⁰ Or, And as for more than these, my son, be warned

²¹ Or, Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter

²² Or, this is the duty of all men

²³ Or, concerning

THE SONG OF SONGS.

1 THE Song of songs, which is Solomon's.
 2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth:
 For thy love is better than wine.

3 Thine ointments have a goodly fragrance;
 Thy name is as ointment poured forth;
 Therefore do the ¹virgins love thee.
 4 Draw me; we will run after thee:

¹ Or, maidens

1 Or.
In up-
rightness

2 Or.
looked
upon

3 Most
ancient
versions
have,
wander-
eth.

4 Or, my
friend
(and so
through-
out)

5 Or.
To the
woods
Or,
To my
soul

6 Or, bag

7 Heb.
copher.

8 Or.
Thou
hast
done's
eyes

9 Or.
houses
10 Or.
of cedar ...
of fir
11 Or.
cypresses
12 Heb.
habes-
sabah,
the su-
turn
crocus.
13 Or.
the
plains

The king hath brought me into his
chambers:
We will be glad and rejoice in thee,
We will make mention of thy love more
than of wine:
1 Rightly do they love thee.

5 I am black, but comely,
O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
As the tents of Kedar,
As the curtains of Solomon.

6 Look not upon me, because I am
swarthy,
Because the sun hath scorched me.
My mother's sons were incensed a-
gainst me,
They made me keeper of the vine-
yards;
But mine own vineyard have I not
kept.

7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth,
Where thou feedest thy flock, where
thou makest it to rest at noon:
For why should I be as one that is
veiled
Beside the flocks of thy companions?

8 If thou know not, O thou fairest among
women,
Go thy way forth by the footsteps of
the flock,
And feed thy kids beside the shepherds'
tents.

9 I have compared thee, O my love,
To a steed in Pharaoh's chariots.

10 Thy cheeks are comely with plaits of
hair,

Thy neck with strings of jewels.
11 We will make thee plaits of gold
With studs of silver.

12 While the king sat at his table,
My spikenard sent forth its fragrance.

13 My beloved is unto me as a bundle of
myrrh,

That lieth betwixt my breasts.
14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of
henna-flowers
In the vineyards of En-gedi.

15 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold,
thou art fair;

Thine eyes are as doves.

16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yea,
pleasant:

Also our couch is green.

17 The beams of our house are cedars,
And our rafters are firs.

2 I am a rose of Sharon,
A lily of the valleys.

2 As a lily among thorns,
So is my love among the daughters.

3 As the apple tree among the trees of
the wood,
So is my beloved among the sons.

14 I sat down under his shadow with
great delight,
And his fruit was sweet to my taste.

4 He brought me to the banqueting
house,

And his banner over me was love.

5 Stay ye me with raisins, comfort me
with apples:

For I am sick of love.

6 His left hand is under my head,
And his right hand doth embrace me.

7 I adjure you, O daughters of Jeru-
salem,
By the roses, and by the hinds of the
field,
That ye stir not up, nor awaken love,
Until it please.

8 The voice of my beloved! behold, he
cometh,
Leaping upon the mountains, skipping
upon the hills.

9 My beloved is like a roe or a young
hart:

Behold, he standeth behind our wall,
He looketh in at the windows,
He sheweth himself through the lat-
tice.

10 My beloved spake, and said unto me,
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come
away.

11 For, lo, the winter is past,
The rain is over and gone;

12 The flowers appear on the earth;
The time of the singing of birds is
come,
And the voice of the turtle is heard in
our land;

13 The fig tree ripeneth her green figs,
And the vines are in blossom,
They give forth their fragrance.
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come
away.

14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of
the rock, in the covert of the steep
place,

Let me see thy countenance, let me
hear thy voice;

For sweet is thy voice, and thy coun-
tenance is comely.

15 Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that
spoil the vineyards;

For our vineyards are in blossom.

16 My beloved is mine, and I am his:
He feedeth his flock among the lilies.

17 Until the day be cool, and the
shadows flee away,

Turn, my beloved, and be thou like
a roe or a young hart

Upon the mountains of Bethel.

3 By night on my bed I sought him
whom my soul loveth:

I sought him, but I found him not.

2 I said, I will rise now, and go about
the city,
In the streets and in the broad ways,
I will seek him whom my soul loveth:
I sought him, but I found him not.

14 Heb. I
delight-
ed as I
sat down
etc.

15 Heb.
house of
wine.

16 Heb.
couch of
raisins.

17 Or.
Let his
left hand
be etc.

18 Or.
garden

19 Or.
gazelle

20 Or.
plumeth
through

21 Or.
singing
of vines

22 Or.
When
the day
is cool

23 Or.
brook

24 Or.
breathes

25 Or.
mount-
ains of
separation

26 Per-
haps, the
spice
mids-
between.

3 The watchmen that go about the city found me:

To whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

4 It was but a little that I passed from them,

When I found him whom my soul loveth:

I held him, and would not let him go,
Until I had brought him into my mother's house,
And into the chamber of her that conceived me.

¹ See ch. II. 7.

5 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem,

By the roes, and by the hinds of the field,

That ye stir not up, nor awaken love, Until it please.

6 Who is this that cometh up out of the wilderness like pillars of smoke,

Perfumed with myrrh and frankincense,

With all powders of the merchant?

7 Behold, it is the litter of Solomon;

Threescore mighty men are about it,

Of the mighty men of Israel.

8 They all handle the sword, and are expert in war:

Every man hath his sword upon his thigh,

Because of fear in the night.

9 King Solomon made himself a ²palanquin

Of the wood of Lebanon.

10 He made the pillars thereof of silver,

The bottom thereof of gold, the seat of it of purple,

The midst thereof being ³paved with love,

From the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon,

With the crown wherewith his mother hath crowned him in the day of his espousals,

And in the day of the gladness of his heart.

4 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair;

⁴Thine eyes are as doves behind thy ⁵veil:

Thy hair is as a flock of goats,

That ⁶lie along the side of mount Gilead.

2 Thy teeth are like a flock of ewes that are newly shorn,

Which are come up from the washing;

⁷Whereof every one hath twins,

And none is bereaved among them.

3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet,

And thy ⁸mouth is comely:

Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate

Behind thy ⁹veil.

4 Thy neck is like the tower of David builded ⁹for an armoury,

Whereon there hang a thousand bucklers,

All the shields of the mighty men.

5 Thy two breasts are like two fawns that are twins of a ¹⁰roe,

Which feed among the lilies.

6 ¹¹Until the day be cool, and the shadows flee away,

I will get me to the mountain of myrrh, And to the hill of frankincense.

7 Thou art all fair, my love;

And there is no spot in thee.

8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride, With me from Lebanon:

¹²Look from the top of Amanah,

From the top of Senir and Hermon,

From the lions' dens,

From the mountains of the leopards.

9 Thou hast ¹³ravished my heart, my sister, my bride;

Thou hast ¹³ravished my heart with

¹⁴one of thine eyes,

With one chain of thy neck.

10 How fair is thy love, my sister, my bride! How much better is thy love than wine!

And the smell of thine ointments than all manner of spices!

11 Thy lips, O my bride, ¹⁵drop as the honeycomb:

Honey and milk are under thy tongue;

And the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.

12 A garden ¹⁶shut up is my sister, my bride;

A ¹⁷spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

13 Thy shoots are ¹⁸an orchard of pomegranates, with precious fruits;

Henna with spikenard plants,

14 Spikenard and saffron,

Calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense;

Myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices.

15 *Thou art* a fountain of gardens,

A well of living waters,

And flowing streams from Lebanon.

16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south;

Blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out.

Let my beloved come into his garden, And eat his precious fruits.

5 I am come into my garden, my sister, my bride:

I have gathered my myrrh with my ¹⁹spice;

I have eaten my honeycomb with my honey;

I have drunk my wine with my milk. Eat, O friends;

Drink, yea, drink abundantly, ²⁰O beloved.

2 ²¹I was asleep, but my heart waked:

⁹ Or, with turrets

¹⁰ Or, gazelle

¹¹ See ch. II. 17.

¹³ Or, &c

¹⁵ Or, given me courage

¹⁴ Or, one look from thine eyes

¹⁵ Or, drop honey

¹⁶ Heb. barred.

¹⁷ Or, according to many ancient authorities, garden

¹⁸ Or, a paradise

¹⁹ Or, a paradise

²⁰ Or, of love

²¹ Or, I sleep, but my heart waked

² Or, car of state

³ Or, inlaid

⁴ Or, These have doves' eyes

⁵ Or, locks

⁶ Or, appear on mount Gilead

⁷ Or, Which are all of them in pairs

⁸ Or, speech

It is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, *saying*,
Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my ¹undefiled:

For my head is filled with dew,
My locks with the drops of the night.

3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on?

I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them?

4 My beloved put in his hand by the hole of *the door*,

And my ⁵heart was moved ⁶for him.

5 I rose up to open to my beloved;
And my hands dropped with myrrh,

And my fingers with liquid myrrh,
Upon the handles of the bolt.

6 I opened to my beloved;

But my beloved had ⁷withdrawn himself, *and* was gone.

My soul ⁸had failed me when he spake:
I sought him, but I could not find him;
I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 The watchmen that go about the city found me,

They smote me, they wounded me;
The keepers of the walls took away my ⁹mantle from me.

8 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved,

⁷That ye tell him, that I am sick of love.

9 What is thy beloved more than *another* beloved,

O thou fairest among women?
What is thy beloved more than *another* beloved,

That thou dost so adjure us?

10 My beloved is white and ruddy,

¹¹The chiefest among ten thousand.

His head is *as* the most fine gold,
His locks are ¹²bushy, *and* black as a raven.

12 His eyes are like doves beside the water brooks;

Washed with milk, *and* ¹³fitly set.

13 His cheeks are as a bed of ¹⁴spices, *as* ¹⁵banks of sweet herbs:

His lips are *as* lilies, dropping liquid myrrh.

14 His hands are *as* ¹⁶rings of gold set with ¹⁷beryl:

His body is *as* ¹⁸ivory work ¹⁹overlaid with sapphires.

15 His legs are *as* pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold:

His aspect is like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.

16 His ²⁰mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely.

This is my beloved, and this is my friend,

O daughters of Jerusalem.

6 Whither is thy beloved gone,
O thou fairest among women?

Whither hath thy beloved turned him,
That we may seek him with thee?

2 My beloved is gone down to his garden, to the beds of ¹¹spices,
To feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.

3 ¹⁸I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine:

He feedeth *his flock* among the lilies.

4 Thou art beautiful, O my love, as Tirzah,

Comely as Jerusalem,

Terrible as ¹⁹an army with banners.

5 Turn away thine eyes from me,
For they ²⁰have overcome me.

²¹Thy hair is as a flock of goats,
That lie along the side of Gilead.

6 ²²Thy teeth are like a flock of ewes,
Which are come up from the washing;

Whereof every one hath twins,
And none is bereaved among them.

7 ²³Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate

Behind thy veil.

8 There are threescore queens, and fourscore concubines,

And ²⁴virgins without number.

9 My dove, my ¹undefiled, is *but* one;
She is the only one of her mother;

She is the ²⁵choice one of her that bare her.

The daughters saw her, and called her blessed;

Yea, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

10 Who is she that looketh forth as the morning,

Fair as the moon,
²⁶Clear as the sun,

²⁷Terrible as an army with banners?

11 I went down into the garden of nuts,
To see the green plants of the valley,

To see whether the vine budded,
And the pomegranates were in flower.

12 Or ever I was aware, my ²⁸soul ²⁹set me

Among the chariots of my ³⁰princely people.

13 Return, return, O Shulammitte;

Return, return, that we may look upon thee.

Why will ye look upon the Shulammitte,

As upon the dance ³¹of Mahanaim?

7 How beautiful are thy ³²feet in sandals, O prince's daughter!

³³The joints of thy thighs are like jewels,

The work of the hands of a cunning workman.

2 Thy navel is *like* a round goblet,
Wherein no mingled wine is wanting:

¹ Heb. perfect.

² Heb. bowels.

³ According to many MSS. within me.

⁴ Or, turned away.

⁵ Heb. went forth.

⁶ Or, veil.

⁷ Heb. What wilt ye tell him? That etc.

⁸ Or, curling.

⁹ Or, towers of perfume.

¹⁰ Or, cylinders.

¹¹ Or, topaz.

¹² Or, bright ivory.

¹³ Or, en-crusted.

¹⁴ Or, speech.

¹⁵ Heb. palate.

¹⁶ See ch. iv. 16.

¹⁷ Heb. bow-sword hosts.

¹⁸ Or, make me afraid.

¹⁹ See ch. iv. 1.

²⁰ See ch. iv. 2.

²¹ See ch. iv. 3.

²² Or, maidens.

²³ Or, pure.

²⁴ Or, virgins.

²⁵ Or, choice.

²⁶ Or, pure.

²⁷ See ver. 4.

²⁸ Or, desire.

²⁹ Or, make me like the chariots of Mahanaim.

³⁰ Or, withing.

[Ch. vii. 12 Heb.]

³¹ Or, of two companies.

³² Or, steps.

³³ Or, Thy rounded thighs.

1 See ch.
iv. 3.

2 Some
ancient
versions
have,
like
the pas-
sage of a
king,
bound
etc.

3 Heb.
nose.

4 Heb.
palate.

5 Heb.
aright.

6 Or,
Causing
the lips
of those
that are
asleep to
move
or speak

7 Or, the
tender
grape
appear

8 See
Gen. xxx.
14.

9 Or,
over

10 Or,
That
thou
mightest

11 Or,
sweet
wine

12 See ch.
ii. 6, 7.

Thy belly is *like* an heap of wheat
Set about with lilies.

8¹ Thy two breasts are like two fawns
That are twins of a roe.

4 Thy neck is like the tower of ivory;
Thine eyes *as* the pools in Heshbon,
by the gate of Bath-rabbim;

Thy nose is like the tower of Lebanon
Which looketh toward Damascus.

5 Thine head upon thee is like Carmel,
And the hair of thine head ²like
purple;

The king is held captive in the tresses
thereof.

6 How fair and how pleasant art thou,
O love, for delights!

7 This thy stature is like to a palm
tree,

And thy breasts to clusters *of grapes*.

8 I said, I will climb up into the palm
tree,

I will take hold of the branches *there-
of*:

Let thy breasts be as clusters of the
vine,

And the smell of thy ³breath like
apples;

9 And thy ⁴mouth like the best wine,
That goeth down ⁵smoothly for my
beloved,

⁶Gliding through the lips of those that
are asleep.

10 I am my beloved's,
And his desire is toward me.

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into
the field;

Let us lodge in the villages.

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us see whether the vine hath

budded, *and* ⁷its blossom be open,

And the pomegranates be in flower:
There will I give thee my love.

13 The ⁸mandrakes give forth fragrance,
And ⁹at our doors are all manner

of precious fruits, new and old,

Which I have laid up for thee, O my
beloved.

8 Oh that thou wert as my brother,
That sucked the breasts of my mother!
When I should find thee without, I
would kiss thee;

Yea, and none would despise me.

2 I would lead thee, and bring thee
into my mother's house,

¹⁰Who would instruct me;

I would cause thee to drink of spiced
wine,

Of the ¹¹juice of my pomegranate.

3 ¹²His left hand *should be* under my
head,

And his right hand should embrace
me.

4 I adjure you, O daughters of Jeru-
salem,

¹³That ye stir not up, nor awaken
love,
Until it please.

5 Who is this that cometh up from the
wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?

Under the apple tree I awakened
thee:

There thy mother was in travail with
thee,

There was she in travail ¹⁴that brought
thee forth.

6 Set me as a seal upon thine heart, as
a seal upon thine arm:

For love is strong as death;

Jealousy is ¹⁵cruel as ¹⁶the grave:
The flashes thereof are flashes of
fire,

¹⁷A very flame of ¹⁸the LORD.

7 Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can the floods drown it:

If a man would give all the substance
of his house for love,

¹⁹He would utterly be contemned.

8 We have a little sister,
And she hath no breasts:

What shall we do for our sister

In the day when she shall be spoken
for?

9 If she be a wall,

We will build upon her ²⁰a turret of
silver:

And if she be a door,

We will inclose her with boards of
cedar.

10 I ²¹am a wall, and my breasts like the
towers *thereof*:

Then was I in his eyes as one that
found peace.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-
hamon;

He let out the vineyard unto keep-
ers;

Every one for the fruit thereof was to
bring a thousand *pieces* of silver.

12 My vineyard, which is mine, is before
me:

Thou, O Solomon, shalt have the
thousand,

And those that keep the fruit thereof
two hundred.

13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens,
The companions hearken ²²for thy
voice:

Cause me to hear it.

14 ²³Make haste, my beloved,

And be thou like to a ²⁴roe or to a
young hart

Upon the mountains of spices.

13 Heb.
Why
should ye
stir up /
or why
etc.

14 Or,
and

15 Heb.
hard.
16 Heb.
Shool.

17 Or,
A most
wher-
ment
flame

18 Heb.
Jah.
19 Or, /

20 Or,
batten-
ments

21 Or,
roes

22 Or, to

23 Heb.
Pee.
24 Or,
gazelle

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

ISAIAH.

1 THE vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

2 Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth, for the LORD hath spoken: I have ¹nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that deal corruptly: they have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged and gone backward.

3 Why will ye be still stricken, that ye revolt more and more? ⁴the whole head is sick, and ⁵the whole heart faint. From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and ⁶festerings sores: they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with oil. Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, ⁷as overthrown by strangers. And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth in a vineyard, as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, 9 as a besieged city. Except the LORD of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, ye ⁶rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the ⁷law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of ⁸she-goats. When ye come ⁹to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to trample my courts? 13 Bring no more ¹⁰vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; new moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies,—¹¹I cannot away with iniquity and the solemn meeting. Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a ¹²trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them.

15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil: learn to do well; seek judgement, ¹⁷relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

21 How is the faithful city become an harlot! she that was full of judgement! righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers. Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water. Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; every one loveth gifts, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the LORD, the LORD of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies: and I will ¹⁸turn my hand upon thee, and ¹⁹thoroughly purge away thy dross, and will take away all thy ²⁰tin: and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called The city of righteousness, the faithful city. Zion shall be redeemed with judgement, and ²¹her converts with righteousness. But the ²²destruction of the transgressors and the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the LORD shall be consumed. For they shall be ashamed of the ²³oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. For ye shall be as ²⁴an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water.

31 And the strong shall be as tow, and his work as a spark; and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

13 Or, set right the oppressor

13 Or, bring my hand again
14 Heb, as with lips
15 Or, alloy

16 Or, they that return of her
17 Heb, breaking

18 Or, serve-bitches

19 Or, a treacher

1 Or, made great and exalted
See Ezek. xxxi. 4

2 Or, Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt etc.
3 Or, every
4 Or, fresh stripes

5 Or, as the over-throw of strangers

6 Or, judges
7 Or, teaching

8 Or, as otherwise read, to see my face

9 Heb, an oblation of vanity.

10 Or, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting

11 Or, cum-brance

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 ¹ And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established ² in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth ³ the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge ⁴ between the nations, and shall ⁵ reprove many peoples: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. For thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they be filled with customs from the east, and are soothsayers like the Philistines, and they strike hands with the children of strangers.

7 Their land also is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. And the mean man ⁶ is bowed down, and the great man ⁷ is brought low: therefore forgive them

10 not. Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, from before the terror of the Lord, and from the glory of his majesty. The lofty looks of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For ⁸ there shall be a day of the Lord of hosts upon all that is proud and haughty, and upon all that is lifted up; and it shall be brought low: and upon all the cedars of Lebanon, that are high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bashan; and upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills that are lifted up; and upon every lofty tower, and upon every fenced wall; and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant imagery. And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low: and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day.

18 And the idols shall utterly pass away. 19 And men shall go into the caves of the rocks, and into the holes of the ¹⁰ earth, from before the terror of the Lord, and from the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake ²⁰ mightily the earth. In that day a man

shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made for him to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from before the terror of the Lord, and from the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake ²² mightily the earth. ¹¹ Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils: for wherein is he to be accounted of?

3 For, behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah stay and staff, the whole stay of bread, and the whole stay of water; the mighty man, and the man of war; the judge, and the prophet, and the diviner, and the ¹² ancient; the captain of fifty, and the honourable man, and the counsellor, and the cunning ¹³ artificer, and the skilful enchanter.

4 And I will give children to be their princes, and ¹⁴ babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbour: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ¹⁵ ancient, and the base against the

6 honourable. When a man shall take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our ¹⁶ ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand: in that day shall he lift up ¹⁷ his voice, saying, I will not be

¹⁸ an healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: ye shall not make me ruler of the people. For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the

eyes of his glory. ¹⁷ The shew of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have ¹⁸ rewarded

10 evil unto themselves. Say ye of the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of

11 their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the ¹⁹ reward

12 of his hands shall be ²⁰ given him. As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and ²¹ destroy the

13 way of thy paths. The Lord standeth up to plead, and standeth to judge the ²² peoples. The Lord will enter into judgement with the elders of his people, and the princes thereof: It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard; ye

15 spoil of the poor is in your houses: what mean ye that ye crush my people, and grind the face of the poor? saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

16 Moreover the Lord said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and

¹ See Micah iv. 1-3.
² Or, at the head

³ Or, instruction
⁴ Or, among
⁵ Or, decide concerning

⁶ Or, boweth down
⁷ Or, humbleth himself

⁸ Or, the Lord of hosts hath a day

⁹ Or, watch-towers

¹⁰ Heb. dust.

¹¹ The Sept. omits this verse.

¹² Or, elder

¹³ Or, charmer

¹⁴ Or, with childishness shall they rule over them

¹⁵ Or, judge

¹⁶ Heb. a binder up.

¹⁷ Or, their respecting of persons doth &c.

¹⁸ Or, done

¹⁹ Or, doing
²⁰ Heb. done to him.

²¹ Heb. swallow up.

²² Or, people

mincing as they go, and making a tink-
ling with their feet: therefore the Lord
will smite with a scab the crown of the
head of the daughters of Zion, and the
LORD will lay bare their secret parts.

18 In that day the Lord will take away the
bravery of their anklets, and the ¹cauls,
19 and the crescents; the pendants, and
20 the ²bracelets, and the muffers; the
headtires, and the ankle chains, and the
sashes, and the perfume boxes, and the
21 amulets; the rings, and the nose jewels;
22 the festival robes, and the mantles, and
23 the shawls, and the satchels; the hand
mirrors, and the fine linen, and the
24 turbans, and the veils. And it shall
come to pass, that instead of sweet
spices there shall be rottenness; and
instead of a girdle a rope; and instead
of well set hair baldness; and instead
of a stomacher a girding of sackcloth:
25 branding instead of beauty. Thy men
shall fall by the sword, and thy ³mighty
26 in the war. And her gates shall lament
and mourn; and she shall be ⁴desolate
4 and sit upon the ground. And seven
women shall take hold of one man in
that day, saying, We will eat our own
bread, and wear our own apparel: only
let us be called by thy name; take thou
away our reproach.

2 In that day shall the ⁵branch of the
LORD be beautiful and glorious, and
the fruit of the ⁶land shall be ⁷excel-
lent and comely for them that are
8 escaped of Israel. And it shall come
to pass, that he that is left in Zion,
and he that remaineth in Jerusalem,
shall be called holy, even every one
that is written ⁹among the living in
4 Jerusalem: when the Lord shall have
washed away the filth of the daughters
of Zion, and shall have purged the
blood of Jerusalem from the midst
thereof, by the ⁹spirit of judgement,
5 and by the ⁹spirit of burning. And the
LORD will create over ¹⁰the whole ha-
bitation of mount Zion, and over her
assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day,
and the shining of a flaming fire by
night: for over all the glory shall be
6 spread a canopy. And there shall be a
pavilion for a shadow in the day-time
from the heat, and for a refuge and for
a covert from storm and from rain.

5 Let me sing ¹¹for my wellbeloved a
song of my beloved touching his vine-
yard. My wellbeloved had a vineyard
2 in ¹²a very fruitful hill: and he ¹²made
a trench about it, and gathered out
the stones thereof, and planted it with
the choicest vine, and built a tower in
the midst of it, and also hewed out a
14 winepress therein: and he looked that
it should bring forth grapes, and it
3 brought forth wild grapes. And now,
O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men
of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt

4 me and my vineyard. What could
have been done more to my vineyard,
that I have not done in it? wherefore,
when I looked that it should bring
forth grapes, brought it forth wild
5 grapes? And now go to; I will tell
you what I will do to my vineyard: I
will take away the hedge thereof, and
it shall be ¹⁵eaten up; I will break
down the fence thereof, and it shall
6 be trodden down: and I will lay it
waste; it shall not be pruned nor
hoed; but there shall come up briars
and thorns: I will also command the
clouds that they rain no rain upon
7 it. For the vineyard of the LORD of
hosts is the house of Israel, and the
men of Judah ¹⁶his pleasant plant:
and he looked for judgement, but be-
hold ¹⁷oppression; for righteousness,
but behold a cry.

8 Woe unto them that join house to
house, that lay field to field, till there
be no room, and ye be made to dwell
9 alone in the midst of the land! In
mine ears saith the LORD of hosts, Of
a truth many houses shall be desolate,
even great and fair, without inhabit-
10 ant. For ten acres of vineyard shall
yield one bath, and a ¹⁸home of seed
shall yield but an ephah.

11 Woe unto them that rise up early in
the morning, that they may follow
strong drink; that tarry late into the
12 night, till wine inflame them! And
the harp and the lute, the tabret and
the pipe, and wine, are in their feasts:
but they regard not the work of the
LORD, neither have they considered
13 the operation of his hands. There-
fore my people are gone into captivity,
for lack of knowledge: and ¹⁹their
honourable men are famished, and
their multitude are parched with thirst.
14 Therefore ²⁰hell hath enlarged her
desire, and opened her mouth without
measure: and their glory, and their
multitude, and their ²¹pomp, and he
that rejoiceth among them, descend
15 into it. And the mean man is bowed
down, and the great man is humbled,
and the eyes of the lofty are humbled:
16 but the LORD of hosts is exalted in
judgement, and God the Holy One is
17 sanctified in righteousness. Then shall
the lambs feed as in their pasture, and
the waste places of the fat ones shall
22 wanderers eat.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity
with cords of vanity, and sin as it
19 were with a cart rope: that say, Let
him make speed, let him hasten his
work, that we may see it: and let the
counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw
nigh and come, that we may know it!
20 Woe unto them that call evil good,
and good evil; that put darkness for
light, and light for darkness; that put
bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

¹ Or,
networks

² Or,
chains

³ Heb.
might.

⁴ Or,
emptied

⁵ Or,
shoot
Or,
sprout
⁶ Or,
earth
⁷ Or,
majestic

⁸ Or,
unto life

⁹ Or,
blast

¹⁰ Or,
ever
dwelling
place

¹¹ Or, of

¹² Heb. a
horn, the
son of oil.
¹³ Or,
dugged it

¹⁴ Or,
winefat

¹⁵ Or,
burned

¹⁶ Heb.
the plant
of his
delight.
¹⁷ Or,
shedding
of blood

¹⁸ See
Isaiah
xiv. 11.

¹⁹ Heb.
their
glory are
men of
Amen.
²⁰ Or, the
grove
Heb.
Shed.
See Gen.
xiii. 18.
35.

²¹ Or,
tumult

²² Or,
wandering
one

21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight!

22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: which justify the wicked for a reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the tongue of fire devoureth the stubble, and as the dry grass sinketh down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have rejected the ¹law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel.

25 Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them, and the hills did tremble, and their carcases were as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss for them from the end of the earth: and, behold, ²they shall come with speed

27 swiftly: none shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosed, nor the latchet of

28 their shoes be broken: whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs shall be counted like flint,

29 and their wheels like a whirlwind: their roaring shall be like a lion, they shall roar like young lions: yea, they shall roar, and lay hold of the prey, and carry it away safe, and there shall be none to

30 deliver. And they shall roar ⁴against them in that day like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, ⁵behold darkness and distress, and the light is darkened in the clouds thereof.

6 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his ⁶train filled

2 the temple. Above him stood the seraphim: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with

3 twain he did fly. And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: ⁷the whole earth

4 is full of his glory. And the foundations of the thresholds were moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the seraphim unto me, having a ⁸live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs

7 from off the altar: and he touched my

mouth with it, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thy sin ⁹purged.

8 And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am

9 I; send me. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye ¹⁰indeed, but understand not; and see ye ¹⁰indeed,

10 but perceive not. Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and ¹¹understand with their heart, and turn again, and be healed.

11 Then said I, Lord, how long? And he answered, Until cities be waste without inhabitant, and houses without man, and the land become utterly

12 waste, and the LORD have removed men far away, and the forsaken places

13 be many in the midst of the land. ¹³And if there be yet a tenth in it, it shall again be ¹⁴eaten up: as a terebinth, and as an oak, ¹⁴whose ¹⁵stock remaineth, when they ¹⁶are felled; so the holy seed is the ¹⁵stock thereof.

7 And it came to pass in the days of Ahaz the son of Jotham, the son of Uzziah, king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it; but could

2 not prevail against it. And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria ¹⁷is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest

are moved with the wind.

3 Then said the LORD unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and ¹⁸Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, in the

4 high way of the fuller's field; and say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither let thine heart be

faint, because of these two tails of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the

5 son of Remaliah. Because Syria hath counselled evil against thee, Ephraim ^{also}, and the son of Remaliah, saying,

6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set up a king in the midst

7 of it, even the son of Tabeal: thus saith the LORD God, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass.

8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezi: and within threescore and five years shall Ephraim be broken in pieces,

9 that it be not a people: and the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye

will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

10 And the LORD spake again unto

¹ Or, teaching

² Heb. him, and in the following verses.

⁴ Or, over

⁵ According to the Masoretic text, behold! darkness: distress and light; it is dark &c.

⁶ Or, skirts

⁷ Heb. the fulness of the whole earth to his glory.

⁸ Or, hot stone

⁹ Or, expiated

¹⁰ Or, even, usually

¹¹ Or, their heart should understand

¹³ Or, But yet in it shall be a tenth, and it shall return, and shall be eaten up

¹⁴ Or, burnt

¹⁵ Or, whose substance is in them

¹⁶ Or, substance

¹⁷ Or, out of their leaves

¹⁸ Heb. resteth on Ephraim.

¹⁹ That is, a remnant shall return.

¹ According to some ancient authorities, *make it deep unto Shool.*

³ Or, *the Or, maiden*

⁴ Or, *is with child, and bear-eth*

⁵ That is, *God is with us.*

⁶ Or, *Courds*

⁷ Or, *that he may know*

⁸ Or, *rugged*

⁹ Or, *breaks*

¹⁰ Or, *where never came the fear of orders and thorns, shall be so.*

¹¹ Or, *there shall not come thither the fear...*

¹² Or, *in common characters*
¹³ That is, *The good speech, the prey hunteth.*

11 Ahaz, saying, Ask thee a sign of the LORD thy God; ¹ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; is it a small thing for you to weary men, that ye will weary my God also? Therefore the LORD himself shall give you a sign; behold, ²a ³virgin ⁴shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name ⁵Immanuel. ⁶Butter and honey shall he eat, ⁷when he knoweth to refuse the evil, and choose the good. For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings thou abhorrest shall be forsaken. The LORD shall bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah; *even the king of Assyria.*

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the uttermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. And they shall come, and shall rest all of them in the ⁸desolate valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all ⁹pastures.

20 In that day shall the LORD shave with a razor that is hired, *which is in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard.*

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall nourish a young cow, and two sheep; and it shall come to pass, for the abundance of milk that they shall give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the midst of the land.

23 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverlings, shall even be for briers and thorns. With arrows and with bow shall one come thither; because all the land shall be briers and thorns. And all the hills that were digged with the mattock, ¹⁰thou shalt not come thither for fear of briers and thorns, but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep.

8 And the LORD said unto me, Take thee a great tablet, and write upon it ¹¹with the pen of a man, For ¹²Mahe-reshal-hash-baz; and I will take unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechiah. And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the LORD unto me, Call his name Maher-shal-hash-baz. For before the child shall have

knowledge to cry, My father, and, My mother, the riches of Damascus shall be carried away before the king of Assyria.

5 And the LORD spake unto me yet again, saying, Forasmuch as this people hath refused the waters of Shiloah that go softly, ¹³and rejoice ¹⁴in Rezin and Remaliah's son; now therefore, behold, the LORD bringeth up upon them the waters of the River, strong and many, *even the king of Assyria and all his glory; and he shall come up over all his channels, and go over all his banks; and he shall sweep onward into Judah; he shall overflow and pass through; he shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land.* ¹⁵O Immanuel.

9 ¹⁶Make an uproar, O ye peoples, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces. Take counsel together, and it shall be brought to nought; speak the word, and it shall not stand: for ¹⁷God is with us. For the LORD spake thus to me ¹⁸with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, Say ye not, A conspiracy, concerning all whereof this people shall say, A conspiracy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be in dread thereof.

13 The LORD of hosts, him shall ye sanctify; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary; but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. And ¹⁹many shall stumble thereon, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 Bind thou up the testimony, seal the law among my disciples. And I will wait for the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.

19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto the wizards, that chirp and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? on behalf of the living *should they seek unto the dead?*

20 To the ²⁰law and to the testimony! ²¹if they speak not according to this word, surely there is no morning for them.

21 And they shall pass through it, hardly bested and hungry: and it shall come to pass that, when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and ²²curse by their king and by their God, and turn

¹³ Or, *these that refuse*
¹⁴ Or, *with*

¹⁵ See ch vii. 14

¹⁶ Or, *Arise! According to some ancient authorities, a conspiracy*

¹⁷ Heb. *immanuel*

¹⁸ Heb. *strength of hand*. See Ezek. iii. 14

¹⁹ Or, *many among them shall stumble, and fall*
²⁰ Or, *teaching*

²¹ Or, *they according to this word shall they speak*
²² Or, *curse*
²³ Or, *curse their king and their God*

1 Or, and
the darkness
shall be
driven away
for there etc.
[Ch.
viii. 22
in Heb.]
2 Or, in
3 Or,
for

4 Or, the
district
[Ch.
ix. 1 in
Heb.]
5 Or,
deep
darkness
6 Another
reading
is, thou
didst not
increase
the joy.

7 Or,
every
boot of
the
booted
warrior

8 Or,
Wonder-
ful coun-
sellor
9 Heb.
Father
of Eter-
nity.

10 Or,
hath set

11 Or,
hath
stirred
12 Or,
join
together
Or, arm
13 Or, on
the east
14 Or, on
the west
15 Or,
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voured
16 Or,
hath cut
17 Or,
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18 Heb.
will
be
lowered
up.

22 their faces upward: and they shall look unto the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; and ¹into thick darkness they shall

9 be driven away. ²But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time hath he made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, ⁴Galilee of the

2 nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the ⁵shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, ⁶thou hast increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they

4 divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast

5 broken as in the day of Midian. For ⁷all the armour of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall even be for burning, for

6 fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called ⁸Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, ⁹Everlast-
7 ing Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with judgement and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall perform this.

8 The Lord sent a word into Jacob, 9 and it hath lighted upon Israel. And all the people shall know, ^{even} Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in pride and in stoutness of heart,

10 The bricks are fallen, but we will build with hewn stone: the sycamores are cut down, but we will change them into

11 cedars. Therefore the Lord ¹⁰shall set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and ¹¹shall ¹²stir up his 12 enemies; the Syrians ¹³before, and the Philistines ¹⁴behind; and they ¹⁵shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

13 Yet the people hath not turned unto him that smote them, neither have 14 they sought the Lord of hosts. Therefore the Lord ¹⁶will cut off from Israel

head and tail, palm-branch and rush, 15 in one day. The ¹⁷ancient and the honourable man, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is

16 the tail. For they that lead this people cause them to err; and they that are 17 led of them are ¹⁸destroyed. Therefore

the Lord shall not rejoice over their young men, neither shall he have compassion on their fatherless and widows:

for every one is profane and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burneth as the fire; it devoureth the briers and thorns: yea, it kindleth in the thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in thick

19 clouds of smoke. Through the wrath of the Lord of hosts is the land ¹⁹burnt up: the people also are as the fuel of

20 fire; no man spareth his brother. And one shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man

21 the flesh of his own arm: Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

10 Woe unto them that decree unrighteous decrees, and to the writers that 2 write perverseness: to turn aside the needy from judgement, and to take

away the right of the poor of my people, that widows may be their spoil, and that they may make the fatherless

3 their prey! And what will ye do in the day of visitation, and in the desolation which shall come from far? to whom will ye flee for help? and where will ye

4 leave your glory? ²⁰They shall only bow down under the prisoners, and shall fall under the slain. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

5 ²¹Ho Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, the staff in whose hand is mine indignation! I will send him against a pro-
6 fane nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and ²²to tread them down like the mire

7 of the streets. Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy, and to

8 cut off nations not a few. For he saith, Are not my princes all of them kings? 9 Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not

Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus? As my hand hath ²³found the kingdoms of the idols, whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem

11 and of Samaria; shall I not, as I have done unto Samaria and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?

12 Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will ²⁴punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria,

13 and the glory of his high looks. For he hath said, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the peoples, and have

19 Or,
dark-
ness

20 Or,
Without
me they
shall bow
down etc.

21 Or,
Woe to
Asshur

22 Heb.
to make
them a
treading
down.

23 Or,
reached

24 Heb.
visit
upon.

1 Or, the inhabitants

robbed their treasures, and I have brought down as a valiant man ¹them 14 that sit on thrones: and my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the peoples; and as one gathereth eggs that are forsaken, have I gathered all the earth: and there was none that moved the wing, or that opened the mouth, or 15 chirped. Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if a rod should shake them that lift it up, or as if a staff should lift up him that is not wood.

2 Or, instead of

16 Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and ²under his glory there shall be kindled a burning like the 17 burning of fire. And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy One for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one 18 day. And he shall consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and it shall be ²as 19 when a standardbearer fainteth. And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, that a child may write them.

3 Or, as when a sick man smiteth away

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and they that are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, 21 in truth. ⁴A remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the 22 mighty God. For though ⁵thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, ⁶only a remnant ⁶of them shall return: a consumption is determined, overflowing 23 with righteousness. For a consummation, and that determined, shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, make in the midst of all the ⁷earth.

4 Heb. their Jacobus. See ch. vii. 2.

5 Or, thy people, O Israel

6 Heb. in it.

7 Or, land

8 Heb. Asshur.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of ⁸the Assyrian: though he smite thee with the rod, and lift up his staff against 25 thee, after the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall be accomplished, and ⁹mine 26 anger, in their destruction. And the Lord of hosts shall stir up against him a scourge, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and ¹⁰his rod shall be over the sea, and he shall lift it up after the manner of Egypt.

9 Or, mine anger shall be to their do.

10 Or, as his rod was over the sea, so shall he do.

11 Or, by reason of fairness. 12 Heb. oil. 13 Or, Geba is our lodging, they cry

27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed ¹¹because of ¹²the anointing. 28 He is come to Aiath, he is passed through Migron; at Michmash he layeth up his baggage: they are gone over the pass; ¹³they have taken up their lodging at Geba: Ramah trembleth;

80 Gibeath of Saul is fled. Cry aloud with thy voice, O daughter of Gallim! hearken, O Laisah! ¹⁴O thou poor 81 Anathoth! Madmenah is a fugitive; the inhabitants of Gebim ¹⁵gather themselves to flee. This very day shall he halt at Nob: he shaketh his hand at the mount of the ¹⁶daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, the Lord of hosts, shall lop the boughs with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the lofty shall be brought 34 low. And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

11 And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch 2 out of his roots shall bear fruit: and the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear 3 of the Lord; and ¹⁷his ¹⁸delight shall be in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither ¹⁹reprove after the hearing of his ears: but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the ⁷earth: and he shall smite the ⁷earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.

5 And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle 6 of his reins. And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead 7 them. And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw 8 like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand 9 on the ²⁰basilisk's den. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the root of Jesse, which standeth for an ensign of the peoples, unto him shall the nations seek; and his resting place shall be ²¹glorious.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord ²²shall set his hand again the second time to ²³recover the remnant of his people, which shall remain, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the ²⁴islands of the 12 sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four 13 corners of the earth. The envy also of

14 Or, as other who read, answer her, O Anathoth! 15 Or, make their houses hold, see 16 Another reading is, answer

17 Or, he shall be of good understanding 18 Heb. secret 19 Or, decide

20 Or, adder's

21 Heb. glory

22 Or, shall again the second time recover with his hand 23 Or, purchase See Ex. xv. 16 24 Or, coast-lands

¹ Or, in
Judah

Ephraim shall depart, and they that vex ¹Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. And they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines on the west; together shall they spoil the children of the east: they shall put forth their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. And the Lord shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his scorching wind shall he shake his hand over the River, and shall smite it into seven streams, and cause men to march over dryshod. And there shall be an high way for the remnant of his people, which shall remain, from Assyria; like as there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

12 And in that day thou shalt say, I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord; for though thou wast angry with me, ⁴thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for ⁵the Lord JEHOVAH is my strength and song; and he is become my salvation. Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto the Lord, ⁶call upon his name, declare his doings among the peoples, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the Lord; for he hath done excellent things: ⁷let this be known in all the earth. Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.

13 The ¹⁰burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 Set ye up an ensign upon the bare mountain, lift up the voice unto them, wave the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles. I have commanded my consecrated ones, yea, I have called my mighty men for mine anger, ⁴even ¹¹my proudly exulting ones. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people! the noise of a tumult of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together! the Lord of hosts mustereth the host for the battle. They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land. Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand; as destruction from ¹³the Almighty shall it come. Therefore shall all hands be feeble, and every heart of man shall melt: and they shall be dismayed;

¹³pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman in travail: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be faces of

9 flame. Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy the sinners thereof out of it. For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. I will make a man more rare than fine gold, even a man than the pure gold of Ophir. Therefore I will make the heavens to tremble, and the earth shall be shaken out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall come to pass, that as the chased ¹⁴roe, and as sheep that no man gathereth, they shall turn every man to his own people, and shall flee every man to his own land. Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is ¹⁵taken shall fall by the sword. Their infants also shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, which shall not regard silver, and as for gold, they shall not delight in it. And their bows shall dash the young men in pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not spare children. And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldeans' pride, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation: neither shall the Arabian pitch tent there; neither shall shepherds make their flocks to lie down there. But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and ostriches shall dwell there, and ¹⁶satyrs shall dance there. And ¹⁷wolves shall ¹⁸cry in their castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces: and her time is near to come, and her ¹⁴days shall not be prolonged. For the Lord will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the stranger shall join himself with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

2 And the peoples shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and for handmaids: and they shall take them captive, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.

8 And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee

⁴ Or, let
thine an-
ger turn
away,
and
comfort
thou me
⁵ Heb.
Jah Je-
hovah.

⁶ Or,
pro-
claim his
name
⁷ Or, glo-
riously
⁸ Or, this
is made
known
⁹ Heb.
inhabit-
ants.

¹⁰ Or,
oracle
con-
cerning

¹¹ Or,
them
that
exult
in my
majesty

¹³ Heb.
Shaddai.
See Gen.
xviii. 1.

¹³ Or,
they
shall
take hold
of pangs
and
sorrow.

¹⁴ Or,
passive

¹⁵ Or,
joined
there-
unto

¹⁶ Or,
he-goats
¹⁷ Heb.
howling
crea-
tures
¹⁸ Or,
answer

rest from thy sorrow, and from thy trouble, and from the hard service
 4 wherein thou wast made to serve, that thou shalt take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the ¹golden city ceased! The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, the sceptre of the rulers; ²that smote the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, that ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us. ³Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up ⁴the dead for thee, even all the ⁵chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.
 10 All they shall answer and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?
 11 Thy pomp is brought down to ⁶hell, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and worms cover thee.
 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O day star, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst lay low the nations! And thou saidst in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; and I will sit upon the mount of congregation, in the uttermost parts of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;
 15 I will be like the Most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to ⁷hell, to the uttermost parts of the pit.
 16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, they shall consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake king-
 17 doms; that made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof; that let not loose his prisoners to their home? All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, every one in his own house. But thou art cast forth away from thy sepulchre like an abominable branch, ⁸clothed with the slain, that are thrust through with the sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under foot. Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, thou hast slain thy people; the seed of evil-doers shall not be named for ever. Prepare ye ⁹slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they rise not up, and possess the earth, and fill ¹⁰the face of the world with cities. And I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and

28 son's son, saith the LORD. I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

24 The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: that I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

28 In the year that king Ahaz died was this ¹¹burden.

29 Rejoice not, O Philistia, all of thee, because the rod that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a ¹²basiliak, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent.

30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and thy remnant shall be slain.

31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou art melted away, O Philistia, all of thee; for there cometh a smoke out of the north, and ¹³none standeth aloof at his appointed times. What then shall one answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and in her shall the afflicted of his people take refuge.

15 The ¹⁴burden of Moab.

For ¹⁵in a night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nought; for ¹⁶in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nought. ¹⁷He is gone up to ¹⁸Bayith, and to Dibon, to the high places, to weep: Moab howleth ¹⁹over Nebo, and ²⁰over Medeba: on all their heads is baldness, every beard is cut off. In their streets they gird themselves with sackcloth: on their house-tops, and in their broad places, every one howleth, weeping abundantly.

4 And Heshbon crieth out, and Elealeh; their voice is heard even unto Jahaz: therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud; his soul trembleth within him.

5 My heart crieth out for Moab; her ²¹nobles flee unto Zoar, ²²to Eglath-shelishiyah: for by the ascent of Luhith with weeping they go up; for in the way of Horonaim they raise up

6 a cry of destruction. For the waters of Nimrim shall be ²³desolate: for the grass is withered away, the tender grass faileth, there is no green thing.

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gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away ¹to the brook of the willows. For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the howling thereof unto Eglaim, and the ⁹howling thereof unto Beer-blom. For the waters of Dimon are full of blood: for I will bring yet more upon Dimon, a lion upon him that escapeth of Moab, and upon the remnant of the land.

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¹⁶ Send ye the lambs for the ruler of the land from ²Sela ⁴which is toward the wilderness, unto the mount of the ²daughter of Zion. For it shall be that, as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so shall the daughters of Moab ⁸be at the fords of Arnon. Give counsel, execute judgement; make thy shadow as the night in the midst of the noon-day: hide the outcasts; bewray not the ⁴wanderer. ⁵Let mine outcasts dwell with thee; as for Moab, be thou a covert to him from the face of the spoiler: for ⁶the extortioner is brought to nought, spoiling ceaseth, ⁷the oppressors are consumed out of the land. ⁵And a throne shall be established in mercy, and one shall sit thereon in truth, in the tent of David; judging, and seeking judgement, and swift to do righteousness.

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⁶ We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; even of his arrogancy, and his pride, and his wrath; ⁷his boastings are nought. Therefore shall Moab howl for Moab, every one shall howl: for the raisin-cakes of Kir-hareseth shall ye mourn, utterly ⁸stricken. For the fields of Heeshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah; ⁹the lords of the nations have broken down the choice plants thereof; they reached even unto Jazer, they wandered into the wilderness; her branches were spread abroad, they passed over ⁹the sea. Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah: I will water thee with my tears, O Heeshbon, and Elealeh: for upon thy summer fruits and upon thy ¹⁰harvest the battle shout is fallen. And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither joyful noise: no treader shall tread out wine in the presses; I have made the ¹¹vintage shout to cease. Wherefore my bowels sound like an harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-¹²heres. And it shall come to pass, when Moab presenteth himself, when he wearie himself upon the high place, and shall come to his sanctuary to pray, that he shall not prevail. ¹³This is the word that the LORD spake concerning Moab in time past. ¹⁴But now the LORD hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of an hireling, and the glory of Moab

shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and of no account.

¹⁷ The ¹⁰burden of Damascus.

Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a ²ruinous heap. The cities of Arer are forsaken: they shall be for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall ³make them afraid. The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom ¹¹from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith the LORD of hosts.

⁴ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall ⁵wax lean. And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the standing corn, and his arm repeath the ears; yea, it shall be as when one gleaneth ⁶ears in the valley of Rephaim. Yet there shall be left therein gleanings, as the ¹²shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost branches of a fruitful tree, saith

⁷ the LORD, the God of Israel. In that day shall a man look unto his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the ⁸Holy One of Israel. And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall he have respect to that which his fingers have made, either the ¹³Asherim, or the sun-

⁹images. In that day shall his strong cities be as the forsaken places ¹⁴in the wood and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel: and it shall be a

¹⁰desolation. For thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy ¹⁵strength; therefore thou plantest ¹⁶pleasant plants, and settest it with ¹¹strange slips: in the day of thy planting thou hedgest it in, and in the morning thou makest thy seed to blossom: but the harvest ¹⁸fleeth away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

¹² Ah, the ¹⁹uproar of many peoples, which roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush ¹³like the rushing of mighty waters! The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but he shall rebuke ²⁰them, and ²¹they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like

¹⁴the whirling dust before the storm. At eventide behold terror; and before the morning ²²they are not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

¹⁸ Ah, the land ²³of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers

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2 of ¹Ethiopia: that sendeth ambassadors by the sea, ²even in vessels of papyrus upon the waters, *saying*, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation ³tall and smooth, to a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation ⁴that meteth out and treadeth down, whose ⁵land the rivers ⁶divide! All ye inhabitants of the world, and ye dwellers on the earth, when an ensign is lifted up on the mountains, see ye; and when ⁴the trumpet is blown, hear ye. For thus hath the Lord said unto me, I will be still, and I will behold in my dwelling place; ⁵like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the ⁵heat of harvest. For afore the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower becometh a ripening grape, he shall cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks, and the spreading branches ⁶shall he take away and cut down. They shall be left together unto the ravenous birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the ravenous birds shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter ⁷upon them. In that time shall a present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people ⁷tall and smooth, and from a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zion.

19 The ⁸burden of Egypt.

Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and cometh unto Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the heart of Egypt ²shall melt in the midst of it. And I will ³stir up the Egyptians against the Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his neighbour; city against city, and kingdom against ³kingdom. And the spirit of Egypt shall be made void in the midst of it; and I will ¹⁰destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek unto the idols, and to the ¹¹chambers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the ⁴wizards. And I will ¹²give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the Lord ⁵of hosts. And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be ⁶wasted and become dry. And the rivers shall stink; the ¹³streams of ¹⁴Egypt shall be diminished and dried up: the ⁷reeds and flags shall wither away. The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all that is sown by the Nile, shall become dry, be driven away, ⁸and be no more. The fishers also shall lament, and all they that cast angle into the Nile shall mourn, and they

that spread nets upon the waters shall ⁹languish. Moreover they that work in combed flax, and they that weave ¹⁰white cloth, shall be ashamed. And her ¹⁶pillars shall be broken in pieces, all they ¹⁷that work for hire *shall be* ¹¹grieved in soul. The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish; the counsel of the wisest counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish: how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the ¹²son of ancient kings? Where then are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now; and let them know what the Lord of hosts hath purposed concerning Egypt. The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of ¹³Noph are deceived; they have caused Egypt to go astray, that are the corner ¹⁴stone of her tribes. The Lord hath mingled a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her: and they have caused Egypt to go astray in every work thereof, as a drunken man ¹⁵staggers in his vomit. Neither shall there be for Egypt any work, which head or tail, palm-branch or rush, may do. ¹⁶In that day shall Egypt be like unto women: and it shall tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the Lord of hosts, which he shaketh ¹⁷over it. And the land of Judah shall become a terror unto Egypt, ¹⁸every one to whom mention is made thereof shall be afraid, because of the purpose of the Lord of hosts, which he purposeth against it. ¹⁸In that day there shall be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear to the Lord of hosts; one shall be called The city of ¹⁹destruction. ¹⁹In that day shall there be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border ²⁰thereof to the Lord. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and ²¹a defender, and he shall deliver them. And the Lord shall ²²be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord in that day; yea, they shall worship with sacrifice and oblation, and shall vow a vow unto the Lord, and shall ²³perform it. And the Lord shall smite Egypt, smiting and healing; and they shall return unto the Lord, and he shall be intreated of them, and shall heal them. ²³In that day shall there be a high way out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria; and the Egyptians shall worship with the Assyrians. ²⁴In that day shall Israel be the

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third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth: ²⁵for that the Lord of hosts hath blessed them, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.

²⁰In the year that ¹Tartan came unto Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and he fought against ²Ashdod and took it; at that time the Lord spake by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go, and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put thy shoe from off thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. And the Lord said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot ³three years for a sign and a wonder upon ⁴Egypt and upon ⁵Ethiopia; so shall the king of Assyria lead away the captives of Egypt, and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot, and with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. And they shall be dismayed and ashamed, because of Ethiopia their expectation, and of Egypt their glory. And the inhabitant of this coastland shall say in that day, Behold, such is our expectation, whither we fled for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria: and we, how shall we escape?

²¹The ⁴burden of the wilderness of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it cometh from the wilderness, from a terrible land. A ⁶grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous dealer dealeth treacherously, and the spoiler spoileth. Go up, O Elam; besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof ⁷have I made to cease. ⁸Therefore are my loins filled with anguish; pangs have taken hold upon me, as the pangs of a woman in travail: I am ⁹pained so that I cannot hear; I am dismayed so that I cannot see. My heart ¹⁰panteth, horror hath afflicted me: the twilight that I desired hath been turned into trembling unto me. They prepare the table, they ¹¹set the watch, they eat, they drink: rise up, ye princes, anoint the shield. ¹²For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman; let him declare ¹³what he seeth: ¹⁴and when he seeth ¹⁵a troop, ¹⁶horsemen in pairs, ¹⁷a troop of asses, ¹⁸a troop of camels, he shall hearken diligently with much heed. And he cried as a lion: O Lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the day-time, and am set in ¹⁹my ward ²⁰whole nights: and, behold, here ²¹cometh a troop of men, ²²horsemen in pairs. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods are ²³broken unto the ground. O thou my

threshing, and the ²⁴corn of my floor: that which I have heard from the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

¹¹The ⁴burden of Dumah.

One calleth unto me out of Seir, Watchman, ¹⁶what of the night? ¹²Watchman, ¹⁷what of the night? The watchman said, The morning ¹⁸cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: ¹⁹turn ye, come.

¹³The ¹⁹burden upon Arabia.

In the ²⁰forest ²¹in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye travelling companies of Dedanites. Unto him that ²²was thirsty they brought water; ²³the inhabitants of the land of Tema did meet the ²⁴fugitives with their bread. For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. ¹⁶For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of an hireling, and all the glory of ¹⁷Kedar shall fail: and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be few: for the Lord, the God of Israel, hath spoken it.

²²The ⁴burden of the valley of vision.

What aileth thee now, that thou art ²wholly gone up to the housetops? O thou that art full of shoutings, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; thy slain are not slain with the sword, ³neither are they dead in battle. All thy rulers fled away together, they were bound ⁴by the archers: all that were found of thee were bound together, ⁵they fled afar off. Therefore said I, Look away from me, I will weep bitterly; ⁶labour not to comfort me, for the spoiling of the daughter of my people. For it is a day of discomfiture, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from the Lord, the Lord of hosts, in the valley of vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the ⁷mountains. And Elam bare the quiver, with ⁸chariots of men and horsemen; and ⁹Kir uncovered the shield. And it came to pass, that thy choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set ¹⁰themselves in array at the gate. And he took away the covering of Judah; and thou didst look in that day to the armour ¹¹in the house of the forest. And ye saw the breaches of the city of David, that they were many: and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool. ¹²And ye numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and ye brake down the houses to ¹³fortify the wall. Ye made also a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye looked not unto ¹⁴him that had done this, neither had ye respect unto him that fashioned it long

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12 ago. And in that day did the Lord, the Lord of hosts, call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth: and behold, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we shall die. And the Lord of hosts revealed himself in mine ears, Surely this iniquity shall not be ¹purged from you till ye die, saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts.

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15 Thus saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, Go, get thee unto this ²treasurer, even unto Shebna, which is over the house, and say, What doest thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out here a sepulchre? hewing him out a sepulchre on high, gravating an habitation for himself in the rock! Behold, the Lord will hurl thee away violently ³as a strong man; yea, he will ⁴wrap thee up closely. He will surely ⁵turn and toss thee like a ball into a large country; there shalt thou die, and there shall be the chariots of thy glory, 19 thou shame of thy lord's house. And I will thrust thee from thine office, and from thy station shall he pull thee

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⁵ Or, wind thee round and round like a ball and toss thee

20 down. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will call my servant ⁶Eliakim the son of Hilkiah: and I will clothe him with thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into his hand: and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. And the key of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; and he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a throne of glory to his father's house. 24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the issue, every small vessel, from the vessels of cups even to all the vessels of flagons. In that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall the nail that was fastened in a sure place give way; and it shall be hewn down, and fall, and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the Lord hath spoken it.

23 The ⁶burden of Tyre.

Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in: from the land of ²Kittim it is revealed to them. Be still, ye inhabitants of the ⁷isle; thou whom the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea, have replenished. 3 And on great waters the seed of Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue; and she was the mart of 4 nations. Be thou ashamed, O Zidon: for the sea hath spoken, the strong hold

⁶ Or, oracle concerning

⁷ Or, coast-land

of the sea, saying, I have not travailed, nor brought forth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up 5 virgins. ⁸When the report cometh to Egypt, they shall be sorely pained at 6 the report of Tyre. Pass ye over to Tarshish; howl, ye inhabitants of the 7 isle. Is this your joyous city, whose antiquity is ⁹of ancient days, whose feet carried her afar off to sojourn? 8 Who hath purposed this against Tyre, ¹⁰the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the 9 honourable of the earth? The Lord of hosts hath purposed it, to ¹¹stain the pride of all glory, to bring into contempt all the honourable of the earth. 10 ¹²Pass through thy land as the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish; there is no 11 girdle about thee any more. He hath stretched out his hand over the sea, he hath shaken the kingdoms: the Lord hath given commandment concerning ¹³Canaan, to destroy the strong holds 12 thereof. And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to Kittim; even there shalt thou have no 13 rest. Behold, the land of the Chaldeans; this people ¹⁴is no more; the Assyrian ¹⁵hath appointed it for ¹⁶the beasts of the wilderness: they set up 17 their towers, they ¹⁸overthrew the palaces thereof; he made it a ruin. 14 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish: for your 15 strong hold is laid waste. And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after the end of seventy years ¹⁹it shall be unto Tyre as in the song of 16 the harlot. Take an harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be re- 17 membered. And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that the Lord will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her hire, and shall play the harlot with all the kingdoms of the 18 world upon the face of the earth. And her merchandise and her hire shall be holiness to the Lord: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the Lord, to eat sufficiently, and for ²⁰durable clothing.

24 Behold, the Lord maketh the ²¹earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth 2 abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of

⁸ Or, As at the report concerning Egypt, so &c.

⁹ Or, of ancient days; her name feet sh. at carry &c.

¹⁰ Or, that growth crescent
¹¹ Heb. profane.

¹² Or, Over-flow

¹³ Or, the seven-chained people

¹⁴ Or, was not

¹⁵ Or, Assyrian

¹⁶ Or, them that dwell in the wilderness

¹⁷ Or, the towers thereof

¹⁸ Or, raised up

¹⁹ Or, shall Tyre sing as an harlot

²⁰ Or, stability
²¹ Or, land, and so in vv. 3, 4, &c.

8 usury to him. The earth shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled; for
 4 the LORD hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away,
 1 the lofty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is polluted under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting
 6 covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are found guilty: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are
 7 burned, and few men left. The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh. The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of
 9 the harp ceaseth. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall
 10 be bitter to them that drink it. The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man
 11 may come in. There is a crying in the streets because of the wine; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is
 12 gone. In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction. For thus shall it be in the
 13 midst of the earth among the peoples, as the shaking of an olive tree, as the grape gleanings when the vintage is done. These shall lift up
 14 their voice, they shall shout; for the majesty of the LORD they cry aloud
 15 from the sea. Wherefore glorify ye the LORD in the east, even the name of the LORD, the God of Israel, in the
 16 isles of the sea. From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs, glory to the
 17 righteous. But I said, I pine away, I pine away, woe is me! the treacherous dealers have dealt treacherously; yea, the treacherous dealers have dealt
 18 very treacherously. Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. And it shall
 19 come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the
 20 earth do shake. The earth is utterly broken, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth is moved exceedingly. The earth shall stagger like a drunken man, and shall be moved to and fro like a hut; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, and not rise again.
 21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth.
 22 And they shall be gathered together, as prisoners are gathered in the pit,

and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days shall they be visited.
 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for the LORD of hosts shall reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his
 24 ancients gloriously.
 25 O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, even counsels of old, in faithfulness
 2 and truth. For thou hast made of a city an heap; of a defenced city a ruin: a palace of strangers to be no city; it
 3 shall never be built. Therefore shall the strong people glorify thee, the city of the terrible nations shall fear thee.
 4 For thou hast been a strong hold to the poor, a strong hold to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the terrible ones is as a storm against
 5 the wall. As the heat in a dry place shalt thou bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shadow of a cloud, the song of the terrible ones
 6 shall be brought low. And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees
 7 well refined. And he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering that is cast over all peoples, and the
 8 veil that is spread over all nations. He hath swallowed up death for ever; and the LORD GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.
 9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.
 10 For in this mountain shall the hand of the LORD rest, and Moab shall be trodden down in his place, even as straw is trodden down
 11 in the water of the dung-hill. And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst thereof, as he that swimmeth spreadeth forth his hands to swim: and he shall lay low
 12 his pride together with the craft of his hands. And the fortress of the high fort of thy walls hath he brought down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust.
 26 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; salvation will he appoint for walls and bulwarks. Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth
 3 truth may enter in. Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth
 4 in thee. Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHovah is an everlasting rock. For he hath

1 Or, the high ones of the people

2 Or, unadorned See Gen. 1. 2.

3 Heb. gone into captivity.

4 Heb. beating.

5 Or, lights Or, fires

6 Or, coast-lands

7 Heb. Lamentation to me.

8 Heb. visit upon.
 9 Heb. height.
 10 Or, danger

11 Or, punished

12 Or, before his ancients shall be glory
 13 Or, elders

14 Heb. mealloves up.

15 Another reading is, in the dung-hill.

16 Or, of them

17 Or, but

18 Or, their

19 Or, for all the

20 Or, shall he bring down, lay low, and bring &c.

21 Or, A steadfast mind thou keepst in

22 Heb. perfect peace, because it &c.

23 Heb. peace, peace.

24 Or, imagination

25 Heb. Jah Jehovah's.

26 Or, See ch. xii. 2.

27 Or, a rock of ages

brought down them that dwell on high, the lofty city: he layeth it low, he layeth it low even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust. The foot shall tread it down; even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. The way of the just is ¹uprightness: thou that art upright dost ²direct the path of the just. Yea, in the way of thy judgements, O LORD, have we waited for thee; to thy name and to thy memorial is the desire of our soul. With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee ³early: for when thy judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal wrongfully, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD.

11 LORD, thy hand is lifted up, yet they see not: but they shall see ⁴thy zeal for the people, and be ashamed; yea, ⁵fire shall devour thine adversaries.

12 LORD, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou hast also wrought all our works for us. O LORD our God, other lords beside thee have had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. ⁶They are dead, they shall not live; they are ⁷deceased, they shall not rise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified: ⁸thou hast enlarged all the borders of the land.

16 LORD, in trouble have they ⁹visited thee, they poured out a ¹⁰prayer when thy chastening was upon them. Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, in pain and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been ¹¹before thee, O LORD.

18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; ¹²neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

19 Thy dead shall live; my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust: for thy dew is as the dew of ¹³herbs, and the earth shall cast forth ¹⁴the dead.

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the LORD cometh forth out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

27 In that day the LORD with his sore and great and strong sword shall punish leviathan the ¹⁵swift serpent, and leviathan the ¹⁶crooked serpent; and

he shall slay the dragon that is in the sea.

2 In that day: ¹⁷A vineyard of wine, sing ye ¹⁸unto it. I the LORD do keep it; I will water it every moment. lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.

4 Fury is not in me: would that the briers and thorns were against me in battle! I would march upon them, I would burn them together. Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; yea, let him make peace with me. ¹⁹In days to come shall Jacob take root; Israel shall blossom and bud: and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 Hath he smitten him as he smote those that smote him? or is he slain according to the slaughter ²⁰of them that were slain by him? ²¹In measure, when thou sendest her away, thou dost contend with her; he hath removed her with his rough blast in the day of the east wind. Therefore by this shall the iniquity of Jacob be ²²purged, and this is all the fruit ²³of taking away his sin; when he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalkstones that are beaten in sunder, so that the ²⁴Asherim and the sun-images shall rise no more. For the defenced city is solitary, an habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and shall consume the branches thereof. When the boughs thereof are withered, they shall be broken off; the women shall come, and set them on fire: for it is a people of no understanding; therefore he that made them will not have compassion upon them, and he that formed them will shew them no favour.

12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall ²⁵beat off his fruit, from the flood of the River unto the brook of Egypt, and ye shall be ²⁶gathered ²⁷one by one, O ye children of Israel.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great trumpet shall be blown; and they shall come which were ²⁸ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and they that were outcasts in the land of Egypt; and they shall worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

28 Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley of them that are ²⁹overcome with wine!

2 Behold, the LORD hath a mighty and strong one; as a tempest of hail, a destroying storm, as a tempest of mighty waters overflowing, shall he cast down to the earth ³⁰with the hand.

3 The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under foot: 4 and the fading flower of his glorious

1 Or, a right way; the path of the just thou directest aright
2 Or, love

3 Or, diligently

4 Or, and be ashamed, in their envy at the people

5 Or, the fire of thine indignation shall devour them

6 Or, The dew is not, the dewcard rises not

7 Or, abodes Heb. Nephesim

8 Or, thou hast removed it far unto all the ends of the earth

9 Or, looked for

10 Heb. whisper

11 Or, at thy presence

12 Or, neither have inhabitants of the world born

13 Or, light

14 Or, the abodes Heb. Nephesim

17 Or, according to some ancient authorities, A pleasant vineyard
18 Or, of

19 Or, in the generations that come

20 Or, of their slain

21 The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain

22 Or, by sending her away

23 Or, expected

24 Or, to take away

25 See ch. xvi. 5

26 Or, beat out his corn

27 Or, pleasant

28 Or, once to another

29 Or, just

30 Heb. swallow down

31 Or, with violence

beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be as the firstripe fig before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. In that day shall the Lord of hosts be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people: and for a spirit of judgement to him that sitteth in judgement, and for strength to them that turn back the battle at the gate.

7 But these also have erred through wine, and through strong drink are gone astray: the priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they are gone astray through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgement. For all tables are full of vomit and filthiness, so that there is no place clean. ⁴Whom will he teach knowledge? and whom will he make to understand the message? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts? For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little. ⁷Nay, but by men of strange lips and with another tongue will he speak to this people: to whom he said, This is the rest, give ye rest to him that is weary; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

13 Therefore shall the word of the Lord be unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

14 Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem: Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone of sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. And I will make judgement the line, and righteousness the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it. As often as it passeth through, it shall take you; for morning by morning shall it pass through, by day and by night: and it shall be nought but terror to understand the message. For the bed is

shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it.

21 For the Lord shall rise up as in mount Perazim, he shall be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon; that he may do his work, his strange work, and bring to pass his act, his strange act. Now therefore be ye not scornful, lest your bands be made strong: for a consumption, and that determined, have I heard from the Lord, the Lord of hosts, upon the whole earth.

23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; 24 hearken, and hear my speech. Doth the plowman plow continually to sow? doth he continually open and break the clods of his ground? When he hath made plain the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the fitches, and scatter the cummin, and put in the wheat in rows and the barley in the appointed place and the spelt in the border thereof? ¹³For his God doth instruct him aright, and doth teach him. For the fitches are not threshed with a sharp threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff, and the cummin with a rod. ¹⁴Bread corn is ground; for he will not ever be threshing it: and though the wheel of his cart and his horses scatter it, he doth not grind it.

29 This also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts, which is wonderful in counsel, and excellent in wisdom.

29 ¹⁶Ho ¹⁷Ariel, Ariel, the city where David encamped! add ye year to 2 year; let the feasts come round: then will I distress Ariel, and there shall be mourning and lamentation: ¹⁸and she shall be unto me as Ariel. And I will camp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with a fort, and I will raise siege works against thee. And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust; and thy voice shall be as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust. But the multitude of thy foes shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly. ²¹She shall be visited of the Lord of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with whirlwind and tempest, and the flame of a devouring fire. ⁷And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her strong hold, and that distress her, shall be as a dream, a vision of the night. And it shall be as when an hungry man dreameth, and behold, he eateth; but

¹ Or, so
² Or, root
³ Or, straggler

⁴ Or, Whom shall he teach... and whom shall he make...
⁵ Or, report
⁶ Or, rule
⁷ Or, For dreaming lips

⁸ Heb. silver.

⁹ Or, have laid

¹⁰ See 1 Chr. xiv. 11, &c.

¹¹ Or, land

¹² Or, black cummin (*Nigella arvensis*)

¹³ Or, And he traineth each of them aright: his God doth teach him

¹⁴ Or, Is bread corn crushed? Nay, he will not ever be threshing it, and driving his cart wheels and his horses over it: he doth not crush it

¹⁵ Or, effectual working

¹⁶ Or, Woe to

¹⁷ That is, The lion of God, or, The hearth of God.

¹⁸ Or, yet

¹⁹ Or, chirp

²⁰ Heb. strange one.

²¹ Or, There shall be a visitation from the Lord &c.

he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.

9 ¹Tarry ye and wonder; ²take your pleasure and be blind: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. For the LORD hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed ³your eyes, the prophets; and your heads, the seers, hath he covered. 11 And all vision is become unto you as the words of a ⁴book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that ⁵is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot, for it is sealed: 12 and the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

13 And the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw nigh unto me, and with their mouth and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear of me is a commandment of men which 14 hath been ⁶taught them: therefore, behold, I will ⁷proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, even a marvellous work and a wonder: and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid.

15 Woe unto them that seek deep to hide their counsel from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us?

16 ⁸Ye turn things upside down! Shall the potter be counted as clay; that the thing made should say of him that made it, He made me not; or the thing framed say of him that framed

17 it, He hath no understanding? Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be counted

18 for a forest? And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of ⁹the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity and out of darkness. The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.

20 For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner ceaseth, and all they that watch for iniquity are

21 cut off: that ¹⁰make a man an offender in a cause, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just with a thing of nought.

22 Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale. ¹¹But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in

the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name; yea, they shall sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall stand in awe of the God of Israel. They also that err in spirit ¹²shall come to understanding, and they that murmur shall learn ¹³doctrine.

30 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the LORD, that take counsel, but not of me; and that ¹⁴cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: that walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to ¹⁵strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. For his princes are at Zoan, and his ambassadors are come to Hanes. They shall all be ashamed of a people that cannot profit them, that are not an help nor profit, but a shame, and also a reproach.

6 The ¹⁶burden of the beasts of the South.

Through the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent, they carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the bunches of camels, to a people that shall not profit them.

7 For Egypt helpeth in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I ¹⁷called her Rahab that sitteth still. Now go, write it before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time

9 to come ¹⁸for ever and ever. For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the ¹⁹law of the LORD: which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth

11 things, prophecy deceits: get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease

12 from before us. Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and stay there-

13 on; therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking

14 cometh suddenly at an instant. And he shall break it as a potter's vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing; so that there shall not be found among the pieces thereof a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water withal out of the cistern.

15 For thus said the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and

16 ye would not. But ye said, No, for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon

1 Or, Be ye amazed
2 Or, blind yourselves and be blind
3 Or, your eyes; the prophets, and &c.
4 Or, writing
5 Heb. knoweth writing (or letters).

6 Or, learned by rote
7 Or, again do Heb. add to do.

8 Or, O your perversity!

9 Or, a book or writing

10 Or, make men to offend by their words

11 Or, But when his children see &c.

12 Heb. shall know understanding
13 Or, instruction
14 Or, a snare
15 Or, power out of a drink offering (or, make a longer)
16 Or, the strong hold of Pharaoh

16 Or, oracle concerning

17 Or, cried concerning this. They are but arrogancy: he still
18 Or, according to some ancient authorities, for a witness for ever
19 Or, teaching

the swift; therefore shall they that
 17 pursue you be swift. One thousand
 shall flee at the rebuke of one; at the
 rebuke of five shall ye flee: till ye be
 left as ¹a beacon upon the top of a
 mountain, and as an ensign on an hill.
 18 And therefore will the Lord wait,
 that he may be gracious unto you,
 and therefore will he be exalted, that
 he may have mercy upon you: for the
 Lord is a God of judgement; blessed
 are all they that wait for him.
 19 For ²the people shall dwell in Zion
 at Jerusalem: thou shalt weep no
 more; he will surely be gracious unto
 thee at the voice of thy cry; when he
 20 shall hear, he will answer thee. ³And
 though the Lord give you the bread of
 adversity and the water of affliction,
 yet shall not thy ⁴teachers ⁵be hidden
 any more, but thine eyes shall see thy
 21 ⁴teachers: and thine ears shall hear a
 word behind thee, saying, This is the
 way, walk ye in it; when ye turn to
 the right hand, and when ye turn to
 22 the left. And ye shall defile the over-
 laying of thy graven images of silver,
 and the plating of thy molten images
 of gold: thou shalt ⁶cast them away
 as an ⁷unclean thing; thou shalt say
 23 unto it, Get thee hence. And he shall
 give the rain of thy seed, that thou
 shalt sow the ground withal; and bread
 of the increase of the ground, and it
 shall be fat and plenteous: in that day
 shall thy cattle feed in large pastures.
 24 The oxen likewise and the young asses
 that till the ground shall eat ⁸savoury
 provender, which hath been winnowed
 with the shovel and with the fan.
 25 And there shall be upon every lofty
 mountain, and upon every high hill,
 rivers and streams of waters, in the
 day of the great slaughter, when the
 26 towers fall. Moreover the light of the
 moon shall be as the light of the sun,
 and the light of the sun shall be seven-
 fold, as the light of seven days, in the
 day that the Lord bindeth up the hurt
 of his people, and healeth the stroke
 of their wound.
 27 Behold, the name of the Lord
 cometh from far, burning with his
 anger, and in thick rising smoke: his
 lips are full of indignation, and his
 28 tongue is as a devouring fire: and his
 breath is as an overflowing stream,
 that reacheth even unto the neck, to sift
 the nations with the sieve of ⁹vanity:
 and a bridle that causeth to err shall
 29 be in the jaws of the peoples. Ye
 shall have a song as in the night ¹⁰when
 a holy feast is kept; and gladness of
 heart, as when one goeth with a pipe
 to come into the mountain of the
 30 Lord, to the Rock of Israel. And the
 Lord shall cause his glorious voice to
 be heard, and shall shew the lighting
 down of his arm, with the indignation

of his anger, and the flame of a de-
 31 vouring fire, with ¹¹a blast, and tem-
 pest, and hailstones. For through the
 voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian
 be broken in pieces, ¹²which smote
 32 with a rod. And every ¹³stroke of the
¹⁴appointed staff, which the Lord shall
 lay upon him, shall be with tabrets
 and harps: and in battles of shaking
 33 will he fight with them. For ¹⁵a To-
 pheth is prepared of old; yea, for the
 king it is made ready; he hath made
 it deep and large: the pile thereof is
 fire and much wood; the breath of the
 Lord, like a stream of brimstone, doth
 kindle it.

31 Woe to them that go down to Egypt
 for help, and stay on horses; and trust
 in chariots, because they are many,
 and in horsemen, because they are
 very strong; but they look not unto
 the Holy One of Israel, neither seek
 2 the Lord! Yet he also is wise, and
 will bring evil, and will not call back
 his words: but will arise against the
 house of the evil-doers, and against the
 3 help of them that work iniquity. Now
 the Egyptians are men, and not God;
 and their horses flesh, and not spirit:
 and when the Lord shall stretch out
 his hand, both he that helpeth shall
 stumble, and he that is holpen shall
 fall, and they all shall fail together.
 4 For thus saith the Lord unto me, Like
 as when the lion growleth and the
 young lion over his prey, if a multi-
 tude of shepherds be called forth
 against him, he will not be dis-
 mayed at their voice, nor abase him-
 self for the noise of them: so shall
 the Lord of hosts come down to fight
 5 upon mount Zion, and ¹⁶upon the
 hill thereof. As birds flying, so will
 the Lord of hosts protect Jerusalem;
 he will protect and deliver it, he will
 6 pass over and preserve it. Turn ye
 unto him ¹⁷from whom ¹⁸ye have deep-
 ly revolted, O children of Israel. For
 in that day they shall cast away every
 man his idols of silver, and his idols
 of gold, which your own hands have
 8 made unto you for a sin. Then shall
 the Assyrian fall with the sword, not
 of man; and the sword, not of men,
 shall devour him: and he shall flee
 from the sword, and his young men
 9 shall become tributary. And his rock
 shall pass away by reason of terror,
 and his princes shall be dismayed at
 the ensign, saith the Lord, whose fire is in
 Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

32 Behold, a king shall reign in right-
 eousness, and princes shall rule in
 2 judgement. And a man shall be as an
 hiding place from the wind, and a
 covert from the tempest; as rivers of
 water in a dry place, as the shadow of a

¹ Or, a snail

² Or, O people that dwell in Zion at Jerusalem

³ Or, And the Lord will give you, and thy teachers shall not be hidden

⁴ Or, teacher
⁵ Or, his
⁶ Or, his

⁷ Heb. accuser.
⁸ Heb. provender.

⁹ Heb. vanity.

¹⁰ Or, destruction

¹¹ Or, when a feast is hallowed

¹¹ Or, crashing

¹² Or, with his rod shall he smite him

¹³ Heb. passing.

¹⁴ Or, staff of doom

(Heb. foundation)

¹⁵ See

¹⁶ Kings xliii. 10.

Jer. vii. 31

¹⁸ Or, against

¹⁷ Or, from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted
¹⁸ Heb. they.

3 great rock in a weary land. And the eyes of them that see shall not be dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. The heart also of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. The vile person shall be no more called liberal, nor the churl said to be bountiful. For the vile person will speak villany, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise profaneness, and to utter error against the LORD, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. The instruments also of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the meek with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. But the liberal deviseth liberal things; and in liberal things shall he continue.

9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease, and hear my voice; ye careless daughters, give ear unto my speech. 10 For days beyond a year shall ye be troubled, ye careless women: for the vintage shall fail, the ingathering shall not come. Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones: strip you, and make you bare, and gird sackcloth upon your loins. 12 They shall smite upon the breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city: for the palace shall be forsaken; the populous city shall be deserted; the hill and the watch-tower shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks; until the spirit be poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness become a fruitful field, and the fruitful field be counted for a forest. 16 Then judgement shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness shall abide in the fruitful field. And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and confidence for ever. And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places. But it shall hail, in the downfall of the forest; and the city shall be utterly laid low. Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth the feet of the ox and the ass.

33 Woe to thee that spoilest, and thou wast not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! When thou hast ceased to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; and when thou hast made an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee. O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation

8 also in the time of trouble. At the noise of the tumult the peoples are fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations are scattered. And your spoil shall be gathered as the caterpillar gathereth: as locusts leap shall they leap upon it. The LORD is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with judgement and righteousness. 12 And there shall be stability in thy times, abundance of salvation, wisdom and knowledge: the fear of the LORD is his treasure.

7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without: the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly. The high ways lie waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: he hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth not man. The land mourneth and languisheth: Lebanon is ashamed and withereth away: Sharon is like a desert; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves. 10 Now will I arise, saith the LORD; now will I lift up myself; now will I be exalted. Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath is a fire that shall devour you. And the peoples shall be as the burnings of lime: as thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire.

13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling hath surprised the godless ones. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil; he shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: his bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold a far stretching land. Thine heart shall muse on the terror: where is he that counted, where is he that weighed the tribute? where is he that counted the towers? Thou shalt not see the fierce people, a people of a deep speech that thou canst not perceive; of a strange tongue that thou canst not understand. Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tent that shall not be removed, the stakes whereof shall never be plucked up, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. But there the LORD will be with us in majesty, a place of broad rivers and streams; wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. For the LORD is

13 Or, and abundance of salvation wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times

14 Or, the Arabah

15 Or, proud

16 Or, a land that is more far off Heb. a land of hands a far distance

17 Or, the terrible
18 Or, screaming

19 Or, at feasts

20 Or, but in the place... streams there shall go etc.

1 Or, closed

2 Heb. easily

3 Or, fool

4 Sam. xiv. 25

5 Or, noble

6 Or, crafty

7 Or, folly

8 Or, poor

9 Or, by liberal things shall he stand

10 Heb. confident

11 Or, After a year and days

12 Heb. Days above a year

13 Or, put a girdle upon

14 Or, Ophel

our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us.
 23 Thy tacklings are loosed; they could not strengthen the foot of their mast, they could not spread the sail: then was the prey of a great spoil divided;
 24 the lame took the prey. And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

34 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye peoples: let the earth hear, and the fulness thereof; the world, and all things that come forth of it.

2 For the Lord hath indignation against all the nations, and fury against all their host: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the

3 slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and the stink of their carcases shall come up, and the mountains shall

4 be melted with their blood. And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fade away, as the leaf fadeth from

5 off the vine, and as a fading leaf from the fig tree. For my sword hath drunk its fill in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon the people

6 of my curse, to judgement. The sword of the Lord is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the Lord hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaugh-

7 ter in the land of Edom. And the wild-oxen shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be drunken with blood, and

8 their dust made fat with fatness. For it is the day of the Lord's vengeance, the year of recompence in the consp-

9 troversy of Zion. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become

10 burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for

11 ever and ever. But the pelican and the porcupine shall possess it; and the owl and the raven shall dwell therein: and he shall stretch over it the line of

12 confusion, and the plummet of emptiness. They shall call the nobles thereof to the kingdom, but none shall be there; and all her princes shall be

13 nothing. And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and thistles in the fortresses thereof: and it shall be an habitation of jackals, a court for

14 ostriches. And the wild beasts of the desert shall meet with the wolves, and the satyr shall cry to his fellow; yea,

the night-monster shall settle there,

15 and shall find her a place of rest. There shall the arrowsnake make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow: yea, there shall the kites be gathered, every one with her mate.

16 Seek ye out of the book of the Lord, and read: no one of these shall be missing, none shall want her mate: for my mouth it hath commanded, and

17 his spirit it hath gathered them. And he hath cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it unto them by line: they shall possess it for ever, from generation to generation shall they dwell therein.

35 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.

2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon: they shall see the glory of the Lord, the excellency of our God.

3 Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompence of God; he will come and save you.

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams

7 in the desert. And the glowing sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water: in the habitation of jackals, where they lay, shall

8 be grass with reeds and rushes. And an high way shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the way-faring men, yea fools, shall not err there-

9 in. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up thereon, they shall not be found there; but the re-

10 deemed shall walk there: and the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

36 Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fenced cities of Judah,

2 and took them. And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem unto king Hezekiah with a great army. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool in the high way of the fuller's field. Then came forth unto him Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, which was over the household,

10 Or, throughout land
 11 Or, autumn
 12 Heb. crocus
 See Cant. II. 1.

12 Or, tottering
 13 Heb. hairy
 14 Or, behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompence of God; he will come and save you.
 15 Or, behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompence of God; he will come and save you.
 16 Or, a court for reeds &c.
 17 Or, for he shall be with them &c.
 18 Or, and he shall walk in the way for them, and fools &c.

16 Or, a court for reeds &c.
 See ch. xxxiv. 13.

17 Or, for he shall be with them &c.
 Or, and he shall walk in the way for them, and fools &c.

18 See 2 Kings xviii. 13, 17, &c.
 19 Heb. Sennacherib.

20 The title of an Assyrian officer.

1 Heb. devoted.

2 Or, mouldering away

3 Heb. despoiling, or, burn.

4 Or, bittern

5 Heb. stones.

6 Or, as for her nobles, none shall be there to proclaim the kingdom

7 Heb. howling creatures.

8 Or, he-goat

9 Heb. litter.

1 Or,
secret-
ary
2 Or,
chron-
icler

and Shebna the ¹scribe, and Joah the
4 son of Asaph the ²recorder. And Rab-
shakeh said unto them, Say ye now to
Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king,
the king of Assyria, What confidence
5 is this wherein thou trustest? I say,
thy counsel and strength for the war
are but vain words: now on whom
dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled
6 against me? Behold, thou trustest up-
on the staff of this bruised reed, even
upon Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it
will go into his hand, and pierce it: so
is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that
7 trust on him. But if thou say unto
me, We trust in the LORD our God: is
not that he, whose high places and
whose altars Hezekiah hath taken
away, and hath said to Judah and to
Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this
8 altar? Now therefore, I pray thee,
9 give pledges to my master the king
of Assyria, and I will give thee two
thousand horses, if thou be able on thy
10 part to set riders upon them. How
then canst thou turn away the face
of one captain of the least of my
master's servants, and put thy trust
on Egypt for chariots and for horse-
11 men? And am I now come up without
the LORD against this land to destroy
it? The LORD said unto me, Go up
12 against this land, and destroy it. Then
said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah
unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee,
unto thy servants in the ⁴Syrian lan-
guage; for we understand it: and speak
not to us in the Jews' language, in the
ears of the people that are on the wall.
13 But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master
sent me to thy master, and to thee, to
speak these words? *hath he not sent*
me to the men that sit upon the wall,
to eat their own dung, and to drink
14 their own water with you? Then Rab-
shakeh stood, and cried with a loud
voice in the Jews' language, and said,
Hear ye the words of the great king,
the king of Assyria. Thus saith the
king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you;
for he shall not be able to deliver you:
15 neither let Hezekiah make you trust
in the LORD, saying, The LORD will
surely deliver us; this city shall not be
given into the hand of the king of As-
16 syria. Hearken not to Hezekiah: for
thus saith the king of Assyria, ⁵Make
your peace with me, and come out to
me; and eat ye every one of his vine,
and every one of his fig tree, and drink
ye every one the waters of his own cis-
17 tern: until I come and take you away
to a land like your own land, a land of
corn and wine, a land of bread and
18 vineyards. Beware lest Hezekiah per-
suade you, saying, The LORD will de-
liver us. Hath any of the gods of the
nations delivered his land out of the
19 hand of the king of Assyria? Where

3 Or,
make a
miser with

4 Heb.
Aram-
ean.

5 Heb.
Make
with me a
bless-
ing.

are the gods of Hamath and Arpad?
where are the gods of Sepharvaim?
and have they delivered Samaria out
20 of my hand? Who are they among all
the gods of these countries, that have
delivered their country out of my hand,
that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem
21 out of my hand? But they held their
peace, and answered him not a word:
for the king's commandment was, say-
22 ing, Answer him not. Then came
Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, that was
over the household, and Shebna the
scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the
recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes
rent, and told him the words of Rab-
shakeh.

37 ⁶And it came to pass, when king
Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his
clothes, and covered himself with sack-
cloth, and went into the house of the
2 LORD. And he sent Eliakim, who was
over the household, and Shebna the
scribe, and the elders of the priests,
covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the
3 prophet the son of Amos. And they
said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah,
This day is a day of trouble, and of
rebuke, and of contumely: for the
children are come to the birth, and
there is not strength to bring forth.
4 It may be the LORD thy God will hear
the words of Rabshakeh, ⁷whom the
king of Assyria his master hath sent
to reproach the living God, and will
rebuke the words which the LORD thy
God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy
5 prayer for the remnant that is left. So
the servants of king Hezekiah came to
6 Isaiah. And Isaiah said unto them,
Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus
saith the LORD, Be not afraid of the
words that thou hast heard, wherewith
the servants of the king of Assyria
7 have blasphemed me. Behold, I will
put a spirit in him, and he shall hear
a rumour, and shall return unto his
own land; and I will cause him to fall
by the sword in his own land.
8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found
the king of Assyria warring against
Libnah: for he had heard that he was
9 departed from Lachish. And he heard
say concerning Tirhakah king of Ethio-
pia, He is come out to fight against
thee. And when he heard it, he sent
10 messengers to Hezekiah, saying, Thus
shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of
Judah, saying, Let not thy God in
whom thou trustest deceive thee, say-
ing, Jerusalem shall not be given into
11 the hand of the king of Assyria. Be-
hold, thou hast heard what the kings
of Assyria have done to all lands, by
12 destroying them utterly: and shalt
thou be delivered? Have the gods of
the nations delivered them, which my
fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and
Haran, and Rezech, and the children of

6 See
2 Kings
xix.

7 Or,
where
with the
king of
Assyria
... hath
sent him

8 Heb.
destroying
them.

13 Eden which were in Telassar? Where is the king of Hamath, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and ¹Ivvah?

14 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. And Hezekiah prayed

15 unto the LORD, saying, O LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, that ²sitteth upon the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven

16 and earth. Incline thine ear, O LORD, and hear; open thine eyes, O LORD, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God. Of a truth, LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the countries, and their land,

17 and have cast their gods into the fire: for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone; therefore they have destroyed them. Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only.

18 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib

19 king of Assyria, this is the word which the LORD hath spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken

20 her head ³at thee. Whom hast thou reproached and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel.

21 By thy servants hast thou reproached the LORD, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice ⁴fir trees thereof: and I will enter into his farthest height, the forest of his fruitful field.

22 I have digged and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet will I dry up

23 all the rivers of ⁵Egypt. Hast thou not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that thou shouldst be to lay waste fenced cities

24 into ruinous heaps. Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as the grass of the field, and as the green herb, as the grass on the housetops, and as ⁶a field of corn before

25 it be grown up. But I know thy sitting down, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy raging against me.

26 Because of thy raging against me, and

for that ⁷thine arrogancy is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way

27 by which thou camest. And this shall be the sign unto thee: ye shall eat this year that which growth of itself, and in the second year that which springeth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. And ⁸the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward. For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and out of mount Zion they that shall escape: the zeal of the LORD of hosts

28 shall perform this. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come unto this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come before it with shield, nor

29 cast a mount against it. By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and he shall not come unto

30 this city, saith the LORD. For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

31 And the angel of the LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when men arose early in the morning, behold, they

32 were all dead corpses. So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh.

33 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

34 ⁹In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Set thine house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto

35 the LORD, and said, Remember now, O LORD, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And

36 Hezekiah wept sore. Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying,

37 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith the LORD, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy

38 days fifteen years. And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria: and I will defend

39 this city. And this shall be the sign unto thee from the LORD, that the LORD will do this thing that he hath

40 spoken: behold, I will cause the shadow on the steps, which is gone down on the

¹ In 2 Kings xvii. 34, Aven.

² Or, dwelleth between

³ Heb. after.

⁴ Or,ypress

⁵ Or, defence
xix. 26, Massor.
See ch. xix. 6.

⁶ In 2 Kings xix. 26, corn blasted.

⁷ Or, thy cariousness

⁸ Heb. the escaped of the house of Judah that remain.

⁹ See 2 Kings xx. 1, &c.

¹ Heb. steps.
² Or, by
³ Or, by which steps it
etc.

⁴ Or, tranquillity
⁵ Heb. school.

⁶ Heb. Jah.

⁷ Or, when I am among them that have ceased to be

⁸ Or, habitation
⁹ Heb. thrum.
¹⁰ Or, I thought until mourning, As a lion, so will he break etc.

¹¹ Or, as in solemn procession See Ps. xli. 4.

¹² Or, As wilt thou recover me

¹³ Heb. Thou hast loved my soul from the pit.
¹⁴ Or, nothingness

¹⁵ See 2 Kings xx. 7, 8.

¹ dial of Ahaz ² with the sun, to return backward ten steps. So the sun returned ten steps ³ on the dial whereon it was gone down.

⁹ The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness.

¹⁰ I said, In the ⁴noontide of my days I shall go into the gates of ⁵the grave:
I am deprived of the residue of my years.

¹¹ I said, I shall not see ⁶the LORD, even ⁶the LORD in the land of the living:

I shall behold man no more ⁷with the inhabitants of the world.

¹² Mine ⁸age is removed, and is carried away from me as a shepherd's tent: I have rolled up like a weaver my life; he will cut me off from the ⁹loom: From day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

¹³ ¹⁰I quieted myself until morning; as a lion, so he breaketh all my bones: From day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

¹⁴ Like a swallow or a crane, so did I chatter; I did mourn as a dove: mine eyes fail with looking upward; O LORD, I am oppressed, be thou my surety.

¹⁵ What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it:

I shall go ¹¹softly all my years because of the bitterness of my soul.

¹⁶ O Lord, by these things men live, And wholly therein is the life of my spirit:

¹² Wherefore recover thou me, and make me to live.

¹⁷ Behold, it was for my peace that I had great bitterness:

But ¹³thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of ¹⁴corruption;

For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

¹⁸ For ⁵the grave cannot praise thee, death cannot celebrate thee: They that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.

¹⁹ The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day:

The father to the children shall make known thy truth.

²⁰ The LORD is ready to save me: Therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments

All the days of our life in the house of the LORD.

²¹ ¹⁵Now Isaiah had said, Let them take a cake of figs, and lay it for a plaister upon the boil, and he shall recover. Hezekiah also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the LORD?

³⁹ ¹⁶At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah: for he heard that he had been sick,

²and was recovered. And Hezekiah was glad of them, and shewed them the house of his ¹⁷precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil, and all the house of his ¹⁸armour, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing in his house, nor in all his dominion, that

³Hezekiah shewed them not. Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. Then said he, What have they seen in thine house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in mine house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures

⁴that I have not shewed them. Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the ⁶word of the LORD of hosts. Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing

⁷shall be left, saith the LORD. And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, which thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon.

⁸Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

⁴⁰ Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye ¹⁹comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her ²⁰warfare is accomplished, that her ²¹iniquity is pardoned; that she hath received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³ The voice of one ²²that crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of the LORD, make ²³straight in the desert a high way for our God. Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low: and ²⁴the crooked shall be made straight, and ²⁵the rough places ²⁶plain: and the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the month

⁶of the LORD hath spoken it. The voice of one saying, Cry. And ²⁶one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: the grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the breath of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the

⁸people is grass. The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

⁹ ²⁷O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up into the high

¹⁶ See 2 Kings xx. 12, etc.

¹⁷ Or, epicure

¹⁸ Or, jewels

¹⁹ Heb. to the heart of
²⁰ Or, time of service

²¹ Or, punishment is accomplished See Lev. xxvi. 4

²² Or, that crieth in the wilderness. Prepare ye the way etc.

²³ Or, level

²⁴ Or, the waters shall be made level

²⁵ Or, a plain

²⁶ The Sept. and Vulgate have I said.

²⁷ Or, O Zion, that bringest good tidings

1 Or, O Jerusalem, thou bringest tidings

mountain; ¹ O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold, your God! Behold, the Lord God will come as a mighty one, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his recompence before him. He shall feed his flock like a shepherd, he shall gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that give suck.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? Who hath directed the spirit of the Lord, or being his counsellor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgement, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding? Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt offering. All the nations are as nothing before him; they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity. To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? The graven image, a workman melted it, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth for it silver chains. He that is too impoverished for such an oblation chooseth a tree that will not rot; he seeketh unto him a cunning workman to set up a graven image, that shall not be moved. Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: that bringeth princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Yea, they have not been planted; yea, they have not been sown; yea, their stock hath not taken root in the earth: moreover he bloweth upon them, and they wither, and the whirlwind taketh them away as stubble. To whom then will ye liken me, that I should be equal to him? saith the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and for that he is strong in power, not one is lacking.

2 Or, moved out

3 Or, the isles are as the fine dust that is lifted up

4 Or, as a thing of nought
5 Or, confusion

6 Or, prepare

7 Or, understood the foundations

8 Or, above

9 Or, passus

10 Or, scowes are they planted, since are they sown, scowes hath their stock taken root in the earth, when he bloweth upon them &c.

11 Or, and see: who hath created these I be that &c.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from the Lord, and my judgement is passed away from my God? Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; there is no searching to his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint.

41 Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the peoples renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgement. Who hath raised up one from the east, whom he calleth in righteousness to his foot? he giveth nations before him, and maketh him rule over kings; he giveth them as the dust to his sword, as the driven stubble to his bow. He pursueth them, and passeth on safely; even by a way that he had not gone with his feet. Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord, the first, and with the last, I am he. The isles saw, and feared; the ends of the earth trembled: they drew near, and came. They helped every one his neighbour; and every one said to his brother, Be of good courage. So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheneth with the hammer him that smiteth the anvil, saying of the soldering, It is good: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved.

8 But thou, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend; thou whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the corners thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant, I have chosen thee and not cast thee away; fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Behold, all they that are incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they that strive with thee shall be as nothing, and shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contend with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm Jacob,

12 Or, the Lord is an everlasting God, the Creator ... he fainteth not &c.

13 Or, whom righteousnesse calleth to his foot
Or, whom righteousness smiteth whither-soever he goeth
14 Or, he maketh as the dust their sword, as the driven stubble their bow

15 Or, look not around thee

1 Or,
thy re-
deemer,
the Holy
One &c.

and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and ¹thy redeemer is 15 the Holy One of Israel. Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as 16 chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, thou shalt glory in the Holy One of Is- 17 rael. The poor and needy seek water and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst; I the LORD will answer them, I the God of Israel will 18 not forsake them. I will open rivers on the bare heights, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and 19 the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia tree, and the myrtle, and the ²oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, the ³pine, and the ⁴box tree 20 together: that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

1 Or,
oleaster
2 Or,
plane
3 Or,
cypress

21 Produce your cause, saith the LORD; bring forth your strong reasons, saith 22 the King of Jacob. Let them bring them forth, and declare unto us what shall happen: declare ye the former things, what they be, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or shew us things for to 23 come. Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may ⁴be dismayed, and 24 behold it together. Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work of nought: an abomination is he that chooseth you.

4 Or, look
one upon
another

25 I have raised up one from the north, and he is come; from the rising of the sun one that calleth upon my name: and he shall come upon ⁵rulers as upon mortar, and as the potter treadeth 26 clay. Who hath declared it from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, *He is* righteous? yea, there is none that declareth, yea, there is none that sheweth, yea, there is none that heareth your 27 words. *I first will say* unto Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringeth good 28 tidings. And when I look, there is no man; even among them there is no counsellor, that, when I ask of them, can 29 answer a word. ⁷Behold, all of them, their works are vanity and nought: their molten images are wind and confusion.

5 Or,
deputies

7 Or,
Behold,
they are
all vani-
ty; their
works
are
nought

42 Behold my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him; he shall bring forth judgement to

2 the ⁸Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in 3 the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the ⁹smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgement in truth. He shall not ¹⁰fail nor be ¹¹discouraged, till he have set judgement in the earth; and the isles shall 5 wait for his law. Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them forth; he that spread abroad the earth and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them 6 that walk therein: I the LORD have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will ¹²keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the 7 people, for a light of the Gentiles; to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison 8 house. I am the LORD; that is my name: and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise unto graven images. 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare: before they spring forth I tell you of them. 10 Sing unto the LORD a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth; ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein, the isles, and the in- 11 habitants thereof. Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up *their voice*, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit; let the inhabitants of ¹³Sela sing, let them shout from the top of 12 the mountains. Let them give glory unto the LORD, and declare his praise 13 in the islands. The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man; he shall stir up ¹⁴jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, he shall shout aloud; he shall do mightily against his enemies. 14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: *now* will I cry out like a travail- ing woman; I will ¹⁵gasp and pant 15 together. I will make waste mount- ains and hills, and dry up all their herbs; and I will make the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools. 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; in paths that they know not will I lead them: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things will I do, 17 ¹⁶and I will not forsake them. They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say unto molten images, Ye are our gods.

8 Or,
regions
(and else-
where)
9 Or,
dimly
burning
wick
10 Or,
have
dimly
11 Or,
bruised

12 Or,
form

13 See ch
xvi. 1

14 Or,
soul

15 Or,
dosty
and
dewy

16 Or, and
will not
forsake

17 Or,
made
perfect
Or,
recom-
pensed

18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, 19 that ye may see. Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I send? who is blind as he that is ¹⁷at peace with me, and blind as the 20 LORD's servant? Thou seest many things, but thou observest not; his ears

1 Or,
make the
teaching
great
and
glorious

3 Or,
teaching

3 Or,
thou hast
been
honour-
able &c.

1 Or,
gather
your-
selves
together,
all ye
nations

3 Or,
and that
they may
hear

21 are open, but he heareth not. It pleased the LORD, for his righteousness' sake, to ¹magnify the law, and ²²make it honourable. But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore. Who is there among you that will give ear to this? that will hearken and hear for ²⁴the time to come? Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD? he against whom we have sinned, and in whose ways they would not walk, neither were they ²⁵obedient unto his law. Therefore he poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

⁴³ But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine.

² When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall ³the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy saviour; I have given Egypt as thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for ⁴thee. Since thou hast been precious in my sight, ⁵and honourable, and I have loved thee; therefore will I give men for thee, and peoples for thy life.

⁵ Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and ⁶gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back; bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the end of ⁷the earth; every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory; I have formed him; ⁸yea, I have made him. Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and ⁹the deaf that have ears. ⁴Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled: who among them can declare this, and shew us former things? let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified: ⁵or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

¹⁰ Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he; before me there was no God formed, neither shall ¹¹there be after me. I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

¹² I have declared, and I have saved, and I have shewed, and there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and I am

18 God. Yea, ⁶since the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who shall ⁷let it?

¹⁴ Thus saith the LORD, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and I will bring down ⁸all of them as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships of ¹⁵their rejoicing. I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your ¹⁶King. Thus saith the LORD, which maketh a way in the sea, and a path ¹⁷in the mighty waters; ⁹which bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they lie down together, they shall not rise; they are extinct, ¹⁸they are quenched as ¹⁰flax: Remember ye not the former things, neither ¹⁹sider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now shall it spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, ²⁰and rivers in the desert. The beasts of the field shall honour me, the jackals and the ostriches: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my ²¹chosen: the people which I formed for myself, ¹¹that they might set forth my ²²praise. Yet thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary ²³of me, O Israel. Thou hast not brought me the small cattle of thy burnt offerings; neither hast thou honoured me with thy sacrifices. I have not made thee to serve with ¹²offerings, nor ²⁴wearied thee with frankincense. Thou hast bought me no ¹³sweet cane with money, neither hast thou ¹⁴filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices: but thou hast made me to serve with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities. I, even I, am he that blot-²⁵teth out thy transgressions for mine own sake; and I will not remember ²⁶thy sins. Put me in remembrance; let us plead together: set thou forth ¹⁵thy cause, that thou mayest be justi-²⁷fied. Thy first father sinned, and thine ¹⁶interpreters have transgressed ²⁸against me. Therefore I ¹⁶will profane the ¹⁷princes of the sanctuary, and I ¹⁸will make Jacob a ¹⁹curse, and Israel ⁴⁴a reviling. Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have ²chosen: thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, who will help thee: Fear not, O Jacob my servant; and thou, Jeshurun, whom ³I have chosen. For I will pour water upon ³⁰him that is thirsty, and streams upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing ⁴upon thine offspring: and they shall spring up among the grass, as willows ⁵by the watercourses. One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall ²¹call himself by the name of Jacob;

8 Or,
from this
day forth
I &c.

7 Or,
renewed

8 Or, an
other-
wise
read
all their
nobles,
even &c.

9 Or,
which
power:
They
shall lie
&c.

10 Or,
a wick

11 Or,
they
shall set
forth

12 Or,
a meal
offering
13 Or,
minimus
14 Or,
satiated

15 Or,
ambas-
sadors

16 Or,
have
pro-
faned

17 Or,
holy
princes

18 Or,
have
made

19 Or,
devoted
thing

20 Or, the
thirsty
land

21 Or,
pro-
claim
the name

1 Or, write on his hand, unto the LORD

2 Or, give for a title the name of Israel

3 Or, And who, as I, can proclaim I let him declare it &c.

4 Or, declare unto them

5 Or, confusion

6 Or, all that join themselves thereto

7 Or, sharpened a tool

8 Or, red ochre

9 Or, an ash

10 Or, the half

11 Heb. daubed.

and another shall ¹subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and ²surname himself by the name of Israel.

6 Thus saith the LORD, the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts: I am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is no God.

7 ⁸And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and that shall come to pass, let them

8 declare. Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have I not declared unto thee of old, and shewed it? and ye are my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, there is no Rock; I know

9 not any. They that fashion a graven image are all of them ⁵vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit: and their own witnesses see not, nor know: that they may be ashamed.

10 Who hath fashioned a god, or molten a graven image that is profitable for

11 nothing? Behold, ⁶all his fellows shall be ashamed; and the workmen, they are of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; they shall fear, they shall be ashamed

12 together. The smith ⁷maketh an axe, and worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with his strong arm: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth; he drinketh

13 no water, and is faint. The carpenter stretcheth out a line; he marketh it out with ⁸a pencil; he shapeth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compasses, and shapeth it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man, to dwell in the

14 house. He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the holm tree and the oak, and strengtheneth for himself one among the trees of the forest: he planteth ⁹a fir tree, and the rain doth

15 nourish it. Then shall it be for a man to burn; and he taketh thereof, and warmeth himself; yea, he kindleth it, and baketh bread: yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth it; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down there-

16 to. He burneth ¹⁰part thereof in the fire; with ¹⁰part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth himself, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:

17 and the residue thereof he maketh a god, even his graven image: he falleth down unto it and worshippeth, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me;

18 for thou art my god. They know not, neither do they consider: for he hath ¹¹shut their eyes, that they cannot see; and their hearts, that they cannot

19 understand. And none calleth to mind, neither is there knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked

bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh and eaten it: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock

20 of a tree? He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, Is there not a lie in my right hand?

21 Remember these things, O Jacob; and Israel, for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, ¹²thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto

22 me; for I have redeemed thee. Sing, O ye heavens, for the LORD hath done it; shout, ye lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and will glorify himself in Israel.

24 Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb: I am the LORD, that maketh all things; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad

25 the earth; ¹³who is with me? that frustrateth the tokens of the ¹⁴liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh

26 their knowledge foolish: that confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith of Jerusalem, She shall be inhabited; and of the cities of Judah, They shall be built, and I will raise up

27 the waste places thereof: that saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers: that saith of ¹⁵Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying of Jerusalem, She shall be built; ¹⁶and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

45 Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him, and I will loose the loins of kings; to open the doors before him, and the

2 gates shall not be shut; I will go before thee, and make the rugged places plain: I will break in pieces the doors of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of

3 iron: and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I am the LORD, which call thee by thy name, even the God of Israel.

4 For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though

5 thou hast not known me. I am the LORD, and there is none else; beside me there is no God: I will gird thee, though thou hast not known me: that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me: I am the LORD, and

12 Some ancient versions have, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.

13 Another reading is, by myself.

14 Or, builders

15 Heb. Cyrus.

16 Or, and the foundation of the temple shall be laid.

7 there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness; I make peace, and create evil; I am the LORD, that doeth all these things.

8 Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, that they may ¹bring forth salvation, and let her cause righteousness to spring up together; I the LORD have created it.

9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! a potsherd among the potsherd of the earth! Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?

10 Woe unto him that saith unto a father, What begettest thou? or to a woman,

11 With what travailest thou? Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: Ask me of the things that are to come; concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, com-

12 mand ye me. I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.

13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let my exiles go free, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.

14 Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and the merchandise of Ethiopia, and the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine; they shall go after thee; in chains they shall come over: and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is

15 none else, there is no God. Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of

16 Israel, the Saviour. They shall be ashamed, yea, confounded, all of them: they shall go into confusion together

17 that are makers of idols. But Israel shall be saved by the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.

18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; he is God; that formed the earth and made it; he established it, he created it not ²a waste, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD;

19 and there is none else. I have not spoken in secret, in a place of the land of darkness; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me ³in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare

20 things that are right. Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a

21 god that cannot save. Declare ye, and ⁴bring it forth; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath shewed this from ancient time? who hath de-

clared it of old? have not I the LORD? and there is no God else beside me; a just God and a saviour; there is none

22 beside me. Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I

23 am God, and there is none else. By myself have I sworn, ⁵the word is gone

forth from my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me

every knee shall bow, every tongue

24 shall swear. Only in the LORD, ⁶shall one say 'unto me, is righteousness

and strength: even to him shall men come, and all they that were incensed

25 against him shall be ashamed. In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be

justified, and shall glory.

46 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth; their idols are upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: the things that ye

carried about are made a load, a burden

2 to the weary beast. They stoop, they bow down together; they could not

deliver the burden, but themselves are gone into captivity.

3 Harken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of

Israel, which have been borne by me from the belly, which have been carried

4 from the womb: and even to old age I am he, and even to hoar hairs will I

carry you: I have made, and I will bear; yea, I will carry, and will de-

5 liver. To whom will ye liken me, and make me equal, and compare me, that

6 we may be like? Such as lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the

balance, they hire a goldsmith, and he maketh it a god; they fall down, yea,

7 they worship. They bear him upon the shoulder, they carry him, and set

him in his place, and he standeth; from his place shall he not remove: yea,

one shall cry unto him, yet can he not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

8 Remember this, and ⁸shew yourselves men: bring it again to mind, O

9 ye transgressors. Remember the former things of old: ⁹for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and

10 there is none like me; declaring the end from the beginning, and from

ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel shall stand,

11 and I will do all my pleasure: calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man

of ¹⁰my counsel from a far country; yea, I have spoken, I will also bring

it to pass; I have purposed, I will also

12 do it. Harken unto me, ye stout-hearted, that are far from righteous-

13 ness: I bring near my righteousness, it shall not be far off, and my salvation

shall not tarry; and I will ¹¹place salvation in Zion for Israel's glory.

47 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou

¹ Or, be fruitful in salvation

² Or, in vain

³ Or, as waste

⁴ Or, bring them near

⁵ Or, righteousness is gone forth from my mouth, which shall not return
Or, the word is gone forth from a mouth of righteousness, and shall not return
⁶ Or, hath one said
⁷ Or, of

⁸ Or, as if fast

⁹ Or, that

¹⁰ Another reading is, his.

¹¹ Or, give salvation in Zion, and my glory unto Israel

shalt no more be called tender and delicate. Take the millstones, and grind meal: remove thy veil, strip off the train, uncover the leg, pass through the rivers. Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and will accept no man. Our redeemer, the LORD of hosts is his name, the Holy One of Israel. Sit thou silent, and get thee into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called The lady of kingdoms. I was wroth with my people, I profaned mine inheritance, and gave them into thine hand: thou didst shew them no mercy; upon the aged hast thou very heavily laid thy yoke. And thou saidst, I shall be a lady for ever: so that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, neither didst remember the latter end thereof. Now therefore hear this, thou that art given to pleasures, that dwellest carelessly, that sayest in thine heart, I am, and there is none else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: but these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: in their full measure shall they come upon thee, despite of the multitude of thy sorceries, and the great abundance of thine enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; thou hast said, None seeth me; thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee: and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and there is none else beside me. Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know the dawning thereof: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou knowest not. Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels: let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from the things that shall come upon thee. Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: it shall not be a coal to warm at, nor a fire to sit before. Thus shall the things be unto thee wherein thou hast laboured: they that have trafficked with thee from thy youth shall wander every one to his quarter; there shall be none to save thee. Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, which are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah; which swear by the

name of the LORD, and make mention of the God of Israel, but not in truth, nor in righteousness. For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; the LORD of hosts is his name. I have declared the former things from of old; yea, they went forth out of my mouth, and I shewed them: suddenly I did them, and they came to pass. Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow brass; therefore I have declared it to thee from of old; before it came to pass I shewed it thee: lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them. Thou hast heard it; behold all this; and ye, will ye not declare it? I have shewed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, which thou hast not known. They are created now, and not from of old; and before this day thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. Yea, thou heardest not; yea, thou knewest not; yea, from of old thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou didst deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb. For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. Behold, I have refined thee, but not as silver; I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction. For mine own sake, for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should my name be profaned? and my glory will I not give to another. Harken unto me, O Jacob, and Israel my called: I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. Yea, mine hand hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spread out the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together. Assemble yourselves, all ye, and hear; which among them hath declared these things? The LORD hath loved him: he shall perform his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. I, even I, have spoken; yea, I have called him: I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; from the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the LORD God hath sent me, and his spirit. Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: I am the LORD thy God, which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. Oh that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea: thy seed also had been as the sand, and the offspring of thy

¹ Or, make peace with Heb. meet.

² Or, situate securely

³ Or, amidst

⁴ Or, how to charm it away

⁵ Or, arise terror

⁶ Heb. dividers of the heavens.

⁷ Or, his own way

⁸ Or, I shew

⁹ Or, tried

¹⁰ Or, He whom the Lord loveth shall etc.

¹¹ Or, Oh that thou wouldst hearken to my voice, then should thy peace be etc.

¹ Or, that
of the
bowels
thereof

bowels like ¹the grains thereof: his name should not be cut off nor destroyed from before me.

20 Go ye forth of Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans; with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth: say ye, The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob.

21 And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts: he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them: he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out. There is no peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked.

49 Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye peoples, from far: the Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made

2 mention of my name: and he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me; and he hath made me a polished shaft, in his quiver hath he kept me

3 close: and he said unto me, Thou art my servant; Israel, in whom I will be glorified. But I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought and vanity: yet surely my judgement is with the Lord, and my

5 recompence with my God. And now saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, ²and that Israel

6 begathered unto him: (for I am honourable in the eyes of the Lord, and my God is become my strength:) yea, he saith, It is too light a thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the

preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, ³that thou mayest be my salvation unto the

end of the earth. Thus saith the Lord, the redeemer of Israel, and his Holy One, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a

servant of rulers: Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall worship; because of the Lord that is faithful, even the Holy One of Israel, who hath

8 chosen thee. Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I answered thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee: and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the

people, to ⁴raise up the land, to make them inherit the desolate heritages;

9 saying to them that are bound, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and on all bare heights shall

10 be their pasture. They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the ⁵heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide

11 them. And I will make all my mountains a way, and my high ways shall be exalted. Lo, these shall come from far:

and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of 18 Sinim. Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have compassion upon his afflicted.

14 But Zion said, Jehovah hath forsaken me, and the Lord hath forgotten

15 me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea,

these may forget, yet will not I forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon

the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. ⁶Thy children

make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of

18 thee. Lift up thine eyes round about, and behold: all these gather themselves together, and come to thee. As

I live, saith the Lord, thou shalt surely clothe thee with them all as with an ornament, and gird thyself with them,

19 like a bride. For, as for thy waste and thy desolate places and thy land that hath been destroyed, surely now shalt

thou be too strait for the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall

20 be far away. The children of thy bereavement shall yet say in thine ears, The place is too strait for me: give

21 place to me that I may dwell. Then shalt thou say in thine heart, Who hath

⁷begotten me these, seeing I have been bereaved of my children, and am ⁸solitary, an exile, and wandering to and fro? and who hath brought up these?

Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they?

22 Thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the nations, and set up my ensign to the peoples:

and they shall bring thy sons in their bosom, and thy daughters shall be

23 carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their faces

to the earth, and lick the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am

the Lord, and they that wait for me shall not be ashamed. Shall the prey

24 be taken from the ⁹mighty, or ¹⁰the law-ful captives be delivered? But thus

saith the Lord, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the

prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy

25 children. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and

all flesh shall know that I the Lord am thy saviour, and thy redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

50 Thus saith the Lord, Where is the bill of your mother's divorce:

⁶ According to some ancient authorities, Thy builders.

⁷ Or, borne
⁸ Or, barren

⁹ Heb. the captives of the just.
Or, as read by the Vulg. and Syr. the captives of the terrible

² Another reading is, but Israel is not grieved, yet shall I be etc.

³ Or, that my salvation may be

⁴ Or, establish the earth

⁵ Or, wrings
See ch. XXXV. 7.

ment, wherewith I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities were ye sold, and for your transgressions was your mother put away. Wherefore, when I came, was there no man? when I called, was there none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because there is no water, and dieth for thirst. I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

4 The Lord God hath given me the tongue of ¹them that are taught, that I should know how ²to sustain with words him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as ¹they that are taught. The Lord God hath opened mine ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away backward. I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God will help me; therefore have I not been confounded: therefore have I set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. He is near that justifieth me; who will contend with me? let us stand up together: who is mine adversary? let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord God will help me; who is he that shall condemn me? behold, they all shall wax old as a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

10 Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant? ²he that walketh in darkness, and hath no light, let him trust in the name of the Lord, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that gird yourselves about with firebrands: walk ye in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

51 Harken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye were digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him, and made him many. For the Lord hath comforted Zion: he hath comforted all her waste places, and hath made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4 Attend unto me, O my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I

will make my judgement to rest for a light of the peoples. My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth, and mine arms shall judge the peoples; the isles shall wait for me, and on mine arm shall they trust.

6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath: for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall wax old like a garment, and they that dwell therein shall die ⁴in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

7 Harken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye dismayed at their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation unto all generations.

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord; awake, as in the days of old, the generations of ancient times. Art thou not it that cut ⁵Rahab in pieces, that pierced the dragon?

10 Art thou not it which dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that made the depths of the sea a way for the redeemed to pass over? ⁶And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

12 I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou art afraid of man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; and hast forgotten the Lord thy Maker, that stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and fearest continually all the day because of the fury of the oppressor, ⁷when he maketh ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the

14 oppressor? ⁸The captive exile shall speedily be loosed; and he shall not die and go down into the pit, neither shall his bread fail. For I am the Lord thy God, which ⁹stirreth up the sea, that the waves thereof roar: the Lord of hosts is his name. And I have put my words in thy mouth, and have covered thee in the shadow of mine hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the bowl of the cup of staggering, and drained it. There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand

¹ Or, disciples
² Or, to speak a word in season to him etc.

³ Or, though he walketh

⁴ Or, perhaps, like grass

⁵ See ch. XXX. 7.

⁶ See ch. XXXV. 10.

⁷ Or, as though he made ready

⁸ Or, He that is bent down

⁹ Or, stirreth the sea, when the waves thereof roar

of all the sons that she hath brought
19 up. These two things are befalling
thee; who shall bemoan thee? desola-
tion and destruction, and the famine
and the sword; how shall I comfort
20 thee? Thy sons have fainted, they
lie at the top of all the streets, as an
antelope in a net; they are full of
the fury of the Lord, the rebuke of
21 thy God. Therefore hear now this,
thou afflicted, and drunken, but not
22 with wine: thus saith thy Lord the
Lord, and thy God that pleadeth the
cause of his people, Behold, I have
taken out of thine hand the cup of
staggering, even the bowl of the cup
of my fury; thou shalt no more drink
23 it again: and I will put it into the
hand of them that afflict thee; which
have said to thy soul, Bow down, that
we may go over: and thou hast laid
thy back as the ground, and as the
street, to them that go over.

52 Awake, awake, put on thy strength,
O Zion; put on thy beautiful gar-
ments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for
henceforth there shall no more come
into thee the uncircumcised and the
2 unclean. Shake thyself from the dust;
arise, sit thee down, O Jerusalem:
1 loose thyself from the bands of thy
neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For thus saith the Lord, Ye were
sold for nought; and ye shall be re-
deemed without money. For thus
saith the Lord God, My people went
down at the first into Egypt to sojourn
there: and the Assyrian oppressed
5 them without cause. Now therefore,
what do I here, saith the Lord, seeing
that my people is taken away for
nought? they that rule over them do
howl, saith the Lord, and my name
continually all the day is blasphemed.
6 Therefore my people shall know my
name: therefore *they shall know* in
that day that I am he that doth speak;
behold, ² it is I.

7 How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good
tidings, that publisheth peace, that
bringeth good tidings of good, that pub-
lisheth salvation: that saith unto Zion,
8 Thy God reigneth! The voice of thy
watchmen! they lift up the voice, to-
gether do they sing; for they shall see,
eye to eye, ³ when the Lord returneth
9 to Zion. Break forth into joy, sing
together, ye waste places of Jerusa-
lem: for the Lord hath comforted his
people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The Lord hath made bare his holy
arm in the eyes of all the nations; and
all the ends of the earth shall see the
11 salvation of our God. Depart ye, de-
part ye, go ye out from thence, touch
no unclean thing; go ye out of the
midst of her; be ye clean, ye that
12 bear the vessels of the Lord. For ye

shall not go out in haste, neither shall
ye go by flight: for the Lord will go
before you; and the God of Israel will
be your rearward.

18 Behold, my servant shall ⁴ deal wise-
ly, he shall be exalted and lifted up,
14 and shall be very high. Like as many
were astonished at thee, (his visage was
so marred ⁵ more than any man, and
his form more than the sons of men,) ⁶
15 so shall he ⁶ sprinkle many nations;
kings shall shut their mouths ⁷ at him:
for that which had not been told them
shall they see; and that which they
had not heard shall they ⁸ understand.

53 Who hath believed ⁹ our report?
and to whom hath the arm of the
2 Lord been revealed? For he grew up
before him as a tender plant, and as a
root out of a dry ground: he hath no
form nor comeliness; ¹⁰ and when we
see him, there is no beauty that we
3 should desire him. He was despised,
and ¹¹ rejected of men; a man of sor-
rows, and acquainted with ¹² grief: and
13 as one from whom men hide their
face he was despised, and we esteemed
him not.

4 Surely he hath borne our ¹⁴ griefs,
and carried our sorrows: yet we did
esteem him stricken, smitten of God,
5 and afflicted. But he was bruised for
our transgressions, he was wounded for
our iniquities: the chastisement of our
peace was upon him; and with his
6 stripes we are healed. All we like
sheep have gone astray; we have
turned every one to his own way; and
the Lord hath ¹⁵ laid on him the in-
iquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, yet he humbled
himself and opened not his mouth;
as a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and as a sheep that before her shearers
is dumb; yea, he opened not his mouth.

8 ¹⁶ By oppression and judgement he was
taken away; ¹⁷ and as for his genera-
tion, who among them considered that
he was cut off out of the land of the
living? for the transgression of my
9 people ¹⁸ was he stricken. And they
made his grave with the wicked, and
with the rich in his ¹⁹ death; ²⁰ although
he had done no violence, neither was
any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him;
he hath ²¹ put him to grief: ²² when thou
shalt make his soul ²³ an offering for sin,
he shall see his seed, he shall prolong
his days, and the pleasure of the Lord
11 shall prosper in his hand. ²⁴ He shall see
of the travail of his soul, and shall be
satisfied: by his knowledge shall my
righteous servant ²⁵ justify many: and
12 he shall bear their iniquities. There-
fore will I divide him a portion with
the great, and he shall divide the spoil
with the strong; because he poured out
his soul unto death, and was numbered

¹ Another
reading
is, the
bands
of thy
neck are
loosed.

² Or, here
I am

³ Or, how

⁴ Or,
prosper
⁵ Or,
from
that of
man, and
his
form
from
that
of the
sons of
men
⁶ Or,
stare
⁷ Or, be-
cause of
⁸ Or,
consider
⁹ Or, that
which we
have
heard
¹⁰ Or,
that we
should
look
upon
him, nor
beauti-
ful
etc.
¹¹ Or,
forsake-
n
¹² Heb.
sickness.
¹³ Or, he
hid as it
were his
face
from us
¹⁴ Heb.
sick-
ness.

¹⁵ Heb.
made to
light.
¹⁶ Or,
from
¹⁷ Or,
and his
life shall
be an
offering
for sin
for he
was cut
off etc.
¹⁸ Or, to
whom
the
stroke
was due
¹⁹ Heb.
death.
See Ezech.
xxviii.
8, 10.
²⁰ Or,
because
²¹ Heb.
made
him sick.
²² Or,
when his
soul shall
make an
offering
²³ Heb.
a guilt
offering.
²⁴ Or, He
shall see
and be
satisfied
with the
travail
etc.
²⁵ Or,
many
right-
eous

1 Or, maketh

with the transgressors: yet he bare the sin of many, and ¹made intercession for the transgressors.

54 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine habitations; spare not: lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes.

3 For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited. Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and the reproach of thy widowhood shalt thou remember no more.

5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of hosts is his name: and the Holy One of Israel is thy redeemer; the God of the whole earth shall he be called. For the Lord hath called thee as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off, saith thy God. For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.

8 In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the Lord thy redeemer. 9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me: for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee.

10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will set thy stones in fair colours, and lay thy foundations with sapphires.

12 And I will make thy pinnacles of rubies, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy border of pleasant stones.

13 And all thy children shall be taught of the Lord; and great shall be the peace of thy children. In righteousness shalt thou be established:

7 thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near thee.

15 Behold, they may gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall because of thee. Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the fire of coals, and bringeth forth a weapon for

his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. No weapon that is

formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgement thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and ¹¹their righteousness which is of me, saith the Lord.

55 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye ¹²spend money for that which is not bread? and your ¹³labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself

in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander to the peoples. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and a nation that knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6 Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater; so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto

12 I sent it. For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

56 Thus saith the Lord, Keep ye judgement, and do righteousness: for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. 2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that holdeth

11 Or, their righteousness is of me

12 Heb. weigh.
13 Or, earnings

14 Or, persons

2 Or, In a little wrath

3 Or, according to some ancient authorities, This is unto me as the days of Noah, when I swore &c.

4 Or, anti-mony See 1 Chr. xxi. 2

5 Or, windows
6 Or, disciples

7 Or, be thou far

8 Or, stir up strife

9 Or, shall fall away to thee

10 Or, its

fast by it; that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. Neither let the stranger, that hath joined himself to the Lord, speak, saying, The Lord will surely separate me from his people: neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. For thus saith the Lord of the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold fast by my covenant: Unto them will I give in mine house and within my walls a memorial and a name better than of sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off. Also the strangers, that join themselves to the Lord, to minister unto him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and holdeth fast by my covenant; even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar: for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all peoples. The Lord God which gathereth the outcasts of Israel saith, Yet will I gather others to him, beside his own that are gathered.

9 All ye beasts of the field, come to devour, yea, all ye beasts in the forest.

10 His watchmen are blind, they are all without knowledge; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; dreaming, lying down, loving to slumber. Yea, the dogs are greedy, they can never have enough; and these are shepherds that cannot understand: they have all turned to their own way, each one to his gain, from every quarter. Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to-morrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.

57 The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart; and merciful men are taken away, none considering that the righteous is taken away from the evil to come. He entereth into peace; they rest in their beds, each one that walketh in his uprightness.

8 But draw near hither, ye sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the whore. Against whom do ye sport yourselves? against whom make ye a wide mouth, and draw out the tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, ye that inflame yourselves among the oaks, under every green tree; that slay the children in the valleys, under the clefts of the rocks? Among the smooth stones of the valley is thy portion; they, they are thy lot: even to them hast thou poured a drink offering, thou hast offered an oblation. Shall I be

7 appeased for these things? Upon a high and lofty mountain hast thou set thy bed: thither also wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. And behind the doors and the posts hast thou set up thy memorial: for thou hast discovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. And thou wentest to the king with ointment, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thine ambassadors far off, and didst debase thyself even unto hell. Thou wast wearied with the length of thy way; yet saidst thou not, There is no hope: thou didst find a quickening of thy strength; therefore thou wast not faint. And of whom hast thou been afraid and in fear, that thou liest, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of long time, and thou fearest me not? I will declare thy righteousness; and as for thy works, they shall not profit thee. When thou criest, let them which thou hast gathered deliver thee; but the wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them all away: but he that putteth his trust in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.

14 And he shall say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumblingblock out of the way of my people.

15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth: for the spirit should fail before me, and the souls which I have made. For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth and smote him, I hid my face and was wroth: and he went on forwardly in the way of his heart. I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace, to him that is far off and to him that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him. But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

58 Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and declare unto my people their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet they seek me daily, and delight to know my ways: as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinance of their God, they ask of

1 Or, place Heb. hand.

2 Or, better than sons and daughters.
3 Heb. him.

4 Heb. to his gathered ones.
5 Or, come ye to devour all the beasts in the forest.

6 Or, one and all.

7 Or, goodly.

8 Or, through wickedness.

9 Or, straight before him.

10 Or, with idols.

11 Or, a small offering.

12 Heb. School.

13 Heb. the life of thine hand.

14 Heb. sick.

15 Or, thy rabble of idols.

16 Or, it shall be said.

17 Or, faint away.

18 Heb. turning away.

19 Heb. recompense.

20 Heb. with the throat.

21 Or, judgment.

me righteous ordinances, they delight
3 to draw near unto God. Wherefore
have we fasted, *say they*, and thou
seest not? *wherefore* have we afflicted
our soul, and thou takest no know-
ledge? Behold, in the day of your fast
ye find *your own* pleasure, and ¹exact
4 all your labours. Behold, ye fast for
strife and contention, and to smite with
the fist of wickedness: ²ye fast not
this day so as to make your voice to
5 be heard on high. Is such the fast
that I have chosen? the day for a
man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow
down his head as a rush, and to spread
sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt
thou call this a fast, and an acceptable
6 day to the Lord? Is not this the fast
that I have chosen? to loose the bonds
of wickedness, to undo the bands of
the yoke, and to let the oppressed go
free, and that ye break every yoke?
7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the
hungry, and that thou bring the poor
that are cast out to thy house? when
thou seest the naked, that thou cover
him; and that thou hide not thyself
8 from thine own flesh? Then shall thy
light break forth as the morning, and
thy healing shall spring forth speedily:
and thy righteousness shall go before
thee; the glory of the Lord shall be
9 thy rearward. Then shalt thou call,
and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt
cry, and he shall say, Here I am. If
thou take away from the midst of thee
the yoke, the putting forth of the
10 finger, and speaking wickedly; and if
thou ³draw out thy soul to the hun-
gry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then
shall thy light rise in darkness, and
11 thine obscurity be as the noonday: and
the Lord shall guide thee continually,
and satisfy thy soul in ⁴dry places, and
make strong thy bones; and thou shalt
be like a watered garden, and like a
spring of water, whose waters fail not.
12 And they that shall be of thee shall
build the old waste places: thou shalt
raise up the foundations of many gen-
erations; and thou shalt be called The
repairer of the breach, The restorer
13 of paths to dwell in. If thou turn
away thy foot from the sabbath, from
doing thy pleasure on my holy day;
and call the sabbath a delight, *and*
the holy of the Lord honourable; and
shalt honour ⁵it, not doing thine own
ways, nor finding thine own pleasure,
14 nor speaking *thine own* words: then
shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord;
and I will make thee to ride upon the
high places of the earth; and I will
feed thee with the heritage of Jacob
thy father: for the mouth of the Lord
hath spoken it.

59 Behold, the Lord's hand is not short-
ened, that it cannot save; neither his
2 ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but

your iniquities have separated between
you and your God, and your sins have
hid his face from you, that he will not
3 hear. For your hands are defiled with
blood, and your fingers with iniquity;
your lips have spoken lies, your tongue
4 muttereth wickedness. None ⁶sueth
in righteousness, and none pleadeth in
truth: they trust in vanity, and speak
lies; they conceive mischief, and bring
5 forth iniquity. They hatch ⁷basilisks'
eggs, and weave the spider's web: he
that eateth of their eggs dieth, and
that which is crushed breaketh out
6 into a viper. Their webs shall not be-
come garments, neither shall they cover
themselves with their works: their
works are works of iniquity, and the
7 act of violence is in their hands. Their
feet run to evil, and they make haste
to shed innocent blood: their thoughts
are thoughts of iniquity; desolation
and destruction are in their ⁸paths.
8 The way of peace they know not; and
there is no ⁹judgement in their goings:
they have made them crooked paths;
whosoever goeth therein doth not know
9 peace. Therefore is judgement far
from us, neither doth righteousness
overtake us: we look for light, but be-
hold darkness; for brightness, but we
10 walk in obscurity. We grope for the
wall like the blind, yea, we grope as
they that have no eyes: we stumble
at noonday as in the twilight; ¹⁰among
them that are lusty we are as dead
11 men. We roar all like bears, and
mourn sore like doves: we look for
judgement, but there is none; for
12 salvation, but it is far off from us. For
our transgressions are multiplied be-
fore thee, and our sins testify against
us: for our transgressions are with us,
and as for our iniquities, we know
13 them: in transgressing and denying
the Lord, and turning away from
following our God, speaking oppression
and revolt, conceiving and uttering
from the heart words of falsehood.
14 And judgement is turned away back-
ward, and righteousness standeth afar
off: for truth is fallen in the street, and
15 uprightness cannot enter. Yea, truth is
lacking; and he that departeth from
evil maketh himself a prey: and the
Lord saw it, and it displeased him that
16 there was no judgement. And he saw
that there was no man, and wondered
that there was ¹¹no intercessor: there-
fore his own arm brought salvation unto
him; and his righteousness, it upheld
17 him. And he put on righteousness as a
¹²breastplate, and ¹³an helmet of sal-
vation upon his head; and he put on gar-
ments of vengeance for clothing, and
18 was clad with zeal as a cloke. Accord-
ing to their ¹⁴deeds, accordingly he will re-
pay, fury to his adversaries, recom-
pence to his enemies; to the ¹⁵islands

⁵ Fish
collected.

⁷ Or,
adders.

⁸ Or,
high
ways.
⁹ Or,
right.

¹⁰ Or, we
are as
dark
places
like the
dead.

¹¹ Or,
never to
interpose.

¹² Or,
coat of
mail.

¹³ Or,
salvation
for an
helmet.

¹⁴ Heb.
armour
proper.

¹⁵ Or,
con-
founded
lands.

¹ Or,
oppress
all your
labours.
² Or, ye
shall not
find as ye
do this
day, to
make &c.

³ Or,
draw out
the hun-
gry that
which
thy soul
desireth.

⁴ Or,
drought.

⁵ Or,
him.

19 he will repay recompence. So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun: ¹for he shall come as ²a rushing stream, which the breath of the

20 Lord driveth. And a redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith

21 the Lord. And as for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord: my spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, from henceforth and for ever.

60 Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen

2 upon thee. For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen

3 upon thee. And nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness

4 of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: they all gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be ⁵carried in the

5 arms. Then thou shalt see and ⁶be lightened, and thine heart shall tremble and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the nations shall

6 come unto thee. The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the ⁷dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; they all shall come from Sheba: they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall

6 proclaim the praises of the Lord.

7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee: they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar, and I will ⁷glorify ⁸the

8 house of my glory. Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Surely the isles shall

wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he hath

10 ⁹glorified thee. And strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have

11 I had mercy on thee. Thy gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and their kings led *with them*.

12 For that nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those

13 nations shall be utterly wasted. The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, ¹⁰the pine, and the box tree together; to beautify the place of my sanctuary, and I will make the place

14 of my feet glorious. And the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee The city of the Lord, The Zion of the Holy One of

15 Israel. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many

16 generations. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy saviour, and thy redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

17 For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and ¹¹thine

18 exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, desolation nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls

19 Salvation, and thy gates Praise. The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but the Lord shall be unto thee an everlasting light,

20 and thy God thy ¹²glory. Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the Lord shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be

21 ended. Thy people also shall be all righteous, they shall inherit the land for ever; the branch of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may be

22 glorified. The little one shall become a thousand, and the small one a strong nation: I the Lord will hasten it in its time.

61 The spirit of the Lord God is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the ¹³meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and ¹⁴the opening of

2 the prison to them that are bound; to proclaim ¹⁵the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our

3 God; to comfort all that mourn; to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many

5 generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and aliens shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But ye shall be named the priests of the Lord: men shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shall eat the

1 Or, the
adversary shall
come in like a
flood, the
spirit of the
Lord shall lift
up a stand-
ard against
him
2 Heb. a
stream
poured in.

3 Heb.
rushed
upon the
side.
4 Non Pa.
xxiv. 5.

5 Or,
going
camels

6 Heb.
bring
good
tidings
of the
prison.

7 Or,
beautify
8 Or, my
house-
ful
house

9 Or,
beauti-
fied

10 Rev. ch.
xii. 19.

11 Or,
thy trib-
unals

12 Or,
brilliant

13 Or,
poor

14 Or,
opening
of the
eyes

15 Or, the
year of
the Lord's
good
pleasure

¹ Or, to their glory shall ye succeed

² Or, for (or with) a burnt offering

³ Heb, decketh as a priest.

⁴ That is, My delight is in her.

⁵ That is, married.

⁶ Heb, with the joy of the bridegroom.

⁷ Or, keep not silence

⁸ Heb, silence.

⁹ Or, vintage

wealth of the nations, and ¹ in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess double: everlasting joy shall be unto them. For I the Lord love judgement, I hate robbery ² with iniquity; and I will give them their recompence in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. 9 And their seed shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.

10 I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom ³ decketh himself with a garland, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

62 For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation ² as a lamp that burneth. And the nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth ³ of the Lord shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called ⁴ Hephzi-bah, and thy land ⁵ Beulah: for the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. For as a young man marryeth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and ⁶ as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

6 I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that are the Lord's remembrancers, ⁷ take ye no rest, and give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. The Lord hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and strangers shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured: but they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the Lord; and they that have gathered it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.

10 Go through, go through the gates;

prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the high way; gather out the stones; lift up an ensign ¹⁰ for the peoples. Behold, the Lord hath proclaimed unto the end of the earth, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his ¹¹ recompence before him. And they shall call them The holy people, The redeemed of the Lord: and thou shalt be called Sought out, A city not forsaken.

63 Who is this that cometh from Edom, with ¹² dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in ⁸ the winefat? I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples there was no man with me: yea, I ¹³ trod them in mine anger, and trampled them in my fury; and their ¹⁴ lifeblood is sprinkled upon my garments, and I ¹⁵ have stained all my raiment. For the day of vengeance ¹⁷ was in mine heart, and ¹⁸ the year of my redeemed is come. 5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. And ¹⁹ I trod down the peoples in mine anger, and ²⁰ made them drunk in my fury, and I ²¹ poured out their lifeblood on the earth.

7 I will make mention of the loving-kindnesses of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed on us; and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mercies, and according to the multitude of his loving-kindnesses. For he said, Surely, they are my people, children that will not deal falsely: so he was their ⁹ saviour. ²² In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the ¹⁰ days of old. But they rebelled, and grieved his holy spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them. ²³ Then he remembered the days of old, Moses, and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the ²⁴ shepherds of his flock? where is he that put his holy spirit in the midst ¹² of them? that caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses? that divided the water before them, to make himself an everlasting name? ¹³ that led them through the depths, as an horse in the wilderness, that they

¹⁰ Or, over

¹¹ Or, worth

¹² Or, crimsoned

¹³ Or, will tread ...

¹⁴ Or, strength

¹⁵ Or, shall be

¹⁶ Or, will stain

¹⁷ Or, is

¹⁸ Or, my year of

¹⁹ Or, redemption

²⁰ Or, I will tread

²¹ Or, and make

²² Or, according to another reading, break them in pieces

²³ Or, brought down their strength to the earth

²⁴ Or, Another reading is, in all their adversity he was no adversary.

²⁵ Or, Then his people remembered the ancient days of Moses

²⁶ Or, Another reading is, they herd.

14 stumbled not? As the cattle that go down into the valley, the spirit of the LORD caused them to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself
 15 a glorious name. Look down from heaven, and behold from the habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where is thy zeal and thy mighty acts? the yearning of thy bowels and thy compassions are restrained toward me.
 16 For thou art our father, though Abraham knoweth us not, and Israel doth not acknowledge us: thou, O LORD, art our father; our redeemer from everlasting is thy name. O LORD, why dost thou make us to err from thy ways, and hardenest our heart from thy fear? Return for thy servants' sake, the tribes of thine inheritance.
 18 Thy holy people possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. We are become as they over whom thou never barest rule; as they that were not
 64 called by thy name. Oh that thou wouldst rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence; as when fire kindleth the brushwood, and the fire cauleth the waters to boil: to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations
 3 may tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things which we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence. For from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen a God beside thee, which worketh for him that waiteth
 5 for him. Thou meetest him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou wast wroth, and we sinned: in them have we been of long
 6 time, and shall we be saved? For we are all become as one that is unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment: and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the
 7 wind, take us away. And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee: for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us by means
 8 of our iniquities. But now, O LORD, thou art our father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are
 9 the work of thy hand. Be not wroth very sore, O LORD, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, look, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. Thy holy cities are become a wilderness, Zion is become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste.
 12 Wilt thou refrain thyself for these

things, O LORD? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

65 I am inquired of by them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought me not: I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a nation
 2 that was not called by my name. I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, which walketh in a way that is not good, and their own thoughts; a people that provoketh me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens, and burning incense upon bricks; which sit among the graves, and lodge in the secret places; which eat swine's flesh, and broth of abominable things is in their
 5 vessels; which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me, for I am holier than thou: these are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day.
 6 Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, yea, I will recompense into their bosom, their own iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the LORD, which have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I first measure their work into their bosom.
 8 Thus saith the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it: so will I do for my servants' sakes, that I may not destroy them
 9 all. And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains: and my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Achor a place for herds to lie down in, for my people that have
 11 sought me. But ye that forsake the LORD, that forget my holy mountain, that prepare a table for Fortune, and that fill up mingled wine unto
 12 Despair; I will destine you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter: because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but ye did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.
 13 Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry: behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty: behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be ashamed: behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall
 15 howl for vexation of spirit. And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto my chosen, and the Lord God shall slay thee; and he shall call his
 16 servants by another name: so that he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and

7 Or, was inquired of

8 Or, was found

9 Or, as otherwise read, that hath not called upon

10 Or, dwell

11 Or, vaults

12 Or, defiled

13 Or, measure their former work

14 Or, pasture

15 Heb. Gad. See Gen. xxx. 11.

16 Heb. Meri.

17 Heb. breaking.

18 Heb. an oath.

19 Heb. Amen.

20 Cor. i. 20.

Rev. iii. 14.

1 Or, quacks (Ch. i.) in Heb.]

2 Or, are, O God, beside thee, one which etc.

3 Or, apart

4 Or, in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. The text is probably corrupt.

5 According to some ancient versions, had delivered us into the power of.

6 Heb. melted.

1 Heb.
Joel.
See
2 Cor.
1, 30.
Rev. III.
14.

he that sweareth in the earth shall swear by the God of ¹truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes. For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old, and the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall ²long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for ³calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring ⁴with them. And it shall come to pass that, before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

66 Thus saith the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of house will ye build unto me? and what place shall be my rest? For all these things hath mine hand made, and so all these things came to be, saith the Lord: but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembleth at my word. He that killeth an ox is as he that slayeth a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as he that breaketh a dog's neck; he that offereth ⁵an oblation, as he that offereth swine's blood; he that burneth frankincense, as he that bleaseth an idol: yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations; I also will choose their ⁷delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.

5 Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word: Your brethren that hate you, that cast you out for

my name's sake, have said, Let the Lord be glorified, that we may see your joy; but they shall be ashamed.

6 A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the Lord that rendereth recompence to his enemies. Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be ⁸born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the Lord: shall I that cause to bring forth shut the womb? saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn over her: that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream, ⁹and ye shall suck thereof; ye shall be borne upon the side, and shall be dandled upon the knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. And ye shall see it, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of the Lord shall be known toward his servants, and he will have indignation against his enemies.

15 For, behold, the Lord will come ¹⁰with fire, and his chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire will the Lord plead, and by his sword, with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many.

17 They that sanctify themselves and purify themselves ¹¹to go unto the gardens, ¹²behind ¹³one in the midst, eating swine's flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse; they shall come to an end together, saith the Lord. For I know their works and their thoughts:

¹⁴the time cometh, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and shall see my glory. And I will set a sign among them, and I will send such as escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. And they shall bring all your brethren out of all the nations for an offering unto the Lord, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon ¹⁵swift

9 Or, revealed with her but one day

9 Or, from which ye suck, ye etc.

10 Or, in

11 Or, in
12 Many ancient authorities have, one after another.

13 Or, one tree for Asherah: see Deut. xvi. 21

14 Many ancient authorities have, I come to gather etc.

15 Or, dream-darics

2 Heb.
wear out.
3 Or, evident terror
4 Or, shall be with them

5 Or, a vessel offering

6 Heb.
maketh a memorial of.

7 Or, mockings

beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring their offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. And of them also will I take for priests and for Levites, saith the LORD. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain.

23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the LORD. And they shall go forth, and look upon the carcases of the men that have transgressed against me: for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET

JEREMIAH.

1 THE words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. It came also in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah, king of Judah; unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. 4 Now the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee; I have appointed thee a prophet unto the nations. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child. But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child: for I to whomsoever I shall send thee thou shalt go, and whatsoever I shall command thee thou shalt speak. Be not afraid because of them: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the LORD. 9 Then the LORD put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth: see, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, and to destroy and to overthrow; to build, and to plant. 11 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of 12 an almond tree. Then said the LORD unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I watch over my word to perform it. 13 And the word of the LORD came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a seething caldron; and the face thereof is from 14 the north. Then the LORD said unto me, Out of the north evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the

15 land. For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the LORD; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entering of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, and against all the cities of Judah. And I will utter my judgements against them touching all their wickedness; in that they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, and worshipped the works of 17 their own hands. Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay 18 thee before them. For, behold, I have made thee this day a fenced city, and an iron pillar, and brassen walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. 19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee, saith the LORD, to deliver thee. 2 And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Go, and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD, I remember for thee the kindness of thy youth, the love of thine espousals; how thou wentest after me in the wilderness, in a land that was 3 not sown. Israel was holiness unto the LORD, the firstfruits of his increase: all that devour him shall be held guilty; evil shall come upon them, saith the LORD. 4 Hear ye the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of 5 the house of Israel: thus saith the LORD, What unrighteousness have your fathers found in me, that they are gone far from me, and have walked after 6 vanity, and are become vain? Neither

¹ Or, on what I never errand

² Heb. shaked.

³ Heb. shaked.

⁴ Heb. shall be opened.

⁵ Or, speak with them of my judgements

⁶ Or, concerning

said they, Where is the LORD that brought us up out of the land of Egypt; that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of drought and of the shadow of death, through a land that none passed through, and where no man dwelt? And I brought you into a plentiful land, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination. The priests said not, Where is the LORD? and they that handle the law knew me not: the rulers also transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied by Baal, and walked after things that I do not profit. Wherefore I will yet plead with you, saith the LORD, and with your children's children will I plead. For pass over to the isles of Kittim, and see; and send unto Kedar, and consider diligently; and see if there hath been such a thing. Hath a nation changed their gods, which yet are no gods? but my people have changed their glory for that which doth not profit. Be astonished, O ye heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid, be ye very desolate, saith the LORD. For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water. Is Israel a servant? is he a homeborn slave? why is he become a prey? The young lions have roared upon him, and yelled: and they have made his land waste; his cities are burned up, without inhabitant. The children also of Noph and Tahpanhes have broken the crown of thy head. Hast thou not procured this unto thyself, in that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, when he led thee by the way? And now what hast thou to do in the way to Egypt, to drink the waters of Shihor? or what hast thou to do in the way to Assyria, to drink the waters of the River? Thine own wickedness shall correct thee, and thy backslidings shall reprove thee: know therefore and see that it is an evil thing and a bitter, that thou hast forsaken the LORD thy God, and that my fear is not in thee, saith the Lord, the LORD of hosts. For of old time I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bands; and thou saidst, I will not serve; for upon every high hill and under every green tree thou didst bow thyself, playing the harlot. Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate plant of a strange vine unto me? For though thou wash thee with lye, and take thee much soap, yet thine iniquity is marked before me, saith the LORD God. How canst thou say, I am

not defiled, I have not gone after the Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways; a wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind in her desire; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, There is no hope: no; for I have loved strangers, and after them will I go. As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets; which say to a stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah. Wherefore will ye plead with me? ye all have transgressed against me, saith the LORD. In vain have I smitten your children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. O generation, see ye the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? or a land of thick darkness? wherefore say my people, We are broken loose; we will come no more unto thee? Can a maid forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number. How trimmest thou thy way to seek love! therefore even the wicked women hast thou taught thy ways. Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the innocent poor: I have not found it at the place of breaking in, but upon all these. Yet thou saidst, I am innocent; surely his anger is turned away from me. Behold, I will enter into judgement with thee, because thou sayest, I have not sinned. Why gaddest thou about so much to change thy way? thou shalt be ashamed of Egypt also, as thou wast ashamed of Assyria. From him also shalt thou go forth, with thine hands upon thine head: for the LORD hath rejected thy confidences, and thou shalt not prosper in them. They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? shall not that land be greatly polluted? But thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; yet return again to me, saith the LORD. Lift up thine eyes unto the bare heights, and

¹ Or, young camel

¹ Or, deep darkness

² Heb. shepherds

³ Heb. given out their voices.

⁴ Or, food on

⁵ That is, the Nile

⁶ That is, the Euphrates.

⁷ Or, thou hast
⁸ Another reading is, transgressed.

¹⁰ Or, Argemone

¹¹ Another reading is, me.

¹² Or, in attraction

¹³ Or, darkness from Jah

¹⁴ Or, thou didst not find them

¹⁵ See Ex. xxi. 2

¹⁶ Some ancient authorities have, every oak.

¹⁷ Heb. saying

¹⁸ See Dent. xxi. 1-4.

¹⁹ Or, and thou hast been a whorehouse &c.

see; where hast thou not been lien with? By the ways hast thou sat for them, as an Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. Therefore the showery have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; yet thou hadst a whore's forehead, 4 thou refusedst to be ashamed. Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My father, thou art the ¹guide of my youth? Will he retain *his* anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou ²hast spoken and hast done evil things, and hast ³had thy way.

6 Moreover the LORD said unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot.

7 ⁴And I said after she had done all these things, ⁵She will return unto me; but she returned not: and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. And

⁶I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorce, yet treacherous Judah her sister feared not; but she also went and played the harlot.

9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not returned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly,

11 saith the LORD. And the LORD said unto me, Backsliding Israel hath shewn herself more righteous than treach-

12 erous Judah. Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; I will not ⁷look in anger upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD,

13 I will not keep *anger* for ever. Only ⁸acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my

14 voice, saith the LORD. Return, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am a husband unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family,

15 and I will bring you to Zion: and I will give you shepherds according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. And it shall

16 come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD; neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they

⁹visit it; neither ¹⁰shall that be done any more. At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD;

and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of

18 their evil heart. In those days the house of Judah shall walk ¹¹with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I gave for an inheri-

19 tance unto your fathers. But I said, How ¹²shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, ¹³a goodly heritage of the hosts of the nations? and I said, ¹⁴Ye shall call me My father; and shall not turn away

20 from following me. Surely as a wife treacherously departeth from her husband, so have ye dealt treacherously with me, O house of Israel, saith the

21 LORD. A voice is heard upon the bare heights, the weeping and the supplications of the children of Israel; for that they have perverted their way, they have

22 forgotten the LORD their God. Return, ye backsliding children, I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we are come unto thee; for thou art the LORD our

23 God. Truly in vain is the *help that is looked for* from the hills, the ¹⁵tumult on the mountains: truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.

24 But the ¹⁶shameful thing hath devoured the labour of our fathers from our youth; their flocks and their herds,

25 their sons and their daughters. Let us lie down in our shame, and let our confusion cover us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day: and we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

4 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the LORD, unto me shalt thou return: and ¹⁷if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight, then shalt

2 thou not be removed; and thou shalt swear, As the LORD liveth, in truth, in judgement, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

3 For thus saith the LORD to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among

4 thorns. Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury go forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of

5 your doings. Declare ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem; and say, Blow ye the trumpet in the land: cry aloud and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fenced cities.

6 Set up a standard toward Zion: flee for safety, stay not: for I will bring evil from the north, and a great destruction. A lion is gone up from his thicket, and a destroyer of nations; he

11 Or, to

12 Or, would... nations!

13 Or, the goodliest heritings of the nations

14 An- other dwelling is. Thou shalt... and shalt not do.

15 Or, through

16 Heb. shame. See ch. xl. 13.

17 Or, if thou wilt put... and wilt not wander, and wilt swear... then shalt the na- tions &c. or, then shalt thou swear... and the nations &c.

18 Or, visit

19 Or, shall it be made any more

20 Or, know

21 Heb. came my countenance to fall upon you.

22 Heb. know

is on his way, he is gone forth from his place; to make thy land desolate, that thy cities be laid waste, without inhabitant. For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and howl: for the fierce anger of the Lord is not turned back from us. And it shall come to pass at that day, saith the Lord, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul. At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse; ¹a full wind from these shall come for me: now will I also ²utter judgements against them. Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as the whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled.

14 O Jerusalem, wash thine heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thine evil thoughts lodge within thee? For ³a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth evil from the hills of Ephraim: make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. As keepers of a field are they against her round about; because she hath been rebellious against me, saith the Lord. Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness; ⁴for it is bitter, ⁴for it reacheth unto thine heart.

19 My bowels, my bowels! ⁵I am pained at ⁶my very heart; my heart is disquieted in me; I cannot hold my peace; because ⁷thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is spoiled: suddenly are my tents spoiled, and my curtains in a moment. How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? For my people is foolish, they know me not; they are sottish children, and they have none understanding: they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was waste and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills ⁸moved to and fro. I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled.

26 I beheld, and, lo, ¹⁰the fruitful field was a wilderness, and all the cities

thereof were broken down at the presence of the Lord, and before his fierce anger. For thus saith the Lord, The whole land shall be a desolation; yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black: because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it. The whole city fleeth for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they go into the thickets, and climb up upon the rocks: every city is forsaken, and not a man dwelleth therein. And thou, when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clovest thyself with scarlet, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou ¹¹enlargest thine eyes with paint, in vain dost thou make thyself fair; *thy* lovers despise thee, they seek thy life. For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that gaspeth for breath, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul fainteth before the murderers.

5 Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh ¹²truth; and I will pardon her. And though they say, As the Lord liveth; surely they swear falsely. O Lord, ¹³do not thine eyes look upon ¹²truth? thou hast stricken them, but they were not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive ¹⁴correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. Then I said, Surely these are poor: they are foolish; for they know not the way of the Lord, nor the judgement of their God: I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they know the way of the Lord, and the judgement of their God. But these with one accord have broken the yoke, and burst the bands. Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the ¹⁵evenings shall spoil them, a leopard shall watch over their cities, every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces: because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased. How can I pardon thee? thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had ¹⁶fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the harlots' houses. They were as fed horses ¹⁷in the morning: every one neighed after his neighbour's wife. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: and shall

¹¹ Heb. rendered.

¹² Or, faithful men

¹³ Heb. are not thine eyes upon.

¹⁴ Or, instruction

¹⁵ Or, deer

¹⁶ Or, according to another reading, made them swear

¹⁷ Or, morning at large

¹ Or, a wind too strong for this
² See ch. i. 16.

³ Or, there is a voice of one that declareth &c.

⁴ Or, surely

⁵ Another reading is, I will wait patiently.

⁶ Heb. the walls of my heart.

⁷ Or, as other-wise read, my soul heareth

⁸ See Gen. i. 2.

⁹ Or, moved lightly

¹⁰ Or, Carmel

not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

- 10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her branches: for they are not
11 the Lord's. For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith
12 the Lord. They have denied the Lord, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we
13 see sword nor famine: and the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them: thus shall it be done
14 unto them. Wherefore thus saith the Lord, the God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the Lord: it is ¹a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they
16 say. Their quiver is an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men. And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall ²beat down thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustest,
18 with the sword. But even in those days, saith the Lord, I will not make
19 a full end with you. And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore hath the Lord our God done all these things unto us? then shalt thou say unto them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.
20 Declare ye this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying,
21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without ³understanding; which have eyes, and see not; which have ears,
22 and hear not: Fear ye not me? saith the Lord: will ye not tremble at my presence, which have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, ⁴by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it? and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass
23 over it. But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they
24 are revolted and gone. Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; that reserveth unto us the
25 appointed weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withholden
26 good from you. For among my people are found wicked men: they watch, as

fowlers lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch men. As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great,
28 and waxen rich. They are waxen fat, they shine: yea, they overpass in deeds of wickedness: they plead not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that they should prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. Shall I not visit for these things? saith the Lord: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 ⁵A wonderful and horrible thing is come to pass in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule ⁶by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

31 Flee for safety, ye children of Benjamin, out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and raise up a signal on Beth-haccherem: for evil looketh forth from the north, and a great destruction. The comely and delicate one, the daughter of Zion, will I cut off. Shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place.

47 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day declineth, for the shadows of the evening are stretched
5 out. Arise, and let us go up by night, and let us destroy her palaces. For thus hath the Lord of hosts said, Hew ye down ⁷trees, and cast up a mount against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her. As a well ⁸casteth forth her waters, so she ⁹casteth forth her wickedness: violence and spoil is heard in her; before me continually
8 is sickness and wounds. Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from thee; lest I make thee a desolation, a land not inhabited.

9 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn again thine hand as a grapegatherer ¹⁰into the
10 baskets. To whom shall I speak and testify, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the Lord is become unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it.
11 Therefore I am full of the fury of the Lord; I am weary with holding in: pour it out upon the children in the street, and upon the assembly of young men together: for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged
12 with him that is full of days. And their houses shall be turned unto others, their fields and their wives together: for I will stretch out my hand upon the inhabitants of the land, saith

¹ Or, an overthrowing nation

² Or, impoverish

³ Heb. heart.

⁴ Or, an overruling ordinance, which it cannot pass

⁵ Or, Astonishment and horror
⁶ Or, at their hands

⁷ Heb. desolations.

⁸ Or, as other-wise good, her trees

⁹ Or, keepeth fresh

¹⁰ Or, upon the shoots

13 the LORD. For from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely.

14 They have healed also the hurt of ¹my people lightly, saying, Peace, 15 peace; when there is no peace. ²Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall: at the time that I visit them they shall ³be cast down, saith the LORD.

16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls: but they said, We will not walk

17 therein. And I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet; but they said, We will

18 not hearken. Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what

19 is among them. Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words; and as for my law, they

20 have rejected it. To what purpose cometh there to me frankincense from Sheba, and the sweet ⁴cane from a far country? your burnt offerings are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices

21 pleasing unto me. Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumblingblocks before this people: and the fathers and the sons together shall stumble against them; the neighbour and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith the LORD, Behold, a people cometh from the north country; and a great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth.

23 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride upon horses; every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against

24 thee, O daughter of Zion. We have heard the fame thereof; our hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of us, and pangs as of a woman in

25 travail. Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for there is the sword of the enemy, and terror on

26 every side. O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the spoiler shall sud-

27 denly come upon us. I have made thee a ⁵tower and a fortress among my people; that thou mayest know and try

28 their way. They are all grievous revolters, going about with slanderers; they are brass and iron: they all of them

29 deal corruptly. The bellows ⁶blow

fiercely; the lead is consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for the wicked are not plucked away. 30 Refuse silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them.

7 The word that came to Jeremiah 2 from the LORD, saying, Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship

8 the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause

9 you to dwell in this place. Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, are these.

5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute judgement between a man

6 and his neighbour; if ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood

in this place, neither walk after other

7 gods to your own hurt: then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from

8 of old even for evermore. Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot pro-

9 fit. Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after

other gods whom ye have not known,

10 and come and stand before me in this house, ⁸which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered; that ye

11 may do all these abominations? Is this house, which is called by my name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,

12 saith the LORD. But go ye now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the

13 wickedness of my people Israel. And now, because ye have done all these

works, saith the LORD, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called

14 you, but ye answered not: therefore will I do unto the house, which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to

you and to your fathers, as I have

15 done to Shiloh. And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of

Ephraim.

16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to

17 me: for I will not hear thee. Seest thou not what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusa-

18 lem? The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the dough, to make

¹ Or, breach
² Another reading is, the daughter of my people, as in ch. viii. 11, 21.

³ Or, They shall be put to shame because they have committed abomination: yea, they are not &c.

⁴ Or, stumblable

⁵ Or, calamity

⁶ Or, trier

⁷ Or, are burned

⁸ Heb. whereupon my name is called.

cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger.

19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the Lord; do they not provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces?

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, mine anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon beast, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be quenched.

21 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat ye

22 flesh. For I spake not unto your fathers, nor commanded them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offer-

23 ings or sacrifices: but this thing I commanded them, saying, Hearken unto my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk

ye in all the way that I command you,

24 that it may be well with you. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.

25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt unto this day, I have sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up

26 early and sending them: yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers.

27 And thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee: thou shalt also call unto them;

28 but they will not answer thee. And thou shalt say unto them, This is the nation that hath not hearkened to the voice of the Lord their God, nor received instruction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

29 Cut off thine hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights; for the Lord hath rejected and forsaken the

30 generation of his wrath. For the children of Judah have done that which is evil in my sight, saith the Lord: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to

31 defile it. And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded not,

32 neither came it into my mind. Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter: for they shall bury in Topheth, till

33 there be no place to bury. And the carcases of this people shall be meat

for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth; and none

34 shall fray them away. Then will I cause to cease from the cities of Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride: for the land shall become a waste.

8 At that time, saith the Lord, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of his princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, out of

2 their graves: and they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of heaven, whom they have loved, and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped:

they shall not be gathered, nor be buried; they shall be for dung upon

3 the face of the earth. And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the residue that remain of this evil family, which remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith the Lord of hosts.

4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord: Shall men fall, and not rise up again? shall one turn

5 away, and not return? Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to re-

6 turn. I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repenteth him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one turn-

7 eth to his course, as a horse that rusheth headlong in the battle. Yea, the stork in the heaven knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the ordinance of the Lord.

8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes

9 hath wrought falsely. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what manner of

10 wisdom is in them? Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall possess them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness, from the prophet even unto the priest

11 every one dealeth falsely. And they have healed the hurt of the daughter of my people lightly, saying, Peace,

12 peace; when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among

1 Or, correction

2 Or, Judah/Israel

3 Heb. thy crown.

4 Heb. heart.

5 Or, because there shall be no place else

6 Or, turneth away in his course

7 Or, judgement

8 Or, made of it, falsehood

9 See ch. vi. 14, 15.

them that fall: in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, 13 saith the LORD. I will utterly consume them, saith the LORD: there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and ¹the things that I have given 14 them shall pass away from them. Why do we sit still? assemble yourselves, and let us enter into the defenced cities, and let us ²be silent there: for the LORD our God hath ³put us to silence, and given us water of ⁴gall to drink, because we have sinned ⁵against the LORD. We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of 16 healing, and behold dismay! The smothering of his horses is heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones the whole land trembleth; for they are come, and have devoured the land and all that is in it; the city and 17 those that dwell therein. For, behold, I will send serpents, ⁶basilisks, among you, which will not be charmed; and they shall bite you, saith the LORD.

18 Oh that I could comfort myself against sorrow! my heart is faint within me. Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people ⁷from a land that is very far off: Is not the LORD in Zion? is not her King in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with 20 strange vanities? The harvest is past, the ⁸summer is ended, and we are not 21 saved. For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt: I am ⁹black; astonishment hath taken hold on me. 22 Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then is not the ¹⁰health of the daughter of my people ¹¹recovered?

9 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain 2 of the daughter of my people! ¹²Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place of wayfaring men; that I might leave my people, and go from them! for they be all adulterers, an assembly 3 of treacherous men. And they bend their tongue as it were their bow for falsehood; and they are grown strong in the land, but not for ¹³truth: for they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the LORD. 4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbour, and trust ye not in any brother: for every brother will utterly supplant, and every neighbour will go about with 5 slanders. And they will ¹⁴deceive every one his neighbour, and will not speak the truth: they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves to commit iniquity. Thine habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the LORD.

7 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how ¹⁵else should I do, because of the daughter of my people?

8 Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbour with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth wait for 9 him. Shall I not visit them for these things? saith the LORD: shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none passeth through; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the fowl of the heavens and the 11 beast are fled, they are gone. And I will make Jerusalem heaps, a dwelling place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant. Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and ¹⁶who is he to whom the mouth of the LORD hath spoken, that he may declare it? wherefore is the land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that none passeth through?

18 And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my 14 voice, neither walked therein; but have walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and after the Baalim, 15 which their fathers taught them: therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of ¹⁷gall to drink. 16 I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for the cunning women, that they may 18 come: and let them make haste, and take up a wailing for us, that our eyes may run down with tears, and 19 our eyelids gush out with waters. For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we spoiled! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because ¹⁸they have cast 20 down our dwellings. Yet hear the word of the LORD, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbour lamentation. 21 For death is come up into our windows, it is entered into our palaces; to cut off the children from without, and the 22 young men from the streets. Speak, Thus saith the LORD, The carcasses of men shall fall as dung upon the open

¹ Or, I have appointed them those that shall pass over them

² Or, perish

³ Or, caused us to perish

⁴ See Deut. xxi. 18.

⁵ Or, adders

⁶ Or, because of

⁷ Or, in-gathering of summer fruits

⁸ Or, mourning

⁹ Or, healing

¹⁰ Or, perfect

¹¹ Heb. gone up.

[Ch. vii. 23 in Heb.]

[Ch. ix. 1 in Heb.]

¹² Or, (in Heb.)

¹³ Or, (in Heb.)

¹⁴ Or, (in Heb.)

¹⁵ Or, (in Heb.)

¹⁶ Or, (in Heb.)

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³² Or, (in Heb.)

³³ Or, (in Heb.)

³⁴ Or, (in Heb.)

³⁵ Or, (in Heb.)

¹⁴ See ch. vii. 14.

¹⁵ Or, our dwellings have been cut down

field, and as the handful after the harvestman, and none shall gather them.

- 23 Thus saith the Lord, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches:
- 24 but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth, and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgement, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these
- 25 things I delight, saith the Lord. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will punish all them which are circumcised in their uncircumcision;
- 26 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that have the corners of their hair polled, that dwell in the wilderness: for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.

- 10 Hear ye the word which the Lord speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the nations, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the nations are dismayed
- 3 at them. For the customs of the peoples are vanity: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe.
- 4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. They are like a palm tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good.

- 6 There is none like unto thee, O Lord; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. Who would not fear thee, O King of the nations? for to thee doth it appertain: forasmuch as among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their royal estate, there is none like unto thee. But they are together brutish and foolish: the instruction of idols, it is but a stock.
- 9 There is silver beaten into plates which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the artificer and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all the work of cunning men.
- 10 But the Lord is the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting king: at his wrath the earth trembleth, and the nations are not able to abide his indignation.

- 11 Thus shall ye say unto them, The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, these shall perish from the earth, and from under the heavens.
- 12 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding hath he stretched out the

13 heavens: when he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. Every man become brutish and is without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: the Lord of hosts is his name.

- 17 Gather up thy wares out of the land, O thou that abidest in the siege. For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will sling out the inhabitants of the land at this time, and will distress them, that they may feel it. Woe is me for my hurt! my wound is grievous: but I said, Truly this is my grief, and I must bear it. My tent is spoiled, and all my cords are broken: my children are gone forth of me, and they are not: there is none to stretch forth my tent any more, and to set up my curtains.
- 21 For the shepherds are become brutish, and have not inquired of the Lord: therefore they have not prospered, and all their flocks are scattered. The voice of a rumour, behold it cometh, and a great commotion out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah a desolation, a dwelling place of jackals. O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. O Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in thine anger, lest thou bring me to nothing. Pour out thy fury upon the heathen that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have devoured Jacob, yea, they have devoured him and consumed him, and have laid waste his habitation.

- 11 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel: Cursed be the man that heareth not the words of this covenant, which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God: that I may establish the oath which I sware unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with

11 Or, at the sound of his giving an abundance of waters when he causeth etc. Or, he causeth etc.
12 Or, is too brutish to know
13 Or, mockery

14 Or, thy bundle from the ground
15 Or, O inhabitant (Heb. inhabitant) of the fortress
16 Heb. And.
17 Or, sickness

18 Or, dwell wisely

19 Heb. diminish me.
20 See Ps. lxxix 6, 7.

21 Or, pasture

1 Heb. cut down.
2 Or, it is but a tree which one cutteth

3 Or, pillar in a garden of cucumbers See Baruch vi. 70.

4 Or, it is as thou seest thee

5 Or, through one thing
6 Or, it is a doctrine of vanities
7 According to some ancient versions, Uphaz.
8 Or, God in truth

9 This verse is in Aramaic.
10 Or, they shall
11 Or, under these heavens

milk and honey, as at this day. Then answered I, and said, Amen, O LORD.
 6 And the LORD said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, saying, Obey my voice. Yet they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore I brought upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do, but they did them not.
 9 And the LORD said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, which refused to hear my words; and they are gone after other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I made with their fathers. Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and they shall cry unto me, but I will not hearken unto them. Then shall the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem go and cry unto the gods unto whom they offer incense: but they shall not save them at all in the time of their ¹trouble. For according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to the ²shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal. Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them: for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me ³for their ¹trouble.
 15 What hath my beloved to do in mine house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? ⁴When thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. The LORD called thy name, A green olive tree, faith with goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. For the LORD of hosts, that planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have wrought for themselves in provoking me to anger by offering incense unto Baal.
 18 And the LORD gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it: then thou shewest me their doings. But I was like a gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the

fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered.
 20 But, O LORD of hosts, that judgest righteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them: for unto thee have I revealed my cause. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the men of Anathoth, that seek thy life, saying, Thou shalt not prophesy in the name of the LORD.
 22 That thou die not by our hand: therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will ⁷punish them: the young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by famine; and there shall be no remnant unto them: for I will bring evil upon the men of Anathoth, ⁸even the year of their visitation.
 12 Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet would I ⁹reason the cause with thee: wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they at ease that deal very treacherously? Thou hast planted them, yea, they have taken root; they grow, ye, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their reins. But thou, O LORD, knowest me; thou seest me, and triest mine heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and ¹⁰prepare them for the day of slaughter.
 4 How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of the whole country wither? for the wickedness of them that dwell therein, the beasts are consumed, and the birds; because they said, He shall not see our latter end. If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and though in a land of peace thou art secure, yet how wilt thou do in the ¹¹pride of Jordan? For even thy brethren, and the house of thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with thee; even they have cried aloud after thee: believe them not, though they speak ¹²fair words unto thee.
 7 I have forsaken mine house, I have cast off mine heritage; I have given the dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her enemies. Mine heritage is become unto me as a lion in the forest: she hath uttered her voice against me; therefore I have hated her. Is mine heritage unto me as a speckled bird of prey? are the birds of prey against her round about? go ye, assemble all the beasts of the field, bring them to devour. Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they have trodden my portion under foot, they have made my pleasant portion a desolate wilderness. They have made it a desolation; it mourneth unto me, being desolate; the whole land is

⁶ Heb. bread.

⁷ Heb. upon.

⁸ Or, in the year.

⁹ Heb. speak judgments.

¹⁰ Heb. assembly.

¹¹ Or, swelling.

¹² Heb. good things.

¹ Heb. evil.

² Heb. shame. See ch. iii. 24.

³ Many ancient authorities have, in the time of.

⁴ The text is obscure. The Sept. renders thus: Why hath the beloved wrought wrong? (abomination in my house) I shall pour out my holy flesh from thee thy wickedness, or shalt thou escape by these?

⁵ Or, when thine evil cometh.

made desolate, because no man layeth
12 it to heart. Spoilers are come upon
all the bare heights in the wilderness:
for the sword of the LORD devoureth
from the one end of the land even to
the other end of the land: no flesh
13 hath peace. They have sown wheat,
and have reaped thorns; they have
put themselves to pain, and profit no-
thing: and ¹ye shall be ashamed of
your fruits, because of the fierce anger
of the LORD.

14 Thus saith the LORD against all mine
evil neighbours, that touch the inheri-
tance which I have caused my people
Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck
them up from off their land, and will
pluck up the house of Judah from a-
mong them. And it shall come to pass,
after that I have plucked them up, I will
return and have compassion on them;
and I will bring them again, every man
to his heritage, and every man to his
16 land. And it shall come to pass, if
they will diligently learn the ways of
my people, to swear by my name, As
the LORD liveth; even as they taught
my people to swear by Baal; then
shall they be built up in the midst of
17 my people. But if they will not hear,
then will I pluck up that nation,
plucking up and destroying it, saith
the LORD.

13 Thus said the LORD unto me, Go,
and buy thee a linen girdle, and put it
upon thy loins, and put it not in water.
2 So I bought a girdle according to the
word of the LORD, and put it upon my
3 loins. And the word of the LORD came
4 unto me the second time, saying, Take
the girdle that thou hast bought, which
is upon thy loins, and arise, go to
Euphrates, and hide it there in a hole
5 of the rock. So I went, and hid it by
Euphrates, as the LORD commanded
6 me. And it came to pass after many
days, that the LORD said unto me,
Arise, go to Euphrates, and take the
girdle from thence, which I commanded
7 thee to hide there. Then I went to
Euphrates, and digged, and took the
girdle from the place where I had hid
it: and, behold, the girdle was marred,
8 it was profitable for nothing. Then
the word of the LORD came unto me,
9 saying, Thus saith the LORD, After this
manner will I mar the pride of Judah,
and the great pride of Jerusalem.
10 This evil people, which refuse to hear
my words, which walk in the stubborn-
ness of their heart, and are gone after
other gods to serve them, and to wor-
ship them, shall even be as this girdle,
11 which is profitable for nothing. For
as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a
man, so have I caused to cleave unto
me the whole house of Israel and the
whole house of Judah, saith the

LORD; that they might be unto me
for a people, and for a name, and for a
praise, and for a glory: but they would
12 not hear. Therefore thou shalt speak
unto them this word: Thus saith the
LORD, the God of Israel, Every ²bottle
shall be filled with wine: and they
shall say unto thee, Do we not know
that every ²bottle shall be filled with
13 wine? Then shalt thou say unto them,
Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will
fill all the inhabitants of this land,
even the kings that sit ³upon David's
throne, and the priests, and the pro-
phets, and all the inhabitants of Jeru-
14 salem, with drunkenness. And I will
dash them one against another, even
the fathers and the sons together, saith
the LORD: I will not pity, nor spare,
nor have compassion, that I should
not destroy them.

15 Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud:
16 for the LORD hath spoken. Give glory
to the LORD your God, before ⁴he cause
darkness, and before your feet stumble
upon the ⁵dark mountains; and, while
ye look for light, he turn it into ⁶the
shadow of death, and make it gross
17 darkness. But if ye will not hear it,
my soul shall weep in secret for your
pride; and mine eye shall weep sore,
and run down with tears, because the
18 LORD's flock is taken captive. Say thou
unto the king and to the queen-mother,
Humble yourselves, sit down: for
your headtires are come down, even
19 ⁷the crown of your glory. The cities
of the South are shut up, and there is
none to open them: Judah is carried
away captive all of it; it is wholly
carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them
that come from the north: where is
the flock that was given thee, thy
21 beautiful flock? ⁸What wilt thou say,
when he shall set thy friends over thee
as head, seeing thou thyself hast in-
structed them against thee? shall not
sorrows take hold of thee, as of a wo-
22 man in travail? And if thou say in
thine heart, Wherefore are these things
come upon me? for the ¹⁰greatness
of thine iniquity are thy skirts dis-
covered, and thy heels suffer violence.
23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or
the leopard his spots? then may ye
also do good, that are ¹¹accustomed to
24 do evil. Therefore will I scatter them,
as the stubble that passeth away, ¹²by
25 the wind of the wilderness. This is
thy lot, the portion measured unto
thee from me, saith the LORD; because
thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in
26 falsehood. Therefore will I also discover
thy skirts ¹³upon thy face, and thy
27 shame shall appear. I have seen thine
abominations, even thine adulteries,
and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy
whoredom, on the hills in the field. Woe

¹ Or, be ye ashamed
Or, they shall be ashamed

² Or, Jar

³ Heb. for David upon his throne.

⁴ Or, grow dark
⁵ Heb. mountains of twilight.
⁶ Or, deep darkness

⁷ Or, sit ye down low
⁸ Or, your beautiful crown

⁹ Or, What wilt thou say, when he shall visit thee, seeing thou thyself hast instructed them against thee, even thy friends to be head over thee?
¹⁰ Or, multitude
¹¹ Heb. taught.
¹² Or, unto

¹³ Or, before

unto thee, O Jerusalem! thou wilt not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?

14 The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought.

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish, they sit in black upon the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. And their nobles send their

little ones to the waters: they come to the pits, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty: they are ashamed and confounded, and

cover their heads. Because of the ground which is ³chapt, for that no rain hath been in the land, the plowmen are ashamed, they cover their

heads. Yea, the hind also in the field calveth, and forsaketh her young, because there is no grass. And the wild asses stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like ⁴jackals; their eyes fail, because there is no herbage.

7 Though our iniquities testify against us, work thou for thy name's sake, O LORD: for our backslidings are many; 8 we have sinned against thee. O thou

hope of Israel, the saviour thereof in the time of trouble, why shouldest thou be as a sojourner in the land, and as a wayfaring man that ⁶turneth

aside to tarry for a night? Why shouldest thou be as a man astonished, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.

10 Thus saith the LORD unto this people, Even so have they loved to wander; they have not refrained their feet: therefore the LORD doth not accept them; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins.

11 And the LORD said unto me, Pray not 12 for this people for *their* good. When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and ⁸oblation, I will not accept them: but I will consume them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pest-

13 ilence. Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give

14 you ⁷assured peace in this place. Then the LORD said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake I unto them: they prophesy unto you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nought, and

15 the deceit of their own heart. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, and I sent them not, yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land: By sword and famine shall

16 those prophets be consumed. And the people to whom they prophesy shall

be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters: for I will pour their

17 wickedness upon them. And thou shalt say this word unto them, Let mine eyes run down with tears night and day, and let them not cease; for the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great breach, with a very grievous

18 wound. If I go forth into the field, then behold the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then behold ⁹them that are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest ⁹go about ¹⁰in the land and have no knowledge.

19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of heal-

20 ing, and behold dismay! We ¹¹acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have

21 sinned against thee. Do not ¹²abhor us, for thy name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us.

22 Are there any among the vanities of the heathen that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art not thou he, O LORD our God? therefore we will wait upon thee; for thou hast ¹³made all these things.

15 Then said the LORD unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my mind could not be toward this people: cast them out of

2 my sight, and let them go forth. And it shall come to pass, when they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith the LORD: Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as

8 are for captivity, to captivity. And I will appoint over them four ¹⁴kinds, saith the LORD: the sword to slay, and the dogs to ¹⁵tear, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the

4 earth, to devour and to destroy. And I will cause them to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah king of Judah, for that

5 which he did in Jerusalem. For who shall have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who shall bemoan thee? or who shall turn aside to ask of thy

6 welfare? Thou hast rejected me, saith the LORD, thou art gone backward: therefore have I stretched out my hand against thee, and destroyed thee; I am weary with repenting.

7 And I have fanned them with a fan in the gates of the land; I have bereaved them of children, I have destroyed my

1 Or, inferiors
2 Or, for water

3 Or, diminished

4 Or, the crocodile

5 Or, spread-
eth his
tent

6 Or, meat offering

7 Heb. peace of truth.

8 Heb. the sick-
ness of famine

9 Or, brought
10 Or, into a land that they know not

11 Or, know

12 Or, consume

13 Or, done

14 Heb. families

15 Heb. drag.

people; they have not returned from 8 their ways. Their widows are increased to me above the sand of the seas: I have brought upon them ^{1a} against the mother of the young men a spoiler at noonday: I have caused anguish and terrors to fall upon her 9 suddenly. She that hath borne seven languisheth; she hath given up the ghost; her sun is gone down while it was yet day; she hath been ashamed and confounded: and the residue of them will I deliver to the sword before their enemies, saith the LORD.

10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not lent on usury, neither have men lent to me on usury; yet every one of 11 them doth curse me. The LORD said, Verily ² I will strengthen thee for good; verily ³ I will cause the enemy to make supplication unto thee in the time of evil and in the time of affliction.

12 ⁴ Can one break iron, even iron 13 from the north, and brass? Thy substance and thy treasures will I give for a spoil without price, and that for all thy sins, even in all thy 14 borders. And ⁵ I will make them to pass with thine enemies into a land which thou knowest not: for a fire is kindled in mine anger, which shall burn upon you.

15 O LORD, thou knowest: remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy long suffering: know that for thy sake

16 I have suffered reproach. Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were unto me a joy and the rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of 17 hosts. I sat not in the assembly of them that make merry, nor rejoiced: I sat alone because of thy hand; for thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou indeed be unto me as a deceitful brook, as waters that ⁷ fail?

19 Therefore thus saith the LORD, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, that thou mayest stand before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: they shall return unto thee, but thou shalt not return unto them.

20 And I will make thee unto this people a fenced brassen wall; and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith

21 the LORD. And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

16 The word of the LORD came also 2 unto me, saying, Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have 3 sons or daughters in this place. For thus saith the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that be- 4 gat them in this land: They shall die ⁸ of grievous deaths; they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their carcases shall be meat for the fowls of heaven, and for the beasts 5 of the earth. For thus saith the LORD, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament, neither bemoan them: for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the LORD, even lovingkindness and tender mercies.

6 Both great and small shall die in this land: they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald

7 for them: neither shall men ⁹ break bread for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mo-

8 ther. And thou shalt not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat 9 and to drink. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of glad-

ness, the voice of the bridegroom and 10 the voice of the bride. And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt shew this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? or what is our iniquity? or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God?

11 then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have for-

saken me, and have not kept my law; 12 and ye have done evil more than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that ye hearken not unto me:

13 therefore will I cast you forth out of this land into the land that ye have not known, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; ¹⁰ for I will shew you no favour.

14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, As the LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of 15 Egypt; but, As the LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from

¹ Or, against the mother and the young men

² The Vulgate has, thy remnant shall be for good.

³ Another reading is, release.

⁴ Or, I will intercede for thee with the enemy

⁵ Or, Can iron break iron from etc.

⁶ Or, I will make thine enemies to pass into etc. According to some ancient authorities, I will make thee to serve thine enemies in a land etc. See ch. xvii. 4.

⁷ Heb. are not sure.

⁸ Heb. d. after of such manner.

⁹ See Is. lviii. 7.

¹⁰ Or, where

the land of the north, and from all the countries whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

16 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity concealed from mine eyes. And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; ¹because they have polluted my land with the carcases of their detestable things, and have filled mine inheritance with their abominations.

17 O Lord, my strength, and my strong hold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, unto thee shall the nations come from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Our fathers have inherited nought but lies, *even* vanity and things wherein there is no profit. Shall a man make unto himself gods, which yet are no gods? Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know, this once will I cause them to know mine hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Jehovah.

17 The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of their altars; whilst their children remember their altars and their ⁴Asherim by the green trees upon the high hills.

18 O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures for a spoil, and thy high places, because of sin, throughout all thy borders. And thou, even of thyself, shalt discontinue from thine heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger which shall burn for ever.

19 Thus saith the Lord: Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord. For he shall be like ⁴the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited.

20 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose ⁴hope the Lord is. For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, and that spreadeth out his roots by the river, and shall not ⁴fear when heat cometh, but his leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall he cease from yielding fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is desperately sick: who can know

10 it? I the Lord search the heart, I try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. As the partridge ⁷that gathereth *young* which she hath not brought forth, so is he that getteth riches, and not by right; in the midst of his days ⁸they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool.

12 A glorious throne, *set* on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. O Lord, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be ashamed; they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the Lord, the fountain of living waters. Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise.

15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the Lord? let it come now. As for me, I have not hastened from being a shepherd after thee; neither have I desired ⁹the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was before thy face. Be not a terror unto me: thou art my refuge in the day of evil. Let them be ashamed that persecute me, but let not me be ashamed; let them be dismayed, but let not me be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and ¹⁰destroy them with double destruction.

19 Thus said the Lord unto me: Go, and stand in the gate of ¹¹the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by the which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; and say unto them, Hear ye the word of the Lord, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates; thus saith the Lord: Take heed ¹²to yourselves, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work: but hallow ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers; but they hearkened not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, and might not receive instruction. And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but to hallow the sabbath day, to do no work therein; then shall there enter in by the gates of this city kings and princes sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: and this city shall ¹³remain for ever. And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places round about Jeru-

⁷ Or, *ninth*
on eggs
which she hath
not laid
⁸ Or, *he*
shall
leave
them

⁹ Some
ancient
versions
read, the
judge
must
day of
men.

¹⁰ Heb.
break
them
with a
double
branch.

¹¹ Or, the
common
people
Jer. ch.
xxvi. 22

¹² Or,
for your
life's
sake

¹³ Or, *be*
inhabited

¹ Or,
because
they have
polluted
my land:
they have
filled
mine
inheritance
with the
carcases
of their
detestable
things
and their
abominations

² Another
reading is,
their.
³ See Ex.
xxiv. 13.

⁴ Or, a
tumult

⁵ Heb.
trust.

⁶ According
to another
reading,
see.

salem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from the mountains, and from the South, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and oblations, and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving, unto the house of the LORD. But if ye will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden and enter in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words.
 19 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought his work on the wheels. And when the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.
 20 Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand, O house of Israel. At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them.
 21 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; if it do evil in my sight, that it obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. Now therefore go to, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. But they say, There is no hope: for we will walk after our own devices, and we will do every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart.

18 Therefore thus saith the LORD: Ask ye now among the nations, who hath heard such things; the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing. Shall the snow of Lebanon fail from the rock of the field? or shall the cold waters ²that flow down from afar be dried up? For my people hath forgotten me, they have burned incense to vanity; and they have caused them to stumble in their ways, in the ancient paths, to walk in bypaths, in a way

16 not cast up; to make their land an astonishment, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and shake his head. I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will ⁴look upon their back, and not their face, in the day of their calamity.

18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, O LORD, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. Shall evil be recompensed for good? for they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before thee to speak good for them, to turn away thy fury from them. Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and give them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives become childless, and widows; and let their men be slain of death, and their young men smitten of the sword in battle. Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them: for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid ²snare for my feet. Yet, LORD, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me; forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight: but let them be ³overthrown before thee; deal thou with them in the time of thine anger.

19 Thus said the LORD, Go, and buy a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests; and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of ⁶the gate Harsith, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee: and say, Hear ye the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem; thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, whom they knew not, they and their fathers and the kings of Judah; and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; and have built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt offerings unto Baal; which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my ⁷mind: therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter. And I

¹ Or, most offerings

⁴ Or, above them the back, and not the face

³ Heb. made to stumble.

⁶ Or, the gate of pot-
shards

⁷ Heb. heart.

² Or, of strange lands that flow down be
³ Or, plucked up

¹ Heb.
empty
owl.

will I make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of them that seek their life: and their carcases will I give to be meat for the fowls of the heaven, and for the beasts of the earth. And I will make this city an astonishment, and an hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof. And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall eat every one the flesh of his friend, in the siege and in the straitness, wherewith their enemies, and they that seek their life, shall straiten them. Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, and shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury in Topheth, ²till there be no place to bury. Thus will I do unto this place, saith the Lord, and to the inhabitants thereof, even making this city as Topheth: and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, shall be as the place of Topheth, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, whither the Lord had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of the Lord's house, and said to all the people: Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all her towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have made their neck stiff, that they might not hear my words.

20 Now Pashhur the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. Then Pashhur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of the Lord. And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, The Lord hath not called thy name Pashhur, but ³Magor-missabib. For thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends: and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it: and I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive to Babylon, and shall slay them with the sword. Moreover I will give

² Or,
because
there
shall be
no place
else

³ That is,
Terror
on every
side.

all the riches of this city, and all the gains thereof, and all the precious things thereof, yea, all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, which shall spoil them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. And thou, Pashhur, and all that dwell in thine house shall go into captivity: and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and there shalt thou be buried, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.

7 O Lord, thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived: thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am become a laughing-stock all the day, every one mocketh me. For as often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, Violence and spoil: because the word of the Lord is made a reproach unto me, and a derision, all the day. And if I say, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name, then there is in mine heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearing, and I cannot contain. For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side. Denounce, and we will denounce him, say all my familiar friends, they that watch for my halting; peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him. But the Lord is with me as a mighty one and a terrible: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail: they shall be greatly ashamed, because they have not dealt wisely, even with an everlasting dishonour which shall never be forgotten. But, O Lord of hosts, that triest the righteous, that seest the reins and the heart, let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause. Sing unto the Lord, praise ye the Lord: for he hath delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evil-doers.

14 Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed. Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man child is born unto thee; making him very glad. And let that man be as the cities which the Lord overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear a cry in the morning, and shouting at noon tide; because he slew me not from the womb; and so my mother should have been my grave, and her womb always great. Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labour and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

21 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashhur

¹ Or,
rejoice

² Or,
persecutor

³ Or,
an
alarm

the son of Malchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maseiah the priest, saying.

2 Inquire, I pray thee, of the Lord for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us: peradventure the Lord will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah: Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans which besiege you, without the walls, and I will gather them into the midst of this city. And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence. And afterward, saith the Lord, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, even such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their life: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth out, and falleth away to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his life shall be unto him for a prey. For I have set my face upon this city for evil, and not for good, saith the Lord: it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 And touching the house of the king of Judah, hear ye the word of the Lord: O house of David, thus saith the Lord, Execute judgement in the morning, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my fury go forth like fire, and burn that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, and of the rock of the plain, saith the Lord; ye which say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? and I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith the Lord: and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is round about her.

22 Thus said the Lord: Go down to

the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, O king of Judah, that sitteth upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates. Thus saith the Lord: Execute ye judgement and righteousness, and deliver the spoiled out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence, to the stranger, the fatherless, nor the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. For if ye do this thing indeed, then shall there enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. But if ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith the Lord, that this house shall become a desolation. For thus saith the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah: Thou art Gilead unto me, and the head of Lebanon: yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited.

7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons: and they shall cut down thy choice cedars, and cast them into the fire. And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say every man to his neighbour, Wherefore hath the Lord done thus unto this great city?

9 Then they shall answer, Because they forsook the covenant of the Lord their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him: but weep sore for him that goeth away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country.

11 For thus saith the Lord touching Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, which reigned instead of Josiah his father, which went forth out of this place: He shall not return thither any more; but in the place whither they have led him captive, there shall he die, and he shall see this land no more.

13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by injustice; that useth his neighbour's service without wages, and giveth him not his hire; that saith, I will build me a wide house and spacious chambers, and cutteth him out wind-ows; and it is cield with cedar, and painted with vermilion. Shalt thou reign, because thou strivest to excel in cedar? did not thy father eat and drink, and do judgement and justice? then it was well with him. He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Was not this to know me? saith the Lord. But thine eyes and thine heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for to shed innocent

⁴ Heb. for David upon his throne.

⁵ Or, unto

⁶ Heb. sanctify.

⁷ In 2 Kings xxiii. 30, Jeho-riahaz. Compare 1 Chr. iii. 16.

⁸ Or, woe with the cedar

⁹ Or, dishonoured gain

¹ Another reading is, *their*.

² Heb. inhabitant.

³ Or, and rock

blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah: They shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah my brother! or, Ah sister! they shall not lament for him, *saying*, Ah lord! or, Ah his glory! He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan: and cry from Abarim; for all thy lovers are destroyed. I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice. The wind shall feed all thy shepherds, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. O inhabitant of Lebanon, that maketh thy nest in the cedars, how greatly to be pitied shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee, the pain as of a woman in travail! As I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; and I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy life, and into the hand of them of whom thou art afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the 26 Chaldeans. And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die. But to the land wherunto thy soul longeth to return, thither shall they not return. Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? is he a vessel wherein is no pleasure? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into the land which they know not? O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of the LORD.

30 Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.

23 Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith the LORD. Therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, against the shepherds that feed my people: Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD. And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall

fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking, saith the LORD.

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute judgement and justice in the land. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The LORD is our righteousness.

11 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, As the LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, As the LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

9 Concerning the prophets. Mine heart within me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome; because of the LORD, and because of his holy words. For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pastures of the wilderness are dried up; and their course is evil, and their force is not right. For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery places in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD. And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. In the prophets of Jerusalem also I have seen an horrible thing; they commit adultery, and walk in lies, and they strengthen the hands of evil-doers, that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them become unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah.

15 Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall: for from the prophets of Jerusalem is profaneness gone forth into all the land. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Harken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you; they teach you vanity: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD.

17 They say continually unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and unto every one that walketh in the stubbornness of his own heart they say, No evil shall come upon you. For who hath stood

⁹ Or, about
Or, seed
¹⁰ Or, prosper

¹⁰ Or, The
LORD
our
righteousness
¹¹ See
ch. xvi.
14, 15

¹² Or, the curse

¹³ Or, in
the year

¹⁴ See ch.
viii. 14

¹⁵ According
to the
Sept.,
that de-
spise the
word of
the LORD,
Ye do

¹ Or, feed
upon

² Heb.
inhabit-
ants.

³ Some
ancient
versions
have,
how wilt
thou
groom.

⁴ In ch.
xxiv. 1,
and
1 Chr. iii.
16, Je-
coniah.
In
2 Kings
xxiv. 6, &
Jehoi-
achin.

⁵ Heb.
they lift
up their
soul.

⁶ Or, pot

⁷ Or, land

Another
reading
in, Me.

Or,
done it

Or,
consider

Heb.
fals.

Or,
tell them
what the
burden
is

The
Sept.
and
Vulgate
LXX. Ye
are the
burden.

Or,
is his
burden,
and ye
pervert
it.

in the council of the LORD, that he should perceive and hear his word? who hath marked ¹my word, and heard it? 19 Behold, the tempest of the LORD, even his fury, is gone forth, yea, a whirling tempest: it shall burst upon the head 20 of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have ²executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall ³understand it perfectly. 21 I sent not these prophets, yet they ran: I spake not unto them, yet they 22 prophesied. But if they had stood in my council, then had they caused my people to hear my words, and had turned them from their evil way, and 23 from the evil of their doings. Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not 24 a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have 26 dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies; even the prophets of the deceit 27 of their own heart? which think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbour, as their fathers 28 forgot my name for Baal. The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? saith 29 the LORD. Is not my word like as fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour. Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that ⁴use their 32 tongues, and say, He saith. Behold, I am against them that prophesy lying dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting: yet I sent them not, nor commanded them; neither shall they profit this 33 people at all, saith the LORD. And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? then shalt thou ⁵say unto them, ⁶What burden! I will cast you off, saith the LORD. 34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish 35 that man and his house. Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the LORD answered? and, What hath 36 the LORD spoken? And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for every man's own word ⁷shall be

his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of 37 hosts our God. Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the LORD answered thee? and, What hath the 38 LORD spoken? But if ye say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus saith the LORD: Because ye say this word, The burden of the LORD, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The 39 burden of the LORD; therefore, behold, I will ⁸utterly forget you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave unto you and to your fathers, away from my 40 presence: and I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

24 The LORD shewed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of the LORD; after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the craftsmen and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had 2 brought them to Babylon. One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very bad figs, which could 3 not be eaten, they were so bad. Then said the LORD unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they 4 are so bad. And the word of the LORD 5 came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, 6 for good. For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land: and I will build them, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7 And I will give them an heart to know me, that I am the LORD: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: for they shall return unto me with their 8 whole heart. And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad; surely thus saith the LORD, So will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and 9 them that dwell in the land of Egypt: I will even give them up to be ⁹tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all 10 places whither I shall drive them. And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jehoi-

Or, according to some ancient authorities. 1/7 you say

Or, a terror unto

akim the son of Josiah, king of Judah; the same was the first year of 2 Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; the which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying: From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah, even unto this day, these three and twenty years, the word of the Lord hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; but ye 4 have not hearkened. And the Lord hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor 5 inclined your ear to hear; saying, Return ye now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the Lord hath given unto you and to your fathers, 6 from of old and even for evermore: and go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me not to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the Lord: that ye might provoke me to anger with the work of your hands to 8 your own hurt. Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts: Because ye have 9 not heard my words, behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and I will send unto Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will 1 utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and 10 perpetual desolations. Moreover I will 2 take from them the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the 11 light of the candle. And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the 12 king of Babylon seventy years. And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make 18 it 3 desolate forever. And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings 4 shall serve themselves of them, even of them: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands. 15 For thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto me: Take the cup of the wine of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send

16 thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad, because of the sword that I will 17 send among them. Then took I the cup at the Lord's hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom the 18 Lord had sent me: to wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, an hissing, and a curse; as it is 19 this day; Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all 20 his people; and all the mingled people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gaza, and Ekron, and the remnant of Ash- 21 dod; Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon; and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the 6 isle which is beyond 23 the sea; Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that have the corners of their 24 hair polled; and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the wilderness; 25 and all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of Elam, and all the kings of 26 the Medes; and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another; and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of 6 Sheshach shall drink 27 after them. And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send 28 among you. And it shall be, if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts: 29 Ye shall surely drink. For, lo, I begin to work evil at the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, 30 saith the Lord of hosts. Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, The Lord shall roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he shall mightily roar against his 7 fold; he shall give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the in- 31 habitants of the earth. A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, saith the Lord. 32 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be raised up from the uttermost parts of 33 the earth. And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the

5 Or, coast-land

6 According to ancient tradition, a cipher for Sheshach, see ch. i. 4.

7 Or, pasture

1 Heb. devote.

2 Heb. cause to perish from them.

3 Heb. everlasting desolations.

4 Or, have served themselves or, made bondmen

earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the 34 ground. Howl, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves in *ashes*, ye principal of the flock: for the days of your slaughter are fully come, ¹and I will break you in pieces, and ye shall 35 fall like a pleasant vessel. And ²the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor 36 the principal of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the howling of the principal of the flock! for the Lord layeth waste their pasture. 37 And the peaceable folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger 38 of the Lord. He hath forsaken his covert, as the lion: for their land is become an astonishment because of ³the fierceness of the oppressing sword, and because of his fierce anger.

26 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word from the Lord, 2 saying, Thus saith the Lord: Stand in the court of the Lord's house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the Lord's house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; keep not 3 back a word. It may be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their 4 doings. And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord: If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law, 5 which I have set before you, to hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send unto you, even rising up early and sending them, 6 but ye have not hearkened; then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all 7 the nations of the earth. And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these 8 words in the house of the Lord. And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the Lord had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold on him, saying, Thou shalt surely 9 die. Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered unto Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. 10 And when the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house unto the house of the Lord; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of the Lord's house. 11 Then spake the priests and the pro-

phets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy of death; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your 12 ears. Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, The Lord sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. 13 Therefore now amend your ways and your doings, and obey the voice of the Lord your God; and the Lord will repent him of the evil that he hath 14 pronounced against you. But as for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as is good and right in your 15 eyes. Only know ye for certain that, if ye put me to death, ye shall bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof: for of a truth the Lord hath sent me unto you to speak all 16 these words in your ears. Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets: This man is not worthy of death; for he hath spoken to us in the name of the Lord 17 our God. Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the 18 assembly of the people, saying, ⁴Micaiah the Morashite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts: ⁵Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high 19 places of a forest. Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him at all to death? did he not fear the Lord, and intreat the favour of the Lord, and the Lord repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus should we commit great 20 evil against our own souls. And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the Lord, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kirith-jearim; and he prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of 21 Jeremiah: and when Jehoiakim the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and 22 fled, and went into Egypt: and Jehoiakim the king sent men into Egypt, *namely*, Elnathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt: 23 and they fetched forth Uriah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king; who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the 24 graves of the ⁶common people. But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

¹ Or, and I will disperse you.
² Many ancient versions read, and your dispersions.
³ Heb. Right shall perish from the shepherds, and escape from etc.
⁴ Or, according to some ancient authorities, the oppressing sword. See ch. xiv. 18.

⁴ Another reading is, Micah. See Micah i. 1.

⁵ See Micah iii. 12.

⁶ Heb. *sons of the people*.

¹ Properly, Zedekiah, as in some ancient authorities. See vv. 3, 12, 20, ch. xxviii. 1.
² See Lev. xvi. 13.

27 In the beginning of the reign of ¹Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word unto Jeremiah
2 from the LORD, saying, Thus saith the LORD to me: Make thee bands and
3 bars, and put them upon thy neck; and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Zidon, by the hand of the messengers which come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of
4 Judah; and give them a charge unto their masters, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Thus
5 shall ye say unto your masters; I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it unto
6 whom it seemeth right unto me. And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field also have I given
7 him to serve him. And all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him. And it shall come to pass, that the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith the LORD, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have
9 consumed them by his hand. But as for you, hearken ye not to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve
10 the king of Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land; and that I should drive
11 you out and ye should perish. But the nation that shall bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, that nation will I let remain in their own land, saith the LORD; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.
12 And I spake to Zedekiah king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve
13 him and his people, and live. Why will ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as the LORD hath spoken concerning the nation that will not
14 serve the king of Babylon? And hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: for
15 they prophesy a lie unto you. For I

have not sent them, saith the LORD, but they prophesy falsely in my name; that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ye, and the prophets
16 that prophesy unto you. Also I spake to the priests and to all this people, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Hearken not to the words of your prophets that prophesy unto you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon: for they prophesy a lie unto
17 you. Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon, and live: wherefore should this city become a desolation? But if they be prophets, and if the word of the LORD be with them, let them now make intercession to the LORD of hosts, that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and
19 at Jerusalem, go not to Babylon. For thus saith the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels that
20 are left in this city, which Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took not, when he carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all the
21 nobles of Judah and Jerusalem; yea, thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that are left in the house of the LORD, and in the house of the king of Judah, and
22 at Jerusalem: They shall be carried to Babylon, and there shall they be, until the day that I visit them, saith the LORD; then will I bring them up, and restore them to this place.
23 And it came to pass the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that Hananiah the son of Azzur the prophet, which was of Gibeon, spake unto me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying,
2 Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken
3 the yoke of the king of Babylon. Within two full years will I bring again into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, that Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon took away from this place, and
4 carried them to Babylon: and I will bring again to this place Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah, that went to Babylon, saith the LORD: for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.
5 Then the prophet Jeremiah said unto the prophet Hananiah in the presence of all the priests, and in the presence of all the people that stood in the house
6 of the LORD, even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen: the LORD do so: the LORD perform thy words which thou hast

prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all them of the captivity, from Babylon unto this place. Nevertheless hear thou now this word that I speak in thine ears, and in the ears of all the people: The prophets that have been before me and before thee of old prophesied against many countries, and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of pestilence. The prophet which prophesieth of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, then shall the prophet be known,¹ that the LORD hath truly sent him. Then Hananiah the prophet took the bar from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck, and brake it. And Hananiah spake in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon within two full years from off the neck of all the nations. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

12 Then the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, after that Hananiah the prophet had broken the bar from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Go, and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD: Thou hast broken the bars of wood; but thou shalt make in their stead bars of iron. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon; and they shall serve him: and I have given him the beasts of the field also. Then said the prophet Jeremiah unto Hananiah the prophet, Hear now, Hananiah; the LORD hath not sent thee; but thou makest this people to trust in a lie.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will send thee away from off the face of the earth: this year thou shalt die, because thou hast spoken rebellion against the LORD. So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

29 Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders of the captivity, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon: (after that Jeconiah the king, and the queen-mother, and the eunuchs, and the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the craftsmen, and the smiths, were departed from Jerusalem;) by the hand of Elasah the son of Shaphan, and Gemariah the son of Hilkiah, (whom Zedekiah king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,) saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all the captivity, whom I have

¹ Or, whom the LORD hath truly sent

carried away captive from Jerusalem unto Babylon: Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them; take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply ye there, and be not diminished. And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Let not your prophets that be in the midst of you, and your diviners, deceive you, neither hearken ye to your dreams which ye cause to be dreamed. For they prophesy falsely unto you in my name: I have not sent them, saith the LORD. For thus saith the LORD, After seventy years be accomplished for Babylon, I will visit you, and perform my good word toward you, in causing you to return to this place. For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope in your latter end. And ye shall call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD, and I will turn again your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again unto the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive. For ye have said, The LORD hath raised us up prophets in Babylon. For thus saith the LORD concerning the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and concerning all the people that dwell in this city, your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity; thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad. And I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an execration, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them: because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, wherewith I sent unto them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD. Hear ye therefore the word of the LORD,

² Or, dreams

³ Heb. a latter end and hope.

⁴ Or, returns to

⁵ Or, a terror unto

all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Ahab the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, which prophesy a lie unto you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall slay them before your eyes; and of them shall be taken up a curse by all the captives of Judah which are in Babylon, saying, The Lord make thee like Zedekiah and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire: because they have wrought folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbours' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I commanded them not; and I am he that knoweth, and am witness, saith the Lord.

24 And concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite thou shalt speak, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent letters in thine own name unto all the people that are at Jerusalem, and to Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, and to all the priests, saying, The Lord hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that ye should be officers in the house of the Lord, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldst put him in the stocks and in shackles. Now therefore, why hast thou not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, which maketh himself a prophet to you, forasmuch as he hath sent unto us in Babylon, saying, The captivity is long: build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them? And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying, Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith the Lord concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he hath caused you to trust in a lie; therefore thus saith the Lord, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither shall he behold the good that I will do unto my people, saith the Lord: because he hath spoken rebellion against the Lord.

30 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, Thus speaketh the Lord, the God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book. For, lo, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will turn again the captivity of my

people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

4 And these are the words that the Lord spake concerning Israel and 5 concerning Judah. For thus saith the Lord: We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child: wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bands; and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him: but they shall serve the Lord thy God, and David thy king, whom I will raise up unto them. Therefore fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the Lord; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have scattered thee, but I will not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee with judgment, and will in no wise leave thee unpunished.

12 For thus saith the Lord, Thy hurt is incurable, and thy wound grievous. 13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines. All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not: for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one; for the greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased. Why criest thou for thy hurt? thy pain is incurable: for the greatness of thine iniquity, because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. Therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey. For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord; because they have called thee an outcast, saying, It is Zion, whom no man seeketh after. 18 Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will turn again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have compassion on his dwelling places; and the city shall be

1 Or, unto

2 Or, the collar

3 Or, return to

4 Or, there is fear, and no peace

5 Or, hold thee great

6 Or, thy cause: for thy wound thou hast no medicines nor plaster

7 Heb, for closing up, or, preserving

8 Or, multitude

9 Or, for thy hurt, because thy pain is incurable

10 See ch. viii. 22

11 Or, search for

¹ Or, mound
Heb. tel.
² Or, he inhabit-
ed

built upon her own ¹heap, and the palace shall ²remain after the manner thereof. And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few: I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. And their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is he that ³hath had boldness to approach unto me? saith the LORD. And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

³ Heb. hath been surety for his heart.
⁴ See ch. xiii. 19, 20.
⁵ Or, gathering.

²³ Behold, the tempest of the LORD, even his fury, is gone forth, a ⁵sweeping tempest: it shall burst upon the ²⁴head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall understand it.

³¹ At that time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword ⁶found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, ⁷when I went to cause him to rest. The LORD appeared ⁸of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore ⁹with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: again shalt thou be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in the dances of them that make merry.

⁶ Or, have found... when I go
⁷ Or, when he went to find him rest

⁸ Or, from afar
⁹ Or, have I con-
tinued loving-
kindness unto thee

Again shalt thou plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall ¹⁰enjoy the fruit thereof. For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the hills of Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God. For thus saith the LORD, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout ¹¹for the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, O LORD, save thy people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall they return hither. They shall come with weeping, and with supplications will I lead them: I will ¹²cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble: for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

¹⁰ Heb. profane, or, make common.
See Lev. xix. 25.
¹¹ Deut. xx. 6.
xxviii. 30.
¹² Or, at the head

Hear the word of the LORD, O ye

¹² Or, bring them unto

nations, and declare it in the isles afar off; and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD hath ransomed Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. And they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together unto the goodness of the LORD, to the corn, and to the wine, and to the oil, and to the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD.

Thus saith the LORD: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted for her children, because they are not. Thus saith the LORD: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the LORD; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. And there is hope for thy latter end, saith the LORD; and thy children shall come again to their own border. I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus, Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a calf unaccustomed to the yoke: turn thou me, and I shall be turned; for thou art the LORD my God. Surely after that I was turned, I repented; and after that I was instructed, I smote upon my thigh: I was ashamed, yea, even confounded, because I did bear the reproach of my youth. Is Ephraim my dear son? is he a pleasant child? for as often as I speak against him, I do earnestly remember him still: therefore my bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the LORD.

Set thee up waymarks, make thee guide-poets: set thine heart toward the high way, even the way by which thou wentest: turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these thy cities. How long wilt thou go hither and thither, O thou backsliding daughter? for the LORD hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall encompass a man.

Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Yet again shall they use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I shall ¹⁴bring again their captivity: The LORD bless thee, O habitation of justice, O mountain of holiness. And Judah and all the cities

¹³ Heb. sound.

¹⁴ Or, return to

thereof shall dwell therein together; the husbandmen, and they that go about with flocks. For I have satiated the weary soul, and every sorrowful soul have I replenished. Upon this I awaked, and beheld; and my sleep was sweet unto me. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man, and with the seed of beast. And it shall come to pass, that like as I have watched over them to pluck up and to break down, and to overthrow and to destroy, and to afflict; so will I watch over them to build and to plant, saith the LORD. In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge.

31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; ¹which my covenant they brake, although I was ²an husband

unto them, saith the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the LORD; I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God,

34 and they shall be my people: and they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember

35 no more. Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which ³stirreth up the sea, that the waves thereof roar; the LORD of hosts is his name: If these ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

37 Thus saith the LORD: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD. Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Hananel unto the gate of the

39 corner. And the measuring line shall yet go out straight onward unto the hill Gareb, and shall turn about unto 40 Goah. And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all

the fields unto the brook Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

32 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar.

2 Now at that time the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem: and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the 3 king of Judah's house. For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophecy, and say, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered unto the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold 5 his eyes; and he shall lead Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith the LORD: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper?

6 And Jeremiah said, The word of the 7 LORD came unto me, saying, Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth: for the right of redemption is thine to buy it.

8 So Hanamel mine uncle's son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of the LORD, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin: for the right of inheritance is thine, and the redemption is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of the

9 LORD. And I bought the field that was in Anathoth of Hanamel mine uncle's son, and weighed him the money, even 10 seventeen shekels of silver. And I subscribed the deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed him the

11 money in the balances. So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, ⁴according to the law and custom, and that which was open:

12 and I delivered the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of Hanamel mine uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court

13 of the guard. And I charged Baruch 14 before them, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase, both that which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in

¹ Or, for-
asmuch
as they
brake
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covenant
² Or,
lord over
them

³ Or,
stirreth
the sea,
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16

⁴ Or, con-
taining
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ditions

an earthen vessel; that they may continue many days. For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land.

16 Now after I had delivered the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto the Lord, 17 saying, Ah Lord God! behold, thou hast made the heaven and the earth by thy great power and by thy stretched out arm; there is nothing too ¹hard

18 for thee: which shewest mercy unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the great, the mighty God, the Lord of hosts is 19 his name: great in counsel, and mighty in work: whose eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men; to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings:

20 which didst set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, ²both in Israel and among *other* men; and madest thee a name, as at this 21 day; and didst bring forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out

22 arm, and with great terror; and gavest them this land, which thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land 23 flowing with milk and honey; and they came in, and possessed it; but they obeyed not thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused

24 all this evil to come upon them: behold the mounts, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to

25 pass; and, behold, thou seest it. And thou hast said unto me, O Lord God, Buy thee the field for money, and call witnesses; whereas the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

26 Then came the word of the Lord 27 unto Jeremiah, saying, Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?

28 Therefore thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and 29 he shall take it: and the Chaldeans, that fight against this city, shall come and set this city on fire, and burn it, with the houses, upon whose roofs they have offered incense unto Baal, and poured out drink offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger.

30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done that which was evil in my sight from their

youth: for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the work of their hands, saith the Lord.

31 For this city hath been to me a provocation of mine anger and of my fury from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove

32 it from before my face: because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants

33 of Jerusalem. And they have turned unto me the back, and not the face: and though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened to receive instruc-

34 tion. But they set their abominations in the house which is called by my

35 name, to defile it. And they built the high places of Baal, which are in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my ³mind, that they should do this abomination; to cause Judah to sin.

36 And now therefore thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pesti-

37 lence: Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again unto this place, and

38 I will cause them to dwell safely: and they shall be my people, and I will be

39 their God: and I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me for ever; for the good of them, and

40 of their children after them: and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away ⁴from them, to do them good; and I will put my fear in their hearts, that they shall

41 not depart from me. Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land ⁵assuredly with my whole heart and with my

42 whole soul. For thus saith the Lord: Like as I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so will I bring upon them all the good that I have

43 promised them. And fields shall be bought in this land, whereof ye say, It is desolate, without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chaldeans.

44 Men shall buy fields for money, and subscribe the deeds, and seal them, and call witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the hill country, and in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities

¹ Or, wonders-ful

² Or, and

³ Heb. heart.

⁴ Heb. from after them.

⁵ Heb. in truth.

of the South: for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the LORD.

- 33 Moreover the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court
2 of the guard, saying, Thus saith the LORD that doeth it, the LORD that formeth it to establish it; the LORD is
3 his name: Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and will shew thee great things, and ¹difficult, which thou know-
4 est not. For thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down *to make a defence* against the mounts, and against the sword:
5 They come to fight with the Chaldeans, but it is to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face
6 from this city. Behold, I will bring it ¹health and cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal unto them abun-
7 dance of peace and truth. And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will
8 build them, as at the first. And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned against me, and whereby they have transgressed
9 against me. And *this city* shall be to me for a name of joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them, and shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all
10 the peace that I procure unto it. Thus saith the LORD: Yet again there shall be heard in this place, whereof ye say, It is waste, without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man and without inhabitant and without beast,
11 the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that say, Give thanks to the LORD of hosts, for the LORD is good, for his mercy *endureth* for ever: *and of them that bring sacrifices* of thanksgiving into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return
12 as at the first, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Yet again shall there be in this place, which is waste, without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, an habitation of shepherds causing their flocks
13 to lie down. In the cities of the hill country, in the cities of the lowland, and in the cities of the South, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks again pass under

the hands of him that telleth them, saith the LORD.

- 14 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the
15 house of Judah. In those days, and at that time, will I cause a ²Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute judgement and
16 righteousness in the land. In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely: and this is *the name* whereby she shall be called,
17 ⁴The LORD is our righteousness. For thus saith the LORD: ⁵David shall never want a man to sit upon the
18 throne of the house of Israel; neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to burn ⁶oblations, and to do sacri-
19 fice continually. And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying,
20 Thus saith the LORD: If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there should not be day and night in their season;
21 then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the
22 priests, my ministers. As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto
23 me. And the word of the LORD came
24 to Jeremiah, saying, Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD did choose, he hath cast them off? thus do they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before
25 them. Thus saith the LORD: If my covenant of day and night *stand* not, if I have not appointed the ordin-
26 ances of heaven and earth; then will I also cast away the seed of Jacob, and of David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will ⁷cause their captivity to return, and will have mercy on them.
- 34 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities
2 thereof, saying: Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel, Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with
3 fire: and thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken.

³ See ch. xiii. 1

⁴ See ch. xiii. 6

⁵ Heb. There shall not be cut off from David.

⁶ Or, most offerings

⁷ Or, return to their captivity

¹ Heb. severed in.

¹ Or, healing

and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon. Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zedekiah king of Judah: thus saith the LORD concerning thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword; thou shalt die in peace; and with the burnings of thy fathers, the former kings which were before thee, so shall they make a burning for thee; and they shall lament thee, saying, Ah lord! for I have spoken the word, saith the LORD. Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these alone remained of the cities of Judah as fenced cities.

8 The word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; that every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother: and all the princes and all the people obeyed, which had entered into the covenant, that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go: but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids: therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying, At the end of seven years ye shall let go every man his brother that is an Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee, and hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear. 15 And ye were now turned, and had done that which is right in mine eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: but ye turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and ye brought them into subjection,

to be unto you for servants and for handmaids. Therefore thus saith the LORD: Ye have not hearkened unto me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim unto you a liberty, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth. And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, when they cut the calf in twain and passed between the parts thereof; the princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts of the calf; I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. 21 And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you. Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation, without inhabitant.

35 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; and I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was by the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door: and I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups, and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. But they said, We will drink no wine: for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons, for ever: neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any: but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land wherein ye sojourn. And we have

⁴ Or, a terror unto

⁵ Heb. the calf which they cut &c.

¹ Rev. 2 Chr. xvi. 14. xxi. 18.

² Heb. bondage.

³ Or, hath sold himself.

⁴ Heb. threshold.

obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; nor to build houses for us to dwell in: neither have we vineyard, nor field, nor seed: but we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done according to all that Jonadab our father commanded us. But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come, and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chaldeans, and for fear of the army of the Syrians; so we dwell at Jerusalem.

12 Then came the word of the LORD unto Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Go, and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken unto my words? saith the LORD. The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed, and unto this day they drink none, for they obey their father's commandment: but I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; and ye have not hearkened unto me. I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. Forasmuch as the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people hath not hearkened unto me; therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem all the evil that I have pronounced against them: because I have spoken unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered. And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Because ye have obeyed the commandment of Jonadab your father, and kept all his precepts, and done according unto all that he commanded you; therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Jonadab the son of Rechab shall not want a man to stand before me for ever.

36 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,

2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah; and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll of a book.

5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go

6 into the house of the LORD: therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people in the LORD's house upon the fast day: and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that

7 come out of their cities. It may be they will present their supplication before the LORD, and will return every one from his evil way: for great is the anger and the fury that the LORD hath pronounced against this people. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

9 Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem, proclaimed a fast before the LORD. Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the new gate of the LORD's house, in

11 the ears of all the people. And when Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of the LORD, he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber: and, lo, all the princes sat there, even Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elnathan the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the

13 princes. Then Micaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. Therefore all the

princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushii, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thine hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came

¹ Or, restrained

² Or, a fast day

³ Heb. their supplications will not be

15 unto them. And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears.
 16 So Baruch read it in their ears. Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. And they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at his mouth? Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book.
 19 Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye be. And they went in to the king into the court; but they had laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe; and they told all the words in the ears of the king. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll: and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes which stood beside the king. Now the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month: and *there was a fire in the brasier burning before him.* And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four ¹leaves, that *the king* cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brasier, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the brasier. And they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words.
 25 Moreover Elnathan and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll: but he would not hear them. And the king commanded Jerahmeel ²the king's son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet: but the LORD hid them.
 27 Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehoiakim the king of Judah hath burned.
 29 And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah thou shalt say, Thus saith the LORD: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? Therefore thus saith the LORD concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David: and his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. And I will punish him and his

seed and his servants for their iniquity; and I will bring upon them, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evil that I have pronounced against them, but they hearkened not. Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah; who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire: and there were added besides unto them many like words.

37 And Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of ³Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the 2nd land of Judah. But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of the LORD, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehucal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maseiah the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto the LORD our God for us. Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people: for they had not put him into prison. And Pharaoh's army was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they brake up from Jerusalem. Then came the word of the LORD unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel: Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me; Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire.
 9 Thus saith the LORD: Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us: for they shall not depart. For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but ⁴wounded men among them, yet should they rise up every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.
 11 And it came to pass that when the army of the Chaldeans was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh's army, then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion ⁵there, in the midst of the people. And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah: and he laid hold on Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou fallest away to the Chaldeans. Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I fall not away to the Chaldeans; but he heark-

³ See ch. xxii.

¹ Or, columns

² Or, the son of Jerahmeel

⁴ Heb. grieved souls.

⁵ Heb. thrust through.

⁶ Heb. thence.

ened not to him: so Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah, and brought him to the 15 princes. And the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had 16 made that the prison. When Jeremiah was come into the ¹dungeon house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah had 17 remained there many days; then Zedekiah the king sent, and fetched him: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from the Lord? And Jeremiah said, There is. He said also, Thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king 18 of Babylon. Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, Wherein have I sinned against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye 19 have put me in prison? Where now are your prophets which prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this 20 land? And now hear, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, ²be accepted before thee; that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest 21 I die there. Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard, and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers' street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

38 And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jucal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malchiah, heard the words that Jeremiah spake unto all 2 the people, saying, Thus saith the Lord, He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his life shall be unto him for 3 a prey, and he shall live. Thus saith the Lord, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it. 4 Then the princes said unto the king, Let this man, we pray thee, be put to death; forasmuch as he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the 5 hurt. And Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand: for the king is not he that can do any thing 6 against you. Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the ²dungeon of Malchiah ⁴the king's son, that was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. And in the dungeon there was no water,

but mire: and Jeremiah sank in the 7 mire. Now when Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, an eunuch, which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon; the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin; Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house, and spake to the 9 king, saying, My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast into the dungeon; and ⁵he is like to die in the place where he is because of the famine: for there 10 is no more bread in the city. Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dun- 11 geon, before he die. So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence old cast clouts and old rotten rags, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. 12 And Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said unto Jeremiah, Put now these old cast clouts and rotten rags under thine armholes under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard. 14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of the Lord: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a thing; 15 hide nothing from me. Then Jeremiah said unto Zedekiah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to death? and if I give thee counsel, thou 16 wilt not hearken unto me. So Zedekiah the king swore secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As the Lord liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand 17 of these men that seek thy life. Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If thou wilt go forth unto the king of Babylon's princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and 18 thou shalt live, and thine house: but if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their 19 hand. And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen away to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me into their 20 hand, and they mock me. But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the Lord, in that which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well with thee, and thy

¹ Or, house of the pit

² Heb. full.

⁵ Heb. he is dead.

³ Or, pit
⁴ Or, the son of Mattan-melech

21 soul shall live. But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that the
 22 LORD hath shewed me: Behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, ¹Thy familiar friends have ²set thee on, and have prevailed over thee: now that thy feet are sunk in the mire, they are turned
 23 away back. And they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and ³thou shalt cause this city to be
 24 burned with fire. Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die.
 25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king; hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death: also what the
 26 king said unto thee: then thou shalt say unto them, I ⁴presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to
 27 Jonathan's house, to die there. Then came all the princes unto Jeremiah, and asked him: and he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they left off speaking with him; for the matter
 28 was not ⁵perceived. So Jeremiah abode in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

And it came to pass when Jerusalem was taken, ⁶(in the ninth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, in the tenth month, came Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon and all his army against
 2 Jerusalem, and besieged it; in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month,
 3 a breach was made in the city:) that all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, even Nergal-sharezer, Samgar-nebo, Sarsechim, ⁷Rab-saris, Nergal-sharezer, ⁸Rab-mag, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.
 4 And it came to pass that when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate betwixt the two walls: and he went out the way of the Arabah.
 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath, and he
 6 ⁹gave judgement upon him. Then the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before his eyes: also

the king of Babylon slew all the nobles
 7 of Judah. Moreover he put out Zedekiah's eyes, and bound him in fetters,
 8 to carry him to Babylon. And the Chaldeans burned the king's house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem.
 9 Then Nebuzaradan the ¹⁰captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the residue of the people that remained in the city, the deserters also, that fell away to him, and the residue of the people that remained.
 10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, which had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.
 11 Now Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard,
 12 saying, Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee. So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent, and Nebushazban, Rab-saris, and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag, and all the chief officers of the
 13 king of Babylon; they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, that he should carry him home: so he dwelt among the people.
 15 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the
 16 court of the guard, saying, Go, and speak to Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring my words upon this city for evil, and not for good; and they ¹⁰shall be accomplished before
 17 thee in that day. But I will deliver thee in that day, saith the LORD: and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the
 18 men of whom thou art afraid. For I will surely save thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy life shall be for a prey unto thee: because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith the LORD.

40 The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in chains among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, which were carried away
 2 captive unto Babylon. And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God pronounced this evil upon this place: and the LORD hath brought it, and done according as he spake; because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore
 4 this thing is come upon you. And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which are upon thine hand.

¹ Heb. *T. r. men of thy people.*
² Or, *deserted thee*

³ Heb. *thou shalt burn etc.*

⁴ Heb. *cause to fall.*

⁵ Or, *reported*

⁶ See ch. iii. 4, &c., 2 Kings xiv. 1-12.

⁷ Titles of officers.

⁸ Heb. *under judges went with him, see ch. xli. 1.*

⁹ See Gen. xxxvii. 36.

¹⁰ Or, *shall be before thee*

¹ Or, right² Or, an allowance³ See 2 Kings xxv. 28, 34.⁴ Or, even

If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will look well unto thee; but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land is before thee; whither it seemeth good and ¹convenient unto thee to go, thither go. Now while he was not yet gone back, Go back then, said he, to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people: or go wheresoever it seemeth ¹convenient unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him ²victuals and a present, and let him go. Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

³ Now when all the captains of the forces which were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, ⁴and of the poorest of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth, and the sons of Ephai the Netophathite, and Jezaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men. And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them and to their men, saying, Fear not to serve the Chaldeans: dwell in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans, which shall come unto us: but ye, gather ye wine and summer fruits and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities that ye have taken.

Likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and that were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan; then all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, and said unto him, Dost thou know that Baalis the king of the children of Ammon hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take thy life? But

Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed 15 them not. Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go. I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: wherefore should he take thy life, that all the Jews which are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

⁴¹ Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Elishama, of the seed royal, and ¹one of the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah. Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, even with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, even the men of war. And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew it, that there came certain from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even fourscore men, having their beards shaven and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with ²oblations and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of the Lord. And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, he said unto them, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that were with him. But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not: for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren. Now the pit wherein Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain, by the side of Gedaliah, (the same was that which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel,) Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with them that were slain. Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed

¹ See 2 Kings xxv. 21² Or, funeral offerings

to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam: Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon.

- 11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had done, then they took all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. Now it came to pass that when all the people which were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, then they were glad. So all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah cast about and returned, and went unto Johanan the son of Kareah. But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon. Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, even the men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon: and they departed, and dwelt in ¹Geruth Chimham, which is by Beth-lehem, to go to enter into Egypt, because of the Chaldeans: for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor over the land.

- 42 Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and ²Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near, and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we pray thee, our supplication ³be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the Lord thy God, even for all this remnant; for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us: that the Lord thy God may shew us the way wherein we should walk, and the thing that we should do. 4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the Lord your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass that whatsoever thing the Lord shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you. Then they said to Jeremiah, The Lord be a true and faithful witness ⁴amongst us, if we do not even according to all the word wherewith the Lord thy God shall send thee to us. Whether it be good, or whether

it be evil, we will obey the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the Lord our God.

- 7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah. Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces which were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest, and said unto them, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to ⁵present your supplication before him: If ye will still abide in this land, then will I build you, and not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up: for I repent me of the evil that I have done unto you. Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith the Lord: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. And I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land; so that ye obey not the voice of the Lord your God; saying, No; but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell: now therefore hear ye the word of the Lord, O remnant of Judah: thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, If ye wholly set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there; then it shall come to pass, that the sword, which ye fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt, and the famine, whereof ye are afraid, ⁶shall follow hard after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die. So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: As mine anger and my fury hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my fury be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt: and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more. The Lord hath spoken concerning you, O remnant of Judah, Go ye not into Egypt: know certainly that I have testified unto you this day. For ye have dealt deceitfully ⁷against your own souls; for ye sent me unto the Lord your God, saying, Pray for us unto the Lord our God; and according unto all that the Lord our God shall say, so

¹ Or, the lodging place of Chimham

² In ch. xliii. 2. Azariah

³ Heb. full.

⁴ Or, amongst

⁵ Or, lay

⁶ Heb. shall close after you.

⁷ Or, in your souls

21 declare unto us, and we will do it: and I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of the Lord your God in any thing for the 22 which he hath sent me unto you. Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go to sojourn there.

43 And it came to pass that when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of the Lord their God, wherewith the Lord their God had sent him to them, 2 even all these words, then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: the Lord our God hath not sent thee to say, Ye shall not 8 go into Egypt to sojourn there: but Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, for to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us away 4 captives to Babylon. So Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, obeyed not the voice of the Lord, to dwell in 5 the land of Judah. But Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned from all the nations whither they had been driven 6 to sojourn in the land of Judah; the men, and the women, and the children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nebusaradan the captain of the guard had left with Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch 7 the son of Neriah; and they came into the land of Egypt; for they obeyed not the voice of the Lord: and they came 8 even to Tahpanhes. Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah in 9 Tahpanhes, saying, Take great stones in thine hand, and hide them in mortar in the brickwork, which is at the entry of Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of 10 Judah; and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over 11 them. And he shall come, and shall smite the land of Egypt; such as are for death shall be given to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the 12 sword. And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captives: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall

18 go forth from thence in peace. He shall also break the pillars of Bethshemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of Egypt shall be burn with fire.

44 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews which dwell in the land of Egypt, which dwelt at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Noph, and in the country of Pathros, 2 saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Ye have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah; and, behold, this day they are a desolation, and no man dwelleth therein; 3 because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, and to serve other gods, whom they knew not, neither they, 4 nor ye, nor your fathers. Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate. But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn 6 no incense unto other gods. Wherefore my fury and mine anger was poured forth, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem; and they are wasted and 7 desolate, as it is this day. Therefore now thus saith the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your own souls, to cut off from you man and woman, infant and suckling, out of the midst of Judah, to leave you none 8 remaining; in that ye provoke me unto anger with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye be gone to sojourn; that ye may be cut off, and that ye may be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? 9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? They are not humbled even unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and 11 before your fathers. Therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all 12 Judah. And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed; in the land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall be consumed by the sword

3 Or, shall be
4 Or, The house of the sun
Probably, Be Repaid or On.

1 Or, lay them with mortar in the pavement (or square)

2 Or, glittering

and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine: and they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach.

18 For I will punish them that dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine,

14 and by the pestilence: so that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they¹ have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return save such as shall escape.

15 Then all the men which knew that their wives burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great assembly, even all the people that dwell in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying,

16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of the Lord, we

17 will not hearken unto thee. But we will certainly perform every word that is gone forth out of our mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem: for then had we plenty of² victuals, and were well, and saw no evil.

18 But since we left off to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her, we have wanted all things, and have been consumed by the sword and by the famine.

19 And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings unto her, did we make her cakes to³ worship her, and pour out drink offerings unto her, with-

20 out our husbands? Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people which had given him

21 that answer, saying, The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the Lord remember them, and came it not into his mind?

22 so that the Lord could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day.

23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against the Lord, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as it is this day.

24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the Lord, all Judah that are

25 in the land of Egypt: thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, We will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings unto her: establish then your vows, and

26 perform your vows. Therefore hear ye the word of the Lord, all Judah that dwell in the land of Egypt: Behold, I have sworn by my great name, saith the Lord, that my name shall no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, As

27 the Lord God liveth. Behold, I watch over them for evil, and not for good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land of Egypt shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine, until

28 there be an end of them. And they that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, few in number; and all the remnant of Judah, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there,

shall know whose word shall stand, 29 mine, or theirs. And this shall be the sign unto you, saith the Lord, that I will punish you in this place, that ye may know that my words shall surely

30 stand against you for evil: thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will give Pharaoh Hophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.

45 The word that Jeremiah the prophet spake unto Baruch the son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah,

2 king of Judah, saying, Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto thee, O 3 Baruch: Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for the Lord hath added sorrow to my pain; ⁴ I am weary with my

4 groaning, and I find no rest. Thus shalt thou say unto him, Thus saith the Lord: Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck

5 up; and this in the whole land. And seekest thou great things for thyself? seek them not: for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

46 The word of the Lord which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

¹ Heb. lift up their voice.

² Heb. bread.

³ Or, pour-tray

⁴ Or, concerning

⁵ See Ps. vi. 6

2 Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh-neco king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carmemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah.

3 Order ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. Harness the horses, and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furbish the spears, put on the coats of mail.

5 Wherefore have I seen it? they are dismayed and are turned backward; and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: terror is on every side, saith

6 the Lord. Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; in the north by the river Euphrates have

7 they stumbled and fallen. ¹Who is this that riseth up like the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers?

8 Egypt riseth up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves like the rivers: and he saith, I will rise up, I will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and

9 the inhabitants thereof. Go up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men go forth: Cush and Put, that handle the shield; and the Ludim,

10 that handle and bend the bow. For that day is a day of the Lord, the Lord of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and the sword shall devour and be satiate, and shall drink its fill of their blood: for the Lord, the Lord of hosts, hath a sacrifice in the north country

11 by the river Euphrates. Go up into Gilead, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain dost thou use many medicines; there is no healing

12 for thee. The nations have heard of thy shame, and the earth is full of thy cry: for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, they are fallen both of them together.

13 The word that the Lord spake to Jeremiah the prophet, how that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand forth, and prepare thee; for the sword hath

15 devoured round about thee. ¹Why are thy strong ones swept away? they stood not, because the Lord did ²drive

16 them. He made many to stumble, yea, they fell one upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing

17 sword. They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath 18 let the appointed time pass by. As I live, saith the King, whose name is the Lord of hosts, surely like Tabor

among the mountains, and like Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. ⁴O

thou daughter that dwellest in Egypt, ⁵furnish thyself to go into captivity: for Noph shall become a desolation, and shall be burnt up, without inhabit-

20 ant. Egypt is a very fair heifer; but ⁶destruction out of the north is come,

21 ⁷it is come. Also her hired men in the midst of her are like calves of the stall; for they also are turned back, they are fled away together, they did not stand: for the day of their calamity is come upon them, the time of

22 their visitation. ⁸The sound thereof shall go like the serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of

23 wood. They shall cut down her forest, saith the Lord, ⁹though it cannot be searched; because they are more than

24 the locusts, and are innumerable. The daughter of Egypt shall be put to shame; she shall be delivered into the

25 hand of the people of the north. The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saith: Behold, I will punish Amon of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods, and her kings; even Pharaoh, and

26 them that trust in him: and I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their lives, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants: and

afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in 27 the days of old, saith the Lord. ¹⁰But fear not thou, O Jacob my servant, neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo,

I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make

28 him afraid. Fear not thou, O Jacob my servant, saith the Lord; for I am with thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have

driven thee, but I will not make a full end of thee; but I will correct thee with judgement, and will in no wise

11 leave thee unpunished.

47 The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

2 Thus saith the Lord: Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land and all that is therein, the city and them that dwell therein: and the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall howl.

3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones, at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers look not back to their child-

4 ren for feebleness of hands; because of the day that cometh to spoil all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and

1 Or, Who is this like the Nile that riseth up, like the rivers whose waters toss themselves? Egypt is like the Nile that riseth up &c.

8 Or, according to some ancient authorities, Why is thy strong one swept away? he stood not &c. 9 Or, thrust them down

4 Or, O thou that dwellest with the daughter of Egypt

5 Heb, make thee as one of captivity

6 Or, the gently 7 Or, according to many authorities, upon her

8 Or, Be would it like that of the serpent as it speak 9 Or, for

10 See ch. xxi. 11, 12

11 Or, hold the golden

Zidon every helper that remaineth: for the LORD will spoil the Philistines, the remnant of the ¹isle of Caphtor.

5 Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is brought to nought, the remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself? O thou sword of the LORD, how long will it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard; rest, and be still. How canst thou be quiet, seeing the LORD hath given thee a charge? against Ashkelon, and against the sea shore, there hath he appointed it.

48 Of Moab. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Woe unto Nebo! for it is laid waste; Kiriathaim is put to shame, it is taken: ³Misgab is put to shame and ⁴broken down.

2 The praise of Moab is no more; in Heshbon they have devised evil against her. Come, and let us cut her off from being a nation. Thou also, O Madmen, shalt be brought to silence; the sword shall pursue thee. The sound of a cry from Horonaim, spoiling; and great destruction! Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. ⁵For by the ascent of Luhith with continual weeping shall they go up; for in the going down of Horonaim they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction. Flee, save your lives, and be like ⁶the heath in the wilderness. For, because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou also shalt be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity, his 8 priests and his princes together. And the spoiler shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and ⁷the plain shall be destroyed; as the LORD hath spoken.

9 Give wings unto Moab, ⁸that she may fly and get her away: and her cities shall become a desolation, without any to dwell therein. Cursed be he that doeth the work of the LORD ⁹negligently, and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood. Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remaineth in him, and his scent is not changed.

12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will send unto him them that ¹⁰pour off, and they shall ¹⁰pour him off; and they shall empty his vessels, and break their ¹¹bottles in pieces. And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence. How say ye, We are mighty men, and valiant men for the 15 war? Moab is laid waste, and ¹²they are gone up into her cities, and his chosen

young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name 16 is the LORD of hosts. The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast. All ye that are round about him, bemoan him, and all ye that know his name; say, How is the strong ¹³staff broken, the beautiful rod! 18 O thou daughter that ¹⁴dwest in Dibon, come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst; for the spoiler of Moab is come up against thee, he hath 19 destroyed thy strong holds. O ¹⁵inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and espy: ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth; say, What hath 20 been done? Moab is put to shame; for it is ¹⁶broken down: howl and cry; tell ye it in Arnon, that Moab is laid 21 waste. And judgement is come upon ¹⁶the plain country; upon Holon, and upon Jahzah, and upon Mephaath; 22 and upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and 23 upon Beth-diblathaim; and upon Kiriathaim, and upon Beth-gamul, and upon 24 on Beth-meon; and upon Keriath, and upon Bozrah, and upon all the cities 25 of the land of Moab, far or near. The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm 26 is broken, saith the LORD. Make ye him drunken; for he magnified himself against the LORD: and Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall 27 be in derision. For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for as often as thou speakest of him, thou waggest the 28 head. O ye inhabitants of Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock; and be like the dove that maketh her nest 29 in the sides of the hole's mouth. ¹⁷We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; his loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogance, and 30 the haughtiness of his heart. I know his wrath, saith the LORD, that it is nought; his boastings have wrought 31 nothing. ¹⁸Therefore will I howl for Moab; yea, I will cry out for all Moab: for the men of Kir-heres shall they 32 mourn. With more than the weeping of Jazer will I weep for thee, ¹⁹O vine of Sibmah: thy branches passed over the sea, they reached even to the sea of Jazer: upon thy summer fruits and upon thy vintage the spoiler is 33 fallen. ²⁰And gladness and joy is taken away, from the fruitful field and from the land of Moab; and I have caused wine to cease from the wine-presses: none shall tread with shouting; the shouting shall be no shouting. ²¹From the cry of Heshbon even unto Elealeh, even unto Jahaz have they uttered their voice, from Zoar even unto Horonaim, ²²to Eglath-shelishiyah. for the waters of Nimrim 35 also shall become ²³desolate. Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab,

¹ Or, and coast

³ Heb. H.

³ Or, the high fort
⁴ Or, dismaged

⁶ See Ia. xv. 8.

⁶ See ch. xvii. 8.

⁷ See Josh. xiii. 9, 17, 21.

⁹ Or, for she must fly: and her cities etc.

⁹ Or, desolately

¹⁰ Heb. ritt (a vessel).

¹¹ Or, jars

¹² Or, her cities are gone up in smoke

¹³ Or, ace; tre
¹⁴ Or, art sealed

¹⁵ Heb. inhabitant

¹⁶ See ver. 8.

¹⁷ See Ia. xvi. 8.

¹⁸ See Ia. xv. 6, xvi. 7, 11.

¹⁹ See Ia. xvi. 8, 9.

²⁰ See Ia. xvi. 10.

²¹ See Ia. xv. 4, &c.
²² Or, as an heir of three years old
²³ Heb. desolation.

saith the Lord, him that offereth in the high place, and him that burneth incense to his gods. Therefore mine heart soundeth for Moab like pipes, and mine heart soundeth like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: therefore the abundance that he hath gotten is perished. For every head is bald, and every beard clipped: upon all the hands are cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. On all the house-tops of Moab and in the streets thereof is lamentation every where: for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein is no pleasure, saith the Lord.

39 How is it broken down! ¹how do they howl! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab become a derision and a dismay to all that are round about him. For thus saith the Lord: Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread out his wings against Moab. ²Kerioth is taken, and the strong holds are surprised, and the heart of the mighty men of Moab at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he hath magnified himself against the Lord. ³Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith the Lord. He that fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon her, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the Lord. ⁴They that fled stand without strength under the shadow of Heshbon: ⁵for a fire is gone forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and hath devoured the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones. Woe unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh is undone: for thy sons are taken away captive, and thy daughters into captivity. Yet will I bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith the Lord. Thus far is the judgement of Moab.

49 Of the children of Ammon. Thus saith the Lord: Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth ¹Malcam possess Gad, and his people dwell in the cities thereof? Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire: then shall Israel possess them that did possess him, saith the Lord. Howl, O Heshbon, for Ai is spoiled; cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth: lament, and run to and fro among the fences; for ⁷Malcam shall go into

captivity, his priests and his princes together. ¹⁰Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, saying, Who shall come unto me? Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord, the Lord of hosts, from all that are round about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth, and there shall be none to gather up him that wandereth. 6 But afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith the Lord.

7 Of Edom. Thus saith the Lord of hosts: Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished? Flee ye, turn back, dwell deep, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I shall visit him. If grapegatherers came to thee, ¹¹would they not leave some gleanings grapes? if thieves by night, would they not destroy till they had enough? But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is spoiled, and his brethren, and his neighbours, and he is not. Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me. For thus saith the Lord: Behold, they to whom it pertained not to drink of the cup shall assuredly drink; and art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink. 13 For I have sworn by myself, saith the Lord, that Bosrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes. ¹⁴I have heard tidings from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. For, behold, I have made thee small among the nations, and despised among men. As for thy terrible-ness, the pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of ¹⁵the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith the Lord. And Edom shall become an astonishment: every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the Lord, no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of Edom sojourn therein. Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the ¹⁶pride of Jordan ¹⁷against the strong habitation:

¹ Or, howl ye!

² Or, The cities are taken

³ See lx. xlv. 17, 18.

⁴ Or, Fleeing because of the force they stand under

⁵ Or, but See Num. xxi. 28, 29.

⁶ Or, returns to

⁷ Or, their king
⁸ Or, inherit

⁹ See ch. xxx. 18.

¹⁰ Or, Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys! thy valley floweth away

¹¹ Or, they will leave no gleanings grapes: if thieves by night, they will destroy all they have enough. For &c. See Obad. 5.

¹² Or, whose judgement shall not

¹³ See Obad. 1-4

¹⁴ Or, See Isa. 2 Kings xlv. 7.

¹⁵ Or, dwelling
¹⁶ Or, into the pasture

¹ Or, for I will suddenly drive them away

¹ but I will suddenly make him run away from her; and whose is chosen, him will I appoint over her: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd that will stand before me? Therefore hear ye the counsel of the LORD, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely ² they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their ³ habitation ⁴ desolate with them. The earth trembleth at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise whereof is heard in the Red Sea. Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

² Or, the little ones of the flock shall drag them away
³ Or, pastures
⁴ Or, astonished at them

²³ Of Damascus. Hamath is ashamed, and Arpad; for they have heard evil tidings, they are melted away: there is ⁵ sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. Damascus is waxed feeble, she turneth herself to flee, and trembling hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail. How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? ²⁶ Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith the LORD of hosts. And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad. ²⁸ Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote.

Thus saith the LORD: Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and spoil the children of the east. Their tents and their flocks shall they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels: and they shall cry unto them, Terror on every side. Flee ye, wander far off, dwell deep, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith the LORD; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. Arise, get you up unto a nation that is at ease, that dwelleth without care, saith the LORD; which have neither gates nor bars, which dwell alone. And their camels shall be a booty, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil: and I will scatter unto all winds them that have the corners of their hair polled; and I will bring their calamity from every side of them, saith the LORD. ³³ And Hazor shall be a dwelling place of jackals, a desolation for ever: no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.

³⁴ The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Elam, the chief of their might. And upon Elam will I bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven, and will scatter them toward all those winds; and there shall be no nation whither ⁶ the outcasts of Elam shall not come. And I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their life: and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith the LORD; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them: and I will set my throne in Elam, and will destroy from thence king and princes, saith the LORD. But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring again the captivity of Elam, saith the LORD.

⁵⁰ The word that the LORD spake concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet.

² Declare ye among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is ⁷ dismayed; her images are put to shame, her idols are ⁸ dismayed. For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they are fled, they are gone, both man and beast. In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek the LORD their God. They shall inquire concerning Zion with their faces ⁹ thitherward, saying, Come ye, and ¹⁰ join yourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten.

⁶ My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place. All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers. Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flocks. For, lo, I will stir up and cause to come up against Babylon an assembly of great nations from the north country: and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall

⁶ Another reading is, the everlasting outcasts.

⁷ Or, broken down

⁸ Heb. hitherward.

⁹ Or, they shall join themselves

1 Or, according to another reading, a mighty man that maketh children
 2 Or, that returneth not
 3 Or, at gaze

4 Heb. given her hand.

5 Or, fold

6 That is, Double rebellion.

7 That is, Violation.

8 Heb. devote.

be taken: their arrows shall be as of¹ an expert mighty man; ² none shall return in vain. And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD. Because ye are glad, because ye rejoice, O ye that plunder mine heritage, because ye are wanton as an heifer ³ that treadeth out the corn, and neigh as strong horses; your mother shall be sore ashamed; she that bare you shall be confounded: behold, she shall be the hindmost of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not be inhabited, but it shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. Set yourselves in array against Babylon round about, all ye that bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against the LORD. Shout against her round about; she hath submitted herself; her bulwarks are fallen, her walls are thrown down: for it is the vengeance of the LORD; take vengeance upon her; as she hath done, so do unto her. Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land. Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. And I will bring Israel again to his ⁴ pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon the hills of Ephraim and in Gilead. In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I leave as a remnant. Go up against the land of ⁵ Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of ⁶ Pekod: slay and utterly destroy after them, saith the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded thee. A sound of battle is in the land, and of great destruction. How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! I have laid a snare for thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because

25 thou hast striven against the LORD. The LORD hath opened his armoury, and hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation: for the LORD, the LORD of hosts, hath a work to do in the land of the Chaldeans. Come against her from the utmost border, open her storehouses: cast her up as heaps, and ⁷ destroy her utterly: let nothing of her be left. Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation. The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of his temple. Call together the archers against Babylon, all them that bend the bow; camp against her round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her: for she hath been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel. Therefore shall her young men fall in her streets, and all her men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith the LORD. Behold, I am against thee, ⁸ O thou proud one, saith the LORD, the LORD of hosts: for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. And ⁹ the proud one shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall devour all that are round about him. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: The children of Israel and the children of Judah are oppressed together: and all that took them captives hold them fast; they refuse to let them go. Their redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is his name: he shall thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet the inhabitants of Babylon. A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith the LORD, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men. A sword is upon the ¹⁰ boasters, and they shall dote: a sword is upon her mighty men, and they shall be dismayed. A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mingled people that are in the midst of her, and they shall become as women: a sword is upon her treasures, and they shall be robbed. A drought is upon her waters, and they shall be dried up: for it is a land of graven images, and they are mad upon ¹¹ idols. Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the ¹² wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbour cities thereof, saith

9 Or, from every quarter
 10 Or, granaries
 11 Heb. devote her.

12 Or, money

13 Heb. O Pride.

14 Heb. Pride.

15 Heb. Boastings.

16 Heb. Fervours.

17 See 18. 22.

18 Heb. howling cry-crowers.

¹ See
ch. vi.
23-24.

the Lord; so shall no man dwell there,
neither shall any son of man sojourn
41 therein. ¹ Behold, a people cometh from
the north; and a great nation, and
many kings shall be stirred up from
42 the uttermost parts of the earth. They
lay hold on bow and spear; they are
cruel, and have no mercy; their voice
roareth like the sea, and they ride up-
on horses; every one set in array, as
a man to the battle, against thee, O
43 daughter of Babylon. The king of
Babylon hath heard the fame of them,
and his hands wax feeble: anguish
hath taken hold of him, and pangs as
44 of a woman in travail. ² Behold, he
shall come up like a lion from the
pride of Jordan against the strong
habitation: but I will suddenly make
them run away from her; and whoso
is chosen, him will I appoint over her:
for who is like me? and who will
appoint me a time? and who is the
shepherd that will stand before me?
45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of the
Lord, that he hath taken against Baby-
lon; and his purposes, that he hath
purposed against the land of the Chal-
deans: Surely they shall drag them
away, even the little ones of the flock;
surely he shall make their habitation
46 desolate with them. At the noise of
the taking of Babylon the earth trem-
bleth, and the cry is heard among the
nations.

51 Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I will
raise up against Babylon, and against
them that dwell in ³ Leb-kamai, a de-
stroying wind. And I will send unto
Babylon ⁴ strangers, that shall fan her;
and they shall empty her land: for in
the day of trouble they shall be against
3 her round about. ⁵ Let not the archer
bend his bow, and let him not lift him-
self up in his coat of mail: and spare
ye not her young men; ⁶ destroy ye
4 utterly all her host. And they shall fall
down slain in the land of the Chaldeans,
5 and thrust through in her streets. For
Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his
God, of the Lord of hosts; though their
land is full of guilt against the Holy
6 One of Israel. Flee out of the midst
of Babylon, and save every man his
life; be not cut off in her iniquity: for
it is the time of the Lord's vengeance;
he will render unto her a recompence.
7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in
the Lord's hand, that made all the
earth drunken: the nations have drunk
of her wine; therefore the nations are
8 mad. Babylon is suddenly fallen and
destroyed: howl for her; take balm
for her pain, if so be she may be
9 healed. We would have healed Baby-
lon, but she is not healed: forsake her,
and let us go every one into his own
country: for her judgement reacheth

³ That
is, The
heart of
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cording
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tion, a
cupbear-
er for
Cassim,
that is,
Chaldean.
⁴ Or,
fanners
⁵ Or, as
other
wise
read,
against
him that
berideth
let the
archer
bend his
bow, and
against
him that
lifteth
himself
up &c.
⁶ Heb.
devote ye
all &c.

unto heaven, and is lifted up even to
10 the skies. The Lord hath brought
forth our righteousness: come, and
let us declare in Zion the work of
11 the Lord our God. Make ⁷ sharp the
arrows; ⁸ hold firm the ⁹ shields: the
Lord hath stirred up the spirit of the
kings of the Medes; because his device
is against Babylon, to destroy it: for
it is the vengeance of the Lord, the
12 vengeance of his temple. Set up a
standard against the walls of Babylon,
make the watch strong, set the watch-
men, prepare the ambushes: for the
Lord hath both devised and done that
which he spake concerning the in-
13 habitants of Babylon. O thou that
dwellest upon many waters, abundant
in treasures, thine end is come, the
14 measure of thy ¹⁰ covetousness. The
Lord of hosts hath sworn by himself,
saying, Surely I will fill thee with men,
as with the cankerworm; and they
shall lift up a shout against thee.
15 ¹¹ He hath made the earth by his
power, he hath established the world
by his wisdom, and by his understand-
ing hath he stretched out the heavens:
16 when he uttereth his voice, there is a
tumult of waters in the heavens, and
he causeth the vapours to ascend from
the ends of the earth; he maketh
lightnings for the rain, and bringeth
forth the wind out of his treasures.
17 Every man is become brutish and is
without knowledge; every goldsmith
is put to shame by his graven image:
for his molten image is falsehood, and
18 there is no breath in them. They are
vanity, a work of delusion: in the
time of their visitation they shall perish.
19 The portion of Jacob is not like these;
for he is the former of all things;
and *Israel* is the tribe of his inheri-
tance: the Lord of hosts is his name.
20 Thou art my ¹² battle axe and weapons
of war: and with thee will I break in
pieces the nations; and with thee will
21 I destroy kingdoms; and with thee
will I break in pieces the horse and his
rider; and with thee will I break in
pieces the chariot and him that rideth
22 therein; and with thee will I break in
pieces man and woman; and with thee
will I break in pieces the old man and
the youth; and with thee will I break
in pieces the young man and the maid;
23 and with thee will I break in pieces
the shepherd and his flock; and with
thee will I break in pieces the husband-
man and his yoke of ¹³ oxen; and with
thee will I break in pieces ¹⁴ governors
24 and deputies. And I will render unto
Babylon and to all the inhabitants of
Chaldea all their evil that they have
done in Zion in your sight, saith the
Lord.
25 Behold, I am against thee, O de-
stroying mountain, saith the Lord,

⁷ Or,
bright
lives.
clean.
⁸ Heb.
all.
⁹ Or,
suits of
armour.

¹⁰ Or, dis-
honest
gain.

¹¹ See ch.
x. 12-16.

¹² Or,
meat.

¹³ Or,
lean-
fornants.

which destroyest all the earth: and I will stretch out mine hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and 26 will make thee a burnt mountain. And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, 27 saith the LORD. Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, ¹prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz: appoint a marshal against her; cause the horses to come up 28 as the rough cankerworm. ¹Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the Medes, the governors thereof, and all the deputies thereof, and all the 29 land of his dominion. And the land trembleth and is in pain: for the purposes of the LORD against Babylon do stand, to make the land of Babylon a 30 desolation, without inhabitant. The mighty men of Babylon have forborne to fight, they remain in their strong holds; their might hath failed; they are become as women: her dwelling places are set on fire; her bars are 31 broken. One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to shew the king of Babylon that his city is taken on every quarter: 32 and the ²passages are surprised, and the ³reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted. 33 For thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing-floor at the time when it is trodden; yet a little while, and the time of harvest shall come 34 for her. Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured ⁴me, he hath crushed ⁴me, he hath made ⁴me an empty vessel, he hath swallowed ⁴me up like a dragon, he hath filled his maw with my delicacies; he hath cast ⁴me 35 out. ⁵The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the ⁶inhabitant of Zion say; and, My blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall 36 Jerusalem say. Therefore thus saith the LORD: Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her fountain 37 dry. And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling place for jackals, an astonishment, and an hissing, without in- 38 habitant. They shall roar together like young lions; they shall growl as lions' 39 whelps. When they are heated, I will make their feast, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not 40 wake, saith the LORD. I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats. How is 41 ⁷Sheshach taken! and the praise of the whole earth surprised! how is Baby- lon become ⁸a desolation among the

42 nations! The sea is come up upon Babylon: she is covered with the ⁹mult- itude of the waves thereof. Her cities are become ⁹a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of 44 man pass thereby. And I will ¹⁰do judgement upon Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow together any more unto him: yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and save yourselves every man from the fierce anger of the LORD. 46 And let not your heart faint, neither fear ye for the rumour that shall be heard in the land; for a rumour shall come one year, and after that in another year ¹¹shall come a rumour, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. 47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will do judgement upon the graven images of Babylon, and her whole land shall be ashamed; and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. 48 Then the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for joy over Babylon; for the spoilers shall come unto her from the north, saith 49 the LORD. ¹¹As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the ¹²land. 50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go ye, stand not still; remember the LORD from afar, and let Jerusalem come into 51 your mind. We are ashamed, because we have heard reproach; confusion hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of the 52 LORD's house. Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will do judgement upon her graven images; and through all her land the wounded 53 shall groan. Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall spoilers 54 come unto her, saith the LORD. The sound of a cry from Babylon, and of great destruction from the land of 55 the Chaldeans! for the LORD spoileth Babylon, and destroyeth out of her the great voice; and their waves roar like many waters, the noise of their voice 56 is uttered: for the spoiler is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, their bows are broken in pieces: for the LORD is a God of recompences, he shall surely 57 requite. And I will make drunk her princes and her wise men, her governors and her deputies, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, 58 whose name is the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ¹²The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly ¹⁴over-

⁹ Or, tumult.

¹⁰ Heb. vision upon.

¹¹ Or, such Babylon is to fall, O ye slain of Israel, and of all the earth.

¹² Or, the walls of broad Babylon.
¹⁴ Or, made bare.

¹ Heb. sanctify.

² Or, fords.
³ Or, marshes.
Heb. pools.

⁴ Another reading in, us.

⁵ Heb. My wrong and my flesh.

⁶ Heb. inhabitant.

⁷ See ch. xxv. 38.
⁸ Or, an astonishment.

1 See
Hab. II.
13.

thrown, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; ¹and the peoples shall labour for vanity, and the nations for the fire; and they shall be weary.

59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Seraiah the son of Neriah, the son of Maheiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was ²chief chamberlain. And Jeremiah wrote in ³a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon.

1 Or,
quarter-
master
2 Or,
one book

61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, ⁴then see 62 that thou read all these words, and say, O Lord, thou hast spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, that none shall dwell therein, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate 63 for ever. And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the midst of Euphrates: 64 and thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring ⁵upon her: and they shall be weary.

4 Or,
and shalt see,
and read
... then
shalt thou say
etc.

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

52 ⁶Zedekiah was one and twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned ⁷eleven years in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Hamutal the 2 daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. For through the anger of the Lord did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence: and Zedekiah rebelled against the king of 4 Babylon. And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round 5 about. So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 6 In the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 7 Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were against the city round about:.) and they went by the 8 way of the Arabah. But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered 9 from him. Then they took the

1 Or,
upon
her.
And they
shall be
weary: thus far
etc.

1 See
2 Kings
xxiv. 18,
etc.

king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he ⁷gave judgement 10 upon him. And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of 11 Judah in Riblah. And he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

12 Now in the fifth month, in the tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadrezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, which stood before the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem: and he burned the house of the Lord, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even ⁸every 14 great house, burned he with fire. And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem 15 round about. Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the poorest sort of the people, and the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the ⁹multitude.

16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen. 17 And the pillars of brass that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases and the brasen sea that were in the house of the Lord, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried all the 18 brass of them to Babylon. The pots also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the basons, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they 19 ministered, took they away. And the cups, and the firepans, and the basons, and the pots, and the candlesticks, and the spoons, and the bowls; that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver, the captain of 20 the guard took away. The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve brasen bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made for the house of the Lord: the brass of all these 21 vessels was without weight. And as for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers: 22 it was hollow. And a chapter of brass was upon it; and the height of the one chapter was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the chapter round about, all of brass: and the second pillar also had like unto these, 23 and pomegranates. And there were ninety and six pomegranates ¹⁰on the sides; all the pomegranates were an hundred upon the network round about.

7 Heb.
saw
judg-
ments
with
him.

8 Or,
every
great
man's
house

9 Or,
artificers

10 Or,
on the
outside
Heb.
towards
the four
winds.

¹ Heb.
thruah-
old.
² Or,
enmuch

24 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of
25 the ¹door: and out of the city he took an ²officer that was set over the men of war; and seven men of them that saw the king's face, which were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the land; and three-score men of the people of the land, that were found in
26 the midst of the city. And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king
27 of Babylon to Riblah. And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out
28 of his land. This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand
29 Jews and three and twenty: in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty and two persons:

30 in the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons: all the persons were four thousand and six hundred.

31 ³ And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoiachin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the five and twentieth day of the month, that Evil-merodach king of Babylon, in the ⁴first year of his reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought
32 him forth out of prison; and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with
33 him in Babylon. And he changed his prison garments, and did eat bread before him continually all the days of
34 his life. And for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king of Babylon, every day a portion until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

³ See
2 Kings
xxv.
2-22

THE LAMENTATIONS OF JEREMIAH.

1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people!

How is she become as a widow!

She that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, *How* is she become tributary!

2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks;

Among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her:

All her friends have dealt treacherously with her,

They are become her enemies.

3 Judah is gone into ¹captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude;

She dwelleth among the heathen, she findeth no rest:

All her persecutors overtook her within the straits.

4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the ²solemn assembly; All her gates are desolate, her priests do sigh:

Her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness.

5 Her adversaries are become the head, her enemies prosper;

For the Lord hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions:

Her young children are gone into captivity before the adversary.

6 And from the daughter of Zion all her ³majesty is departed:

Her princes are become like harts that find no pasture,

And they are gone without strength before the pursuer.

7 Jerusalem remembereth in the days of her affliction and of her ⁴miseries

All her pleasant things that were from the days of old:

When her people fell into the hand of the adversary, and none did help her,

The adversaries saw her, they did mock at her ⁵desolations.

8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she ⁶is become as an unclean thing:

All that honoured her despise her, because they have seen her nakedness: Yea, she sigheth, and turneth backward.

9 Her filthiness was in her skirts; she remembered not her latter end;

Therefore is she come down wonderfully; she hath no comforter:

Behold, O Lord, my affliction; for the enemy hath magnified himself.

¹ Or,
basely

⁴ Or,
sorrow-
sage

⁵ Heb.
consolation.

⁶ Or, is
renewed

¹ Or,
exile

² Or, as-
pointed
feast

10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things:
For she hath seen that the heathen are entered into her sanctuary,
Concerning whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation.

11 All her people sigh, they seek bread;
They have given their pleasant things for meat to refresh the soul:
See, O LORD, and behold; for I am become vile.

12 Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me,

¹ Wherewith the LORD hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

13 From on high hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaileth against them:

He hath spread a net for my feet, he hath turned me back;
He hath made me desolate and faint all the day.

14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand;

They are knit together, they are come up upon my neck; he hath made my strength to ²fail:

The LORD hath delivered me into their hands, ³against whom I am not able to stand.

15 The LORD hath set at nought all my mighty men in the midst of me;

He hath called a solemn assembly against me to crush my young men:
The LORD hath trodden as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah.

16 For these things I weep; mine eye, mine eye runneth down with water;
Because the comforter that should refresh my soul is far from me:
My children are desolate, because the enemy hath prevailed.

17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands; there is none to comfort her;
The LORD hath commanded concerning Jacob, that they that are round about him should be his adversaries:
Jerusalem is among them as an unclean thing.

18 The LORD is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment:
Hear, I pray you, all ye peoples, and behold my sorrow:
My virgins and my young men are gone into captivity.

19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me:
My priests and mine elders gave up the ghost in the city,
While they sought them meat to refresh their souls.

20 Behold, O LORD; for I am in distress; my bowels are troubled;
Mine heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled:

Abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death.

21 They have heard that I sigh; there is none to comfort me;
All mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done it:

Thou wilt bring the day that thou hast proclaimed, and they shall be like unto me.

22 Let all their wickedness come before thee;
And do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions:
For my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

2 How hath the LORD covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger!
He hath cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel,
And hath not remembered his footstool in the day of his anger.

2 The LORD hath swallowed up all the habitations of Jacob, and hath not pitied;
He hath thrown down in his wrath the strong holds of the daughter of Judah;

He hath brought them down to the ground:
He hath profaned the kingdom and the princes thereof.

3 He hath cut off in fierce anger ⁴all the horn of Israel;
He hath drawn back his right hand from before the enemy:
And he hath burned up Jacob like a flaming fire, which devoureth round about.

4 He hath bent his bow like an enemy, he hath stood with his right hand as an adversary,
And hath slain all that were pleasant to the eye:

⁵In the tent of the daughter of Zion he hath poured out his fury like fire.

5 The LORD is become as an enemy, he hath swallowed up Israel;
He hath swallowed up all her palaces, he hath destroyed his strong holds:
And he hath multiplied in the daughter of Judah mourning and lamentation.

6 And he hath violently taken away his ⁶tabernacle, as if it were of a garden;
He hath destroyed his place of assembly:

The LORD hath caused ⁷solemn assembly and sabbath to be forgotten in Zion,
And hath despised in the indignation of his anger the king and the priest.

7 The LORD hath cast off his altar, he hath abhorred his sanctuary,
He hath given up into the hand of the enemy the walls of her palaces:
They have made a noise in the house of the LORD, as in the day of a solemn assembly.

¹ Or, Whom the LORD hath afflicted

² Heb. stumble.

³ Or, From whom I am not able to rise up

⁴ Or, every horn

⁵ Or, On

⁶ Or, booth
Or, hedge

⁷ Or, appointed feast

¹ Heb
swallow-
ing up.

8 The Lord hath purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion;
He hath stretched out the line, he hath not withdrawn his hand from ¹destroying:

But he hath made the rampart and wall to lament; they languish together.

9 Her gates are sunk into the ground; he hath destroyed and broken her bars:
Her king and her princes are among the nations where the law is not;
Yea, her prophets find no vision from the Lord.

10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, they keep silence;
They have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth:

The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

11 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are troubled,

My liver is poured upon the earth, for the ²destruction of the daughter of my people;

Because the young children and the sucklings swoon in the streets of the city.

12 They say to their mothers, Where is corn and wine?

When they swoon as the wounded in the streets of the city,

When their soul is poured out into their mothers' bosom.

13 What shall I ³testify unto thee? what shall I liken to thee, O daughter of Jerusalem?

What shall I equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion?

For thy breach is great like the sea: who can heal thee?

14 Thy prophets have seen visions for thee of vanity and foolishness;

And they have not discovered thine iniquity, to bring again thy captivity:

But have seen for thee ⁴burdens of vanity and ⁵causes of banishment.

15 All that pass by clap their hands at thee;

They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying*:

Is this the city that men called The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?

16 All thine enemies have opened their mouth wide against thee;

They hiss and gnash the teeth; they say, We have swallowed her up;

Certainly this is the day that we looked for; we have found, we have seen it.

17 The Lord hath done that which he devised;

He hath ⁶fulfilled his word that he commanded in the days of old;

He hath thrown down, and hath not pitied:

And he hath caused the enemy to rejoice over thee,

² Or,
breach

³ Or,
take to
witness
for thee

⁴ Or,
oracles
⁵ Or,
things to
drive
thee
aside

⁶ Or,
finished

He hath exalted the horn of thine adversaries.

18 Their heart cried unto the Lord:

O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night;
Give thyself no respite; let not the apple of thine eye cease.

19 Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches;

Pour out thine heart like water before the face of the Lord:

Lift up thy hands toward him for the life of thy young children,

That faint for hunger at the top of every street.

20 See, O Lord, and behold, to whom thou hast done thus!

Shall the women eat their fruit, the children that are dandled in the hands?

Shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of the Lord?

21 The youth and the old man lie on the ground in the streets;

My virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword:

Thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast slaughtered, and not pitied.

22 Thou hast called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, ⁷my terrors on every side,

And there was none that escaped or remained in the day of the Lord's anger:

Those that I have dandled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

3 I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.

2 He hath led me and caused me to walk in darkness ⁸and not in light.

3 Surely against me he turneth his hand again and again all the day.

4 My flesh and my skin hath he ⁹made old; he hath broken my bones.

5 He hath builded against me, and compassed me with ¹⁰gall and travail.

6 ¹¹He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long dead.

7 He hath fenced me about, that I cannot go forth; he hath made my chain heavy.

8 Yea, when I cry and call for help, he shutteth out my prayer.

9 He hath fenced up my ways with hewn stone, he hath made my paths crooked.

10 He is unto me as a bear lying in wait, as a lion in secret places.

11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he hath made me desolate.

12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.

⁷ See
Jer. xl
25.

⁸ Or,
without
light

⁹ Or,
grown old

¹⁰ See
Deut.
xxix. 25
¹¹ See P.
cxlii. 1

¹ Heb. some.	13 He hath caused the ¹ shafts of his quiver to enter into my reins.	40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.	
	14 I am become a derision to all my people; and their song all the day.	41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.	
	15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath sated me with wormwood.	42 We have transgressed and have rebelled; thou hast not pardoned.	
	16 He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones, he hath covered me with ashes.	43 Thou hast ⁶ covered with anger and pursued us; thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.	⁸ Or, covered thyself
¹ Or, cut off	17 And thou hast ² removed my soul far off from peace; I forgot prosperity.	44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that <i>our</i> prayer should not pass through.	
	18 And I said, My strength is perished, and mine expectation from the LORD.	45 Thou hast made us as the offscouring and refuse in the midst of the peoples.	
³ Or, was refer- ring to, out- cast state	19 Remember mine affliction and my ³ misery, the wormwood and the gall.	46 All our enemies have opened their mouth wide against us.	
	20 My soul hath them still in remembrance, and is bowed down within me.	47 Fear and the pit are come upon us, ⁹ devastation and destruction.	⁹ Or, ruin
	21 This I recall to my mind, therefore have I hope.	48 Mine eye runneth down with rivers of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.	
	22 <i>It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.</i>	49 Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,	
	23 They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.	50 Till the LORD look down, and behold from heaven.	
	24 The LORD is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.	51 Mine eye affecteth my soul, because of all the daughters of my city.	
	25 The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.	52 They have chased me sore like a bird, that are mine enemies without cause.	
	26 It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the LORD.	53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and have cast a stone upon me.	
	27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.	54 Waters flowed over mine head; I said, I am cut off.	
⁴ Or, He sitteth alone &c. (v. 25-30)	28 ⁴ Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he hath laid it upon him.	55 I called upon thy name, O LORD, out of the lowest dungeon.	
	29 Let him put his mouth in the dust; if so be there may be hope.	56 Thou heardest my voice; hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.	
	30 Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him; let him be filled full with reproach.	57 Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee: thou saidst, Fear not.	
	31 For the LORD will not cast off for ever.	58 O LORD, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast redeemed my life.	
	32 For though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.	59 O LORD, thou hast seen my wrong; judge thou my cause.	
⁵ Heb. from his heart.	33 For he doth not afflict ⁵ willingly, nor grieve the children of men.	60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their devices against me.	
	34 To crush under foot all the prisoners of the earth,	61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O LORD, and all their devices against me;	
	35 To turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High,	62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their imagination against me all the day.	
⁶ Heb. with malice.	36 To subvert a man in his cause, the LORD ⁶ approveth not.	63 Behold thou their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their song.	
	37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when the LORD commandeth it not?	64 Thou wilt render unto them a recompense, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.	
⁷ Or, a man that is in his sins	38 Out of the mouth of the Most High cometh there not evil and good?	65 Thou wilt give them ¹⁰ hardness of heart, thy curse unto them.	¹⁰ Or, stupidness Heb. numbing.
	39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, ⁷ a man for the punishment of his sins?		

66 Thou wilt pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of the LORD.

4 How is the gold become dim! *how* is the most pure gold changed!

The stones of the sanctuary are poured out at the top of every street.

2 The precious sons of Zion, ¹comparable to fine gold,

How are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!

3 Even the jackals draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: The daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.

4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: The young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.

5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets:

They that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.

6 For ²the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than ³the sin of Sodom,

That was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands ⁴were laid upon her.

7 Her ⁵nobles were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk,

They were more ruddy in body than ⁶rubies, their polishing was as of sapphires:

8 Their visage is ⁷blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets:

Their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like a stick.

9 They that be slain with the sword are better than they that be slain with hunger;

For these ⁸pine away, stricken through, for want of the fruits of the field.

10 The hands of the pitiful women have sodden their own children;

They were their meat in the destruction of the daughter of my people.

11 The LORD hath accomplished his fury, he hath poured out his fierce anger; And he hath kindled a fire in Zion, which hath devoured the foundations thereof.

12 The kings of the earth believed not, neither all the inhabitants of the world, That the adversary and the enemy should enter into the gates of Jerusalem.

13 *It* is because of the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, That have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her.

14 They wander as blind men in the streets, they are polluted with blood, So that men cannot touch their garments.

15 Depart ye, they cried unto them, Unclean! depart, depart, touch not:

⁹When they fled away and wandered, men said among the nations, They shall no more sojourn here.

16 The ¹⁰anger of the LORD hath divided them; he will no more regard them: They respected not the persons of the priests, they favoured not the elders.

17 Our eyes do yet fail in looking for our vain help:

In our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save.

18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot go in our streets:

Our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.

19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heaven:

They chased us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.

20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the LORD, was taken in their pits; Of whom we said, Under his shadow we shall live among the nations.

21 Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of Uz:

The cup shall pass through unto thee also; thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.

22 ¹¹The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; He will no more carry thee away into captivity:

He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom;

He will discover thy sins.

5 Remember, O LORD, what is come upon us:

Behold, and see our reproach.

2 Our inheritance is turned unto strangers,

Our houses unto aliens.

3 We are orphans and fatherless,

Our mothers are as widows.

4 We have drunken our water for money;

Our wood ¹²is sold unto us.

5 Our pursuers are upon our necks:

We are weary, and have no rest.

6 We have given the hand to the Egyptians,

And to the Assyrians, to be satisfied with bread.

7 Our fathers have sinned, and are not;

And we have borne their iniquities.

8 Servants rule over us:

There is none to deliver us out of their hand.

9 We get our bread with the peril of our lives

Because of the sword of the wilderness.

10 Our skin is ¹³black like an oven

Because of the burning heat of famine.

11 They ravished the women in Zion,

The maidens in the cities of Judah.

12 Princes were hanged up by their hand:

The faces of elders were not honoured.

13 The young men bare the mill,

¹ Heb. that may be weighed against.

¹ Or, the punishment of the iniquity

² Or, the punishment of the sin

³ Or, fell See 2 Sam. iii. 30.

⁴ Or, Nasirites

⁵ Or, corals

⁶ Heb. darker than blackness.

⁷ Heb. flow away.

⁸ Or, Fro

⁹ Heb. force.

¹⁰ Or, Thine iniquity hath an end

¹¹ Heb. cannot's for price.

¹² Or, be

- And the children stumbled under the wood.
 14 The elders have ceased from the gate,
 The young men from their music.
 15 The joy of our heart is ceased;
 Our dance is turned into mourning.
 16 The crown is fallen from our head.
 Woe unto us! for we have sinned.
 17 For this our heart is faint;
 For these things our eyes are dim;
 18 For the mountain of Zion, which is
 desolate;

- The ¹foxes walk upon it.
 19 Thou, O LORD, ²abidest for ever;
 Thy throne is from generation to gen-
 eration.
 20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for
 ever,
 And forsake us so long time?
 21 Turn thou us unto thee, O LORD, and
 we shall be turned;
 Renew our days as of old.
 22 ³But thou hast utterly rejected us,
 Thou art very wroth against us.

¹ Or,
jackals
² Or,
attest
as king

³ Or,
Unless
thou
and art
etc

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET EZEKIEL.

- 1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth
 year, in the fourth *month*, in the
 fifth *day* of the month, as I was
 among the ¹captives by the river
 Chebar, that the heavens were opened,
 2 and I saw visions of God. In the fifth
 day of the month, which was the fifth
 year of king Jehoiachin's captivity, the
 word of the LORD came expressly un-
 to Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi,
 in the land of the Chaldeans by the
 river Chebar; and the hand of the
 4 LORD was there upon him. And I
 looked, and, behold, a stormy wind
 came out of the north, a great cloud,
 with a fire ²infoling itself, and a
 brightness round about it, and out of
 the midst thereof ³as the colour of
 4 amber, out of the midst of the fire.
 5 And out of the midst thereof came the
 likeness of four living creatures. And
 this was their appearance; they had
 6 the likeness of a man. And every one
 had four faces, and every one of them
 7 had four wings. And their feet were
 straight feet; and the sole of their
 feet was like the sole of a calf's foot;
 and they sparkled like the colour of
 8 burnished brass. And they had the
 hands of a man under their wings on
 their four sides: and they four had
 9 their faces and their wings *thus*; their
 wings were joined one to another;
 they turned not when they went; they
 10 went every one straight forward. As
 for the likeness of their faces, they
 had the face of a man; and they four
 had the face of a lion on the right
 side; and they four had the face of an
 ox on the left side; they four had also
 11 the face of an eagle. ⁵And their faces
 and their wings were separate above;
 two wings of every one were joined
 one to another, and two covered their
 12 bodies. And they went every one
 straight forward: whither the spirit

- was to go, they went; they turned
 13 not when they went. ⁶As for the
 likeness of the living creatures, their
 appearance was like burning coals of
 fire, like the appearance of torches;
 it went up and down among the living
 creatures: and the fire was bright,
 and out of the fire went forth light-
 14 ning. And the living creatures ran
 and returned as the appearance of a
 15 flash of lightning. Now as I beheld
 the living creatures, behold one wheel
 upon the earth beside the living crea-
 tures, for each of the four faces there-
 16 of. The appearance of the wheels
 and their work was like unto the
 colour of a beryl: and they four had
 one likeness: and their appearance
 and their work was as it were a wheel
 17 ⁷within a wheel. When they went,
 they went upon their four sides: they
 18 turned not when they went. As for
 their ⁸rings, they were high and dread-
 ful; and they four had their rings full
 19 of eyes round about. And when the
 living creatures went, the wheels went
 beside them: and when the living
 creatures were lifted up from the earth,
 20 the wheels were lifted up. Whitherso-
 ever the spirit was to go, they went;
 thither was the spirit to go: and the
 wheels were lifted up ⁹beside them;
 for the spirit ¹⁰of the living creature
 21 was in the wheels. When those went,
 these went; and when those stood,
 these stood; and when those were
 lifted up from the earth, the wheels
 were lifted up ⁹beside them: for the
 spirit ¹⁰of the living creature was in
 22 the wheels. And over the head of the
 living creature there was the like-
 ness of a firmament, like the colour
 of the terrible ¹¹crystal, stretched
 23 forth over their heads above. And
 under the firmament were their wings
 straight, the one toward the other:

⁶ The
 Sept. has,
And in the midst
of the
living
creatures
was an
appearance
etc.

⁷ Heb.
in the
midst of.

⁸ Or,
fallies

⁹ Or, over
against
¹⁰ Or,
of life

¹¹ Or, ice

¹ Heb.
captiv-
ity.

² Or,
aching
contin-
ually
³ Or, as
amber
to look
upon
⁴ Or,
electrum

⁵ Or,
And
thus were
their
faces;
and their
wings
were etc.

¹ Or, for them

every one had two which covered ¹ on this side, and every one had two which covered ¹ on that side, their bodies.

24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of an host: when they stood, 25 they let down their wings. And there was a voice above the firmament that was over their heads: when they stood, they let down their wings. And above the firmament that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone: and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above. And

² See ver. 4.

I saw as the colour of ²amber, as the appearance of fire within it round about, from the appearance of his loins and upward; and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about ²him. As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

³ Or, it

2 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee. And the spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet; and I heard ³him that spake unto me. And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to nations that are rebellious, which have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day. And the children are impudent and stiffhearted; ⁴ I do send thee unto them: and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God.

⁴ Or, unto whom I send thee

5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

6 And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though

7 they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious. But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee. And when I looked, behold, an hand was put forth unto me; and, 10 lo, a roll of a book was therein; and

he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and 3 mourning, and woe. And he said unto me, Son of man, eat that thou findest; eat this roll, and go, speak unto the 2 house of Israel. So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat the roll. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

4 And he said unto me, Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. 5 For thou art not sent to a people ⁵ of a strange speech and of an hard language,

⁵ High, deep of lip and heavy of tongue.

6 but to the house of Israel; not to many peoples of a strange speech and of an hard language, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, if I sent thee to them, they would hearken unto 7 thee. But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me: for all the house of Israel are of an hard forehead and of 8 a stiff heart. Behold, I have made thy face hard against their faces, and thy forehead hard against their foreheads.

9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house. 10 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thine heart, and 11 hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to them of the captivity, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then the spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of the Lord from his place.

13 And I heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the noise of the wheels ⁶ beside them, even the noise of

⁶ Or, away against

14 a great rushing. So the spirit lifted me up, and took me away: and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit, and the hand of the Lord was strong upon me. Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that ⁷ dwelt by the river Chebar, ⁸ and to where they ⁷ dwelt; and I sat there astonished among them seven days.

⁷ Or, at ⁸ Another reading is, and I sat where they sat.

16 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of the Lord 17 came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning 18 from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn

the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 And the hand of the Lord was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the ¹plain, and I will there talk with thee. Then I arose, and went forth into the ¹plain: and, behold, the glory of the Lord stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Chebar:

24 and I fell on my face. Then the spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet; and he spake with me, and said unto me, Go, shew thyself within thine house. But thou, son of man, behold, they shall lay bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: and I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover: for they are a rebellious house. But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and pourtray upon it a city, even Jerusalem: and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mount against it; set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it round about.

3 And take thou unto thee an iron ²pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 Moreover lie thou upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity.

5 For I have appointed the years of their iniquity to be unto thee a number of days, even three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the

¹ Or, valley

² Or, flat plate

6 iniquity of the house of Israel. And again, when thou hast accomplished these, thou shalt lie on thy right side, and shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah: forty days, each day for a year, have I appointed it unto thee. And thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with thine arm uncovered; and thou shalt prophesy against it. And, behold, I lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to another, till thou hast accomplished the days of thy siege. Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof; according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, even three hundred and ninety days, shalt thou eat thereof. And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from 11 time to time shalt thou eat it. And thou shalt drink water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it in their sight with dung that cometh 13 out of man. And the Lord said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations whither I will drive them. Then said I, Ah Lord God! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

15 Then he said unto me, See, I have given thee cow's dung for man's dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread 16 thereon. Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with carefulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and with astonishment: 17 that they may want bread and water, and be astonished one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

5 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp sword, as a barber's razor shalt thou take it unto thee, and shalt cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to 2 weigh, and ³divide the hair. A third part shalt thou burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a third part, and smite with the sword round about it; and a third part thou shalt scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after 3 them. And thou shalt take ⁴thereof a few in number, and bind them in 4 thy skirts. And of these again shalt thou take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire;

³ Heb. divide them.

⁴ Heb. them.

therefrom shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

5 Thus saith the Lord God: This is Jerusalem: I have set her in the midst of the nations, and countries are round

6 about her. And she hath ¹rebelled against my judgements in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have rejected my judgements, and as for my statutes, they have

7 not walked in them. Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because ye are turbulent more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept my judgements, neither have done after the ²ordinances of the nations that

8 are round about you; therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I, even I, am against thee; and I will execute judgements in the midst of thee in

9 the sight of the nations. And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abomina-

10 tions. Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgements in thee, and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter

11 unto all the winds. Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thy detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also ³diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, and I also will have no pity.

12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and a third part I will scatter unto all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will ⁴satisfy my fury ⁵upon them, and I will be comforted: and they shall know that I the Lord have spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished

14 my fury upon them. Moreover I will make thee a desolation and a reproach, among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass

15 by. So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgements in thee in anger and in fury, and in furious rebukes: I the Lord have

16 spoken it: when I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you; and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break

17 your staff of bread; and I will send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence

and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee: I the Lord have spoken it.

6 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel,

8 and prophesy ⁶unto them, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God: Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the ⁷watercourses and to the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will

4 destroy your high places. And your altars shall become desolate, and your sun-images shall be broken: and I will cast down your slain men before your

5 idols. And I will lay the carcases of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones

6 round about your altars. In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate; that your altars may be laid waste and ⁸made desolate, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your sun-images may be hewn down, and your works may be ⁹abolished.

7 And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and ye shall know that I am the

8 Lord. Yet will I leave a remnant, in that ye shall have some that escape the sword among the nations, when ye shall

9 be scattered through the countries. And they that escape of you shall remember me among the nations whither they shall be carried captives, how that ¹⁰I have been broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all

10 their abominations. And they shall know that I am the Lord: I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11 Thus saith the Lord God: Smite with thine hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas! because of all the evil abominations of the house of Israel: for they shall fall by the sword, by the

12 famine, and by the pestilence. He that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is

11 besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my fury upon them.

13 And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when their slain men shall be among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick ¹³oak, the place where they did offer sweet

14 savour to all their idols. And I will stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, ¹⁵from the wilderness toward Diblah,

¹ Or, changed my judgements into wickedness

² Heb. judgements.

³ Or, with-draw mine eye that it shall not spare. Another reading is, how thee down.

⁴ Heb. bring to rest.

⁵ Or, toward

⁶ Or, against

⁷ Or, rivers

⁸ Or, bear their guilt

⁹ Heb. blotted out.

¹⁰ Or, according to most of the ancient versions, I have broken their etc.

¹¹ Or, perished

¹³ Or, scrubland

¹⁵ Or, more than

throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

7 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord God unto the land of Israel, An end: the end is come upon the four corners of the land. Now is the end upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: but I will bring thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

5 Thus saith the Lord God: An evil, an only evil; behold, it cometh. An end is come, the end is come, it awaketh against thee; behold, it cometh. ¹Thy doom is come unto thee, O inhabitant of the land: the time is come, the day is near; a day of tumult, and not of joyful shouting, ²upon the mountains.

8 Now will I shortly pour out my fury upon thee, and accomplish mine anger against thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. And mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: I will bring upon thee according to thy ways, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee; and ye shall know that I the

10 Lord do smite. Behold, the day, behold, it cometh: ³thy doom is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride

11 hath budded. Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness; ⁴none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth: neither shall

12 there be ⁵eminency among them. The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn: for wrath is upon all the multi-

13 tude thereof. For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, ⁶although they be yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, ⁷none shall return; neither shall any strengthen himself ⁸in the iniquity of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the

15 multitude thereof. The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour

16 him. But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one in his iniquity. All hands shall be feeble, and 18 all knees shall be weak as water. They shall also gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and

19 baldness upon all their heads. They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be as an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it hath been the stum-

20 blingblock of their iniquity. As for the beauty of his ornament, ⁹he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things ¹⁰therein: therefore have I made

21 it unto them as an unclean thing. And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall

22 profane it. My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my ¹¹secret place: and robbers shall

23 enter into it, and profane it. Make the chain: for the land is full of ¹²bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence.

24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and ¹³their

25 holy places shall be profaned. ¹⁴De- struction cometh; and they shall seek

26 peace, and there shall be none. Mis- chief shall come upon mischief, and rumour shall be upon rumour; and they shall seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest,

27 and counsel from the ancients. The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

8 And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I sat in mine house, and the elders of Judah sat before me, that the hand of the Lord God fell there upon

2 me. Then I beheld, and, lo, a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the ap- pearance of his loins and downward, fire: and from his loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, ¹⁵as the

3 colour of ¹⁶amber. And he put forth the form of an hand, and took me by a lock of mine head; and the spirit lifted me up between the earth and the hea-

ven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looketh to- ward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh

4 to jealousy. And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the ¹⁷appearance that I saw in the

5 plain. Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way to- ward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold northward of the gate of the altar this

¹ Or, The turn
Or, The crown-
ing time

² Or, from

³ See
ver. 7.

⁴ Or, not from them, nor from their multi- tude, nor from their wealth

⁵ Or, waiting for them

⁶ Heb, though their life be yet among the living

⁷ Or, it shall not turn back

⁸ Or, whose life is in his iniquity

⁹ Or, they turned it to pride; and they do.
¹⁰ Or, thereof

¹¹ Or, secret treasure

¹² Heb, Judgment of blood.

¹³ Or, they that sanctify them
¹⁴ Or, Distress

¹⁵ Or, as amber to look upon
¹⁶ See ch. 1. 4.

¹⁷ Or, vision

6 image of jealousy in the entry. And he said unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel do commit here, ¹that I should go far off from my sanctuary? but ²thou shalt again see yet other great abominations. And he brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in 8 the wall. Then said he unto me, Son of man, dig now in the wall: and when I had digged in the wall, behold a 9 door. And he said unto me, Go in, and see the wicked abominations that 10 they do here. So I went in and saw; and behold every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, poured 11 upon the wall round about. And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan, with every man his censor in his hand; and the odour 12 of the cloud of incense went up. Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say, The LORD seeth us not; the LORD hath 13 forsaken the ³earth. He said also unto me, Thou shalt again see yet other great abominations which they do. 14 Then he brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house which was toward the north; and behold, there sat the women weeping for Tamuz. 15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? thou shalt again see yet greater abominations than these. And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped 17 the sun toward the east. Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the 18 branch to their nose. Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them. 9 Then he cried in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, ⁴Cause ye them that have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon 2 in his hand. And behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lieth toward the north, every man with his ⁵slaughter weapon in

his hand; and one man in the midst of them clothed in linen, with a writer's inkhorn ⁶by his side. And they went in, and stood beside the 8 brazen altar. And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, which had the 4 writer's inkhorn ⁶by his side. And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations 5 that be done in the midst thereof. And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye through the city after him, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither 6 have ye pity: slay ⁷utterly the old man, the young man and the maiden, and little children and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ⁸ancient men 7 which were before the house. And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and smote 8 in the city. And it came to pass, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring 9 out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of ⁹wresting of judgment: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the ³earth, and the LORD seeth 10 not. And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will bring their way upon 11 their head. And behold, the man clothed in linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me. 10 Then I looked, and behold, in the firmament that was over the head of the cherubim, there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a 2 throne. And he spake unto the man clothed in linen, and said, Go in between the whirling ¹⁰wheels, even under the cherub, and fill both thine hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and ¹⁰scatter them over the 3 city. And he went in in my sight. Now the cherubim stood on the right side of the house, when the man went in; and 4 the cloud filled the inner court. And the glory of the LORD mounted up from the cherub, and stood over the threshold of the house; and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory.

⁶ Heb. *typewriter*

¹ Or, *to get them far off*
² Or, *turn thee yet again, and thou shalt see greater abominations*
So also in vi. 12, 15.

³ Or, *land*

⁴ Or, *Draw ye near that do.*

⁵ Or, *battle*
see

⁷ Heb. *to destruction*

⁸ Or, *elders*

⁹ Or, *persecution*

¹⁰ Or, *spirits*

5 And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard even to the outer court, as the voice of ¹God Almighty 6 when he speaketh. And it came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. 7 And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. 8 And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their 9 wings. And I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was ²as the 10 colour of a ³beryl stone. And as for their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been ⁴with- 11 in a wheel. When they went, they went ⁵upon their four sides: they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed 12 it; they turned not as they went. And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had. 13 As for the wheels, they were called in 14 my hearing, the whirling wheels. And every one had four faces: the first face was the face of the cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the 15 fourth the face of an eagle. And the cherubim mounted up: this is the living creature that I saw by the river 16 Chebar. And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them: and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels also turned not from beside them. 17 When they stood, these stood; and when they mounted up, these mounted up with them: for the spirit ⁶of the 18 living creature was in them. And the glory of the LORD went forth from over the threshold of the house, and stood 19 over the cherubim. And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth in my sight when they went forth, and the wheels ⁷beside them: and they stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house; and the glory of the God of Israel was over 20 them above. This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chebar; and I knew that 21 they were cherubim. Every one had four faces apiece, and every one four wings; and the likeness of the hands 22 of a man was under their wings. And as for the likeness of their faces, they

were the faces which I saw by the river Chebar, their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.

11 Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the LORD's house, which looketh eastward: and behold, at the door of the gate five and twenty men; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azzur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. And he said unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise iniquity, and that 3 give wicked counsel in this city: which say, ⁸The time is not near to build houses: this city is the caldron, and 4 we be the flesh. Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man. 5 And the spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and he said unto me, Speak, Thus saith the LORD: Thus have ye said, O house of Israel; for I know the things 6 that come into your mind. Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with 7 the slain. Therefore thus saith the LORD God: Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron: but ⁹ye shall be brought forth out of the midst 8 of it. Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring the sword upon you, saith 9 the LORD God. And I will bring you forth out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgements among 10 you. Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the LORD. 11 This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; I will judge you in the 12 border of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the LORD: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither have ye executed my judgements, but have done after the ¹⁰ordinances of the nations 13 that are round about you. And it came to pass, when I prophesied, that Pelatiah the son of Benaiah died. Then fell I down upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord God! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel? 14 And the word of the LORD came unto 15 me, saying, Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy ¹¹kindred, and all the house of Israel, all of them, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the LORD; unto us is this land 16 given for a possession: therefore say, Thus saith the LORD God: Whereas I have removed them far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, ¹²yet will I be to them a sanctuary for a little while in the countries where they are

¹ Heb. *Eli Shaddai*.

² See ch. i. 4.

³ Or, stone of Turblish.

⁴ Heb. in the midst of.

⁵ Or, towards.

⁸ Or, Is not the time near &c.?

⁹ Another reading is, I will bring you.

⁶ Or, of life See ch. i. 21.

⁷ Or, over against.

¹⁰ Heb. judgements.

¹¹ Heb. brethren. See Lev. xxv. 25, &c.

¹² Or, yet have I been Or, and have been

17 come. Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord God: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of 18 Israel. And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of 20 flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way upon their own heads, saith 22 the Lord God. Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the wheels were ¹beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. 23 And the glory of the Lord went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side 24 of the city. And the spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by the spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I 25 had seen went up from me. Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that the Lord had shewed me. 12 The word of the Lord also came unto me, saying, Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of the rebellious house, which have eyes to see, and see not, which have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house. 3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for ²removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will ³consider, though they be a rebellious house. And thou shalt bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for ²removing: and thou shalt go forth thyself at even in their sight, 5 as when men go forth into exile. Dig thou through the wall in their sight, 6 and carry out thereby. In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulder, and carry it forth in the dark; thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel. And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for removing, and in the even I digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought it forth in the dark, and bare it upon my shoulder in 8 their sight. And in the morning came the word of the Lord unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, hath not the house of

Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou? Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: This ⁴burden concerneth the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of 11 Israel ⁵among whom they are. Say, I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: they 12 shall go into exile, into captivity. And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the dark, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, because he shall not see 13 the ⁶ground with his eyes. My net also will I spread upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon to the land of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, 14 though he shall die there. And I will scatter toward every wind all that are round about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the 15 sword after them. And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall disperse them among the nations, and scatter them through the countries. 16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations whither they come; and they shall know that I am the Lord. 17 Moreover the word of the Lord came 18 to me, saying, Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with carefulness; and say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord God concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with carefulness, and drink their water with astonishment, that her land may be desolate from ⁷all that is therein, because of the violence 20 of all them that dwell therein. And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and ye shall know that I am the Lord. 21 And the word of the Lord came unto 22 me, saying, Son of man, what is this proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, 23 and every vision faileth? Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord God: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the ⁸effect of every 24 vision. For there shall be no more any vain vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. For I am the Lord; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be performed; it shall be no more deferred: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I speak the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord God. 26 Again the word of the Lord came

⁴ Or, oracle⁵ Or, that are among them⁶ Or, land⁷ Heb. the fulness thereof.⁸ Heb. word.

27 to me, saying, Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he prophesieth of times that are 28 far off. Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: There shall none of my words be deferred any more, but the word which I shall speak shall be performed, saith the Lord God.

13 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own heart, Hear ye the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, 4¹ and have seen nothing! O Israel, thy prophets have been like foxes in the 5 waste places. Ye have not gone up into the ²gaps, neither made up the fence for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of the Lord.

6 They have seen vanity and lying divination, that say, The Lord saith; and the Lord hath not sent them: and they ³have made men to hope that the 7 word should be confirmed. Have ye not seen a vain vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, whereas ye say, The Lord saith; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because ye have spoken vanity, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord God. And mine hand shall be against the prophets that see vanity, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the ⁴council of my people, neither shall they be written in the ⁵writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the 10 Lord God. Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there is no peace; and when one buildeth up ⁶a wall, behold, they daub

11 it with untempered mortar: say unto them which daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy 12 wind shall rend it. Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye 18 have daubed it? Therefore thus saith the Lord God; I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my fury; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in fury to 14 consume it. So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be discovered: and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof; and ye shall 15 know that I am the Lord. Thus will

I accomplish my fury upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar; and I will say unto you, The wall is no more, 16 neither they that daubed it; to wit, the prophets of Israel which prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and which see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord God.

17 And thou, son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, which prophesy out of their own heart;

18 and prophesy thou against them, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Woe to the women that sew pillows upon all ⁷elbows, and make kerchiefs for the head of ⁸persons of every stature to hunt souls! ⁹Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and save souls alive ¹⁰for

19 yourselves? And ye have profaned me among my people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to save the souls alive that should not live, by your lying to my people that hearken 20 unto lies. Wherefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against your pillows, ¹¹wherewith ye there hunt the souls ¹²to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms; and I will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt

21 ¹³to make them fly. Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye 22 shall know that I am the Lord. Because with lies ye have grieved the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and strengthened the hands of the wicked, that he should not return from his wicked way, ¹⁴and be saved alive:

23 therefore ye shall no more see vanity, nor divine divinations: and I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

14 Then came certain of the elders of 2 Israel unto me, and sat before me. And the word of the Lord came unto me, 3 saying, Son of man, these men have

¹⁵taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I 4 be inquired of at all by them? Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Every man of the house of Israel that taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the Lord will answer him ¹⁶therein according to the multitude of

5 his idols; that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through 6 their idols. Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: Return ye, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your 7 faces from all your abominations. For

⁷ Heb. joints of the hands.

⁸ Or, Ye hunt . . . and ye save &c.

⁹ Or, that are yours

¹⁰ Or, where ye hunt

¹¹ Or, as birds

¹² Or, by promising him life

¹³ Heb. caused to come up.

¹⁴ Or, according thereto. Another reading is, he is come in the multitude &c.

¹ Or, and things which they have not seen

² Or, breaches

³ Or, as ye hoped

⁴ Or, secret

⁵ Or, register

⁶ Or, a slight wall

¹ Or,
of him
concern-
ing me

² Or,
anxious

³ Or,
the pun-
ishment
of their
iniquity

⁴ Or,
breasts

⁵ Or,
let the
sword go

⁶ Heb.
they that
escape.

every one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet to inquire ¹for himself of me; I the Lord will answer him by myself: and I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am ²the Lord. And if the prophet be ³deceived and speaketh a word, I the Lord have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out my hand upon him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. And they shall bear ⁴their iniquity: the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him that seeketh unto him; that the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord God.

12 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, when a land sinneth against me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out mine hand upon it, and break the staff of the bread thereof, and send famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast; 14 though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord God. If I cause noisome beasts to pass through the land, and they ⁴spoil it, so that it be desolate, that no man may pass through because of the beasts; though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only shall be delivered, but the land shall be desolate.

17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, ⁵Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off from it man and beast; 18 though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves. Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my fury upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast: though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord God, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter; they shall but deliver their own souls by their righteousness. For thus saith the Lord God: How much more when I send my four sore judgements upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the noisome beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from ⁶it man and beast? Yet, behold, there-in shall be left ⁶a remnant that shall be carried forth, both sons and daugh-

ters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings: and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it. 23 And they shall comfort you, when ye see their way and their doings: and ye shall know that I have not done ⁷without cause all that I have done in it, saith the Lord God.

15 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, what is the vine tree more than any tree, the vine branch which ⁸is among the trees of the forest?

8 Shall wood be taken thereof to make any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel: the fire hath devoured both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned; is it profitable for any work? Behold, when it was whole, it was ⁹meet for no work: how much less, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be ⁹meet for any work? Therefore thus saith the Lord God: As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so ¹⁰will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

7 And I will set my face against them; they ¹¹shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am the Lord, when 8 I set my face against them. And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord God.

16 Again the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations,

8 and say, Thus saith the Lord God unto Jerusalem: ¹²Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of the Canaanite; the Amorite was thy father, and thy mother was an Hittite. And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to cleanse thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. None eye pitied thee, to do any of these unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, for that thy person was abhorred, in the day that thou wast born. And when I passed by thee, and saw thee weltering in thy blood, I said unto thee, *Though thou art in thy blood, live*; yea, I said unto thee, *7 Though thou art in thy blood, live*. I ¹³caused thee to multiply as the bud of the field, and thou didst increase and wax great, and thou attainedst to ¹⁴excellent ornament; thy breasts were fashioned, and thine hair was grown; 8 yet thou wast naked and bare. Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over

⁷ Or,
in vain

⁸ Or, man

⁹ Heb.
made
work.

¹⁰ Or,
have
I given

¹¹ Or,
have
gone
forth

¹² Or,
Thine
origin

¹³ Heb.
made
thee a
married.

¹⁴ Heb.
ornament
of
marriage.

thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord 9 God, and thou becamest mine. Then washed I thee with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. I clothed thee also with brodered work, and shod thee with ¹sealskin, and I ²girded thee about with fine linen, 11 and covered thee with silk. I decked thee also with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain 12 on thy neck. And I put a ring upon thy nose, and earrings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thine head. 13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil: and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper unto royal estate. 14 And thy renown went forth among the nations for thy beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord God. 15 But thou didst trust in thy beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pouredst out thy whoredoms on every one that passed by; his 16 it was. And thou didst take of thy garments, and madest for thee high places decked with divers colours, and playedst the harlot upon them: *the like things* shall not come, neither shall 17 it be so. Thou didst also take thy ³fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest for thee ⁴images of men, and didst play the 18 harlot with them; and thou tookest thy brodered garments, and coveredst them, and didst set mine oil and mine 19 incense before them. My bread also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou didst even set it before them for a sweet savour, and *thus* it was; saith the Lord 20 God. Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Were thy whoredoms a small matter, 21 that thou hast slain my children, and delivered them up, in ⁵causing them to 22 pass through the fire unto them? And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast weltering in 23 thy blood. And it is come to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! 24 saith the Lord God,) that thou hast built unto thee ⁶an eminent place, and hast made thee a lofty place in every 25 street. Thou hast built thy lofty place at every head of the way, and hast made thy beauty an abomination, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whore-

26 dom. Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians, thy neighbours, great of flesh; and hast multiplied thy whoredom, to provoke 27 me to anger. Behold therefore, I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine ⁷ordinary food, and delivered thee unto the will of them that hate thee, the daughters of the Philistines, which are ashamed of thy 28 lewd way. Thou hast played the harlot also with the Assyrians, because thou wast unsatiable; yea, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet thou 29 wast not satisfied. Thou hast moreover multiplied thy whoredom ⁸in the land of Canaan, unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied herewith. 30 How weak is thine heart, saith the Lord God, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish 31 woman; in that thou buildest thine eminent place in the head of every way, and makest thy lofty place in every street; and hast not been as an harlot, 32 ⁹in that thou scornest hire. A wife that committeth adultery! that taketh strangers instead of her husband! 33 They give gifts to all harlots: but thou givest thy gifts to all thy lovers, and bribest them, that they may come unto thee on every side for thy whoredoms. 34 And the contrary is in thee from *other* women in thy whoredoms, in that none followeth thee to commit whoredom: and whereas thou givest hire, and no hire is given unto thee, therefore thou art contrary. 35 Wherefore, O harlot, hear the word of 36 the Lord: Thus saith the Lord God, Because thy ¹⁰filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers; and because of all the idols of thy abominations, and for the blood of thy children, which thou didst give unto them; 37 therefore behold, I will gather all thy lovers, with whom thou hast taken pleasure, and all them that thou hast loved, with all them that thou hast hated; I will even gather them against thee on every side, and will discover thy nakedness unto them, that they 38 may see all thy nakedness. And I will judge thee, as women that break wedlock and shed blood are judged; and I will bring upon thee the blood of fury 39 and jealousy. I will also give thee into their hand, and they shall throw down thine eminent place, and break down thy lofty places; and they shall strip thee of thy clothes, and take thy fair jewels: and they shall leave thee 40 naked and bare. They shall also bring up an assembly against thee, and they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee through with their swords. 41 And they shall burn thine houses with fire, and execute judgements upon

¹ Or, porpentine skin
² Or, bound (thee with a tire of fine linen)

³ Or, beautiful
⁴ Or, made images

⁵ Or, setting them apart
⁶ Heb. making them pass over.

⁷ Or, a vaulted chamber

⁷ Or, at-
tainment

⁸ Or, unto
the land
of traffic

⁹ Or, that
reflects
at her
hire

¹⁰ Heb.
brass.

1 Heb.
bring to
rest.
2 Or,
towards

3 Or,
hast thou
not com-
mitted
etc. 1

4 Or,
when I
saw it

5 Or,
sister

6 Or,
return
to

thee in the sight of many women;
and I will cause thee to cease from
playing the harlot, and thou shalt also
42 give no hire any more. So will I
1 satisfy my fury 2 upon thee, and my
jealousy shall depart from thee, and
I will be quiet, and will be no more
43 angry. Because thou hast not re-
membered the days of thy youth, but
hast fretted me in all these things;
therefore behold, I also will bring thy
way upon thine head, saith the Lord
God: and 3 thou shalt not commit 4 this
lewdness above all thine abominations.
44 Behold, every one that useth pro-
verbs shall use 5 this proverb against
thee, saying, As is the mother, so is
45 her daughter. Thou art thy mother's
daughter, that loatheth her husband
and her children; and thou art the
sister of thy sisters, which loathed
their husbands and their children:
your mother was an Hittite, and your
46 father an Amorite. And thine elder
sister is Samaria, that dwelleth at
thy left hand, she and her daughters:
and thy younger sister, that dwelleth
at thy right hand, is Sodom and her
47 daughters. Yet hast thou not walked
in their ways, nor done after their ab-
ominations; but, as if that were a very
little thing, thou wast more corrupt
48 than they in all thy ways. As I live,
saith the Lord God, Sodom thy sister
hath not done, she nor her daughters,
as thou hast done, thou and thy daugh-
49 ters. Behold, this was the iniquity
of thy sister Sodom; pride, fulness of
bread, and prosperous ease was in her
and in her daughters; neither did she
strengthen the hand of the poor and
50 needy. And they were haughty, and
committed abomination before me:
therefore I took them away 4 as I saw
51 good. Neither hath Samaria committed
half of thy sins; but thou hast multi-
plied thine abominations more than
they, and hast justified thy sisters by
all thine abominations which thou hast
52 done. Thou also, bear thine own shame,
in that thou hast given judgement
for thy 6 sisters; through thy sins that
thou hast committed more abominable
than they, they are more righteous
than thou: yea, be thou also confounded,
and bear thy shame, in that thou hast
53 justified thy sisters. And I will 6 turn
again their captivity, the captivity of
Sodom and her daughters, and the
captivity of Samaria and her daughters,
and the captivity of thy captives in
54 the midst of them: that thou mayest
bear thine own shame, and mayest be
ashamed because of all that thou hast
done, in that thou art a comfort unto
55 them. And thy sisters, Sodom and her
daughters, shall return to their former
estate, and Samaria and her daughters
shall return to their former estate,

and thou and thy daughters shall re-
56 turn to your former estate. For thy
sister Sodom was not mentioned by
thy mouth in the day of thy pride;
57 before thy wickedness was discovered,
as at the time of the reproach of the
daughters of Syria, and of all that are
round about her, the daughters of the
Philistines, which do despite unto thee
58 round about. Thou hast borne thy
lewdness and thine abominations, saith
59 the Lord. For thus saith the Lord
God: I will even deal with thee as
thou hast done, which hast despised
the oath in breaking the covenant.
60 Nevertheless I will remember my
covenant with thee in the days of thy
youth, and I will establish unto thee an
61 everlasting covenant. Then shalt thou
remember thy ways, and be ashamed,
when thou shalt receive thy sisters,
thine elder sisters and thy younger: and
I will give them unto thee for daugh-
62 ters, but not by thy covenant. And I
will establish my covenant with thee;
and thou shalt know that I am the
63 Lord: that thou mayest remember, and
be confounded, and never open thy
mouth any more, because of thy shame;
when I have forgiven thee all that
thou hast done, saith the Lord God.
17 And the word of the Lord came unto
2 me, saying, Son of man, put forth a
riddle, and speak a parable unto the
3 house of Israel; and say, Thus saith
the Lord God: A great eagle with
great wings and long pinions, full of
feathers, which had divers colours,
came unto Lebanon, and took the top
4 of the cedar: he cropped off the top-
most of the young twigs thereof, and
carried it into 7 a land of traffic; he
5 set it in a city of merchants. He
took also of the seed of the land, and
planted it in 8 a fruitful soil; he placed
it beside 9 many waters; he set it as
6 a willow tree. And it grew, and be-
came a spreading vine of low stature,
whose branches turned toward him,
and the roots thereof were under him:
so it became a vine, and brought
forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.
7 There was also another great eagle
with great wings and many feathers:
and, behold, this vine did bend its
roots toward him, and shot forth its
branches toward him, from the beds
of its plantation, that he might water
8 it. It was planted in a good 10 soil
by 9 many waters, that it might bring
forth branches, and that it might bear
fruit, that it might be a goodly vine.
9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord God:
Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up
the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit
thereof, that it may wither; that all
its fresh springing leaves may wither;
even without great power or much
11 people to pluck it up by the roots

7 Or, the
land of
Canaan

8 Heb.
a field of
seed.
9 Or,
great

10 Heb.
soil

11 Or,
people,
plucking
it.

10 thereof? Yea, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the beds where it grew.

11 Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and brought them 13 to him to Babylon; and he took of the seed royal, and made a covenant with him; he also brought him under an oath, and took away the 14 mighty of the land: that the kingdom might be ¹base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of his 15 covenant it might stand. But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? shall he break 16 the covenant, and yet escape? As I live, saith the Lord God, surely in the place where the king dwelleth that made him king, whose oath he despised, and whose covenant he brake, even with him in the midst of Babylon 17 he shall die. Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company make for him in the war, when they cast up mounts and build forts, to 18 cut off many persons. For he hath despised the oath by breaking the covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, and yet hath done all these 19 things; he shall not escape. Therefore thus saith the Lord God: As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, I will even bring it upon 20 his own head. And I will spread my net upon him, and he shall be taken in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will plead with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed 21 against me. And all his fugitives in all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they that remain shall be scattered toward every wind: and ye shall know that I the Lord have spoken it.

22 Thus saith the Lord God: I will also take of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the topmost of his young twigs a tender one, and I will plant it upon an high 23 mountain and eminent: in the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it: and it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches 24 thereof shall they dwell. And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made

the dry tree to flourish: I the Lord have spoken and have done it.

18 The word of the Lord came unto me again, saying, What mean ye, that ye use this proverb ²concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's 3 teeth are set on edge? As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb 4 in Israel. Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that 5 sinneth, it shall die. But if a man be just, and do ³that which is lawful and right, and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a woman in her separation; 7 and hath not wronged any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; 8 he that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true judgement 9 between man and man, hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgements, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord God.

10 If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and ⁴that doeth any one of these things, and that doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his 12 neighbour's wife, hath wronged the poor and needy, hath spoiled by violence, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath 13 committed abomination, hath given forth upon usury, and hath taken increase: shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations: he shall surely ⁵die; his blood shall be upon him. Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father's sins, which he hath done, and ⁶feareth, and 15 doeth not such like, that hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled 16 his neighbour's wife, neither hath wronged any, hath not taken ought to pledge, neither hath spoiled by violence, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with 17 a garment, that hath withdrawn his hand from the poor, that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgements, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely 18 live. As for his father, because he cruelly oppressed, spoiled his brother by violence, and did that which is not

² Or, in³ Heb. judgement and righteousness.⁴ Or, that doeth to a brother any of these⁵ Heb. be put to death.⁶ Another reading is, seeth, or, considereth.¹ Heb. low.

1 Or, for

good among his people, behold, he shall
 19 die¹ in his iniquity. Yet say ye, Where-
 fore doth not the son bear the iniquity
 of the father? When the son hath done
 that which is lawful and right, and hath
 kept all my statutes, and hath done
 20 them, he shall surely live. The soul
 that sinneth, it shall die: the son shall
 not bear the iniquity of the father,
 neither shall the father bear the in-
 iquity of the son; the righteousness of
 the righteous shall be upon him, and
 the wickedness of the wicked shall be
 21 upon him. But if the wicked turn from
 all his sins that he hath committed,
 and keep all my statutes, and do that
 which is lawful and right, he shall
 22 surely live, he shall not die. None of his
 transgressions that he hath committed
 shall be remembered against him: in
 his righteousness that he hath done he
 23 shall live. Have I any pleasure in the
 death of the wicked? saith the Lord
 God: and not rather that he should
 24 return from his way, and live? But
 when the righteous turneth away from
 his righteousness, and committeth
 iniquity, and doeth according to all
 the abominations that the wicked man
 doeth, shall he live? None of his right-
 eous deeds that he hath done shall be
 remembered: in his trespasses that he
 hath trespassed, and in his sin that he
 25 hath sinned, in them shall he die. Yet
 ye say, The way of the Lord is not
 equal. Hear now, O house of Israel:
 Is not my way equal? are not your
 26 ways unequal? When the righteous
 man turneth away from his right-
 eousness, and committeth iniquity,
 2 and dieth² therein; ¹in his iniquity
 27 that he hath done shall he die. Again,
 when the wicked man turneth away
 from his wickedness that he hath
 committed, and doeth that which is
 lawful and right, he shall save his soul
 28 alive. Because he considereth, and
 turneth away from all his transgres-
 sions that he hath committed, he shall
 29 surely live, he shall not die. Yet saith
 the house of Israel, The way of the
 Lord is not equal. O house of Israel,
 are not my ways equal? are not your
 30 ways unequal? Therefore I will judge
 you, O house of Israel, every one ac-
 cording to his ways, saith the Lord God.
 Return ye, and turn yourselves from
 all your transgressions; ⁴so iniquity
 31 shall not be your ⁵ruin. Cast away
 from you all your transgressions, where-
 in ye have transgressed; and make you
 a new heart and a new spirit: for why
 32 will ye die, O house of Israel? For I
 have no pleasure in the death of him
 that dieth, saith the Lord God: where-
 fore turn yourselves, and live.
 19 Moreover, take thou up a lamenta-
 tion for the princes of Israel, and say,
 What was thy mother? A lioness: she

2 Or, he
 shall die
 3 Or,
 because
 of it

4 Or, so
 shall
 they not
 be a
 stum-
 bling-
 block of
 iniquity
 unto you

5 Heb.
 stum-
 bling-
 block.

couched among lions, in the midst of
 the young lions she nourished her
 3 whelps. And she brought up one of
 her whelps; he became a young lion:
 and he learned to catch the prey, he de-
 4 voured men. The nations also heard
 of him; he was taken in their pit:
 and they brought him with hooks unto
 5 the land of Egypt. Now when she
 saw that she had waited, and her hope
 was lost, then she took another of her
 whelps, and made him a young lion.
 6 And he went up and down among the
 lions, he became a young lion: and he
 learned to catch the prey, he devoured
 7 men. And he knew their ⁶palaces,
 and laid waste their cities; and the
 land was desolate, and the fulness
 thereof, because of the noise of his
 8 roaring. Then the nations set against
 him on every side from the provinces:
 and they spread their net over him;
 9 he was taken in their pit. And they
 put him in a cage with hooks, and
 brought him to the king of Babylon;
 they brought him into strong holds,
 that his voice should no more be heard
 upon the mountains of Israel.

10 Thy mother was like a vine,⁷ in thy
 blood, planted by the waters: she was
 fruitful and full of branches by reason
 11 of many waters. And she had strong
 rods for the sceptres of them that bare
 rule, and ⁸her stature was exalted
 among the ⁹thick boughs, and ¹⁰they
 were seen in ¹¹their height with the
 12 multitude of ¹²her branches. But she
 was plucked up in fury, she was cast
 down to the ground, and the east wind
 dried up her fruit: her strong rods
 were broken off and withered; the
 13 fire consumed them. And now she is
 planted in the wilderness, in a dry and
 14 thirsty land. And fire is gone out of
¹¹the rods of her branches, it hath de-
 voured her fruit, so that there is in
 her no strong rod to be a sceptre to
 rule. This is a lamentation, and shall
 be for a lamentation.

20 And it came to pass in the seventh
 year, in the fifth month, the tenth day
 of the month, that certain of the elders
 of Israel came to inquire of the Lord,
 2 and sat before me. And the word of
 3 the Lord came unto me, saying, Son
 of man, speak unto the elders of
 Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith
 the Lord God: Are ye come to inquire
 of me? As I live, saith the Lord God,
 4 I will not be inquired of by you. Will
 thou judge them, son of man, wilt
 thou judge them? cause them to know
 5 the abominations of their fathers; and
 say unto them, Thus saith the Lord
 God: In the day when I chose Israel,
 and lifted up mine hand unto the seed
 of the house of Jacob, and made myself
 known unto them in the land of E-
 gypt, when I lifted up mine hand unto

6 Or,
 wisdom

7 Gen. ch.
 xvi. 4
 Or, in thy
 blood

8 Heb.
 his
 9 Or,
 clouds
 10 Heb.
 her rods

11 Or,
 a rod

them, saying, I am the LORD your God; in that day I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands: and I said unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the LORD your God. But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto me; they did not every man cast away the abominations of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt: then I said I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, among whom they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt. So I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgements, which if a man do, he shall live in them. Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them. But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they rejected my judgements, which if a man do, he shall live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned: then I said I would pour out my fury upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. But I wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. Moreover also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; because they rejected my judgements, and walked not in my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. Nevertheless mine eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make a full end of them in the wilderness. And I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their judgements, nor defile yourselves with their idols: I am the LORD your God; walk in my statutes, and keep my judgements, and do them: and hallow my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am the LORD your God. But the children rebelled against me; they walked not in my statutes, neither kept my judge-

ments to do them, which if a man do, he shall live in them; they profaned my sabbaths: then I said I would pour out my fury upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness. Nevertheless I withdrew mine hand, and wrought for my name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth. Moreover I lifted up mine hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; because they had not executed my judgements, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. Moreover also I gave them statutes that were not good, and judgements wherein they should not live; and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD. Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: In this moreover have your fathers blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me. For when I had brought them into the land, which I lifted up mine hand to give unto them, then they saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offering, there also they made their sweet savour, and they poured out there their drink offerings. Then I said unto them, What meaneth the high place? wherunto ye go? So the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day. Wherefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: Do ye pollute yourselves after the manner of your fathers? and go ye a whoring after their abominations? and when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, do ye pollute yourselves with all your idols, unto this day? and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you: and that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all; in that ye say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone. As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I be king over you: and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out: and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and

¹ Heb. made them to know.

² Or, by

³ Or, I the LORD do sanctify them

⁴ Or, whereby

⁵ Or, set apart all See Ex. xiii. 12.

⁶ Or, looked out for

⁷ Or, wherunto ye go, and the name wherof ... day 1

⁸ That is, High place.

there will I plead with you face to face.
 36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord
 37 God. And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into
 38 the bond of the covenant; and I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye
 39 shall know that I am the Lord. As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God: Go ye, serve every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but my holy name shall ye no more profane with your
 40 gifts, and with your idols. For in mine holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord God, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them, serve me in the land: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the ²firstfruits of your ³oblations, with all your holy
 41 things. ⁴As a sweet savour will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the
 42 sight of the nations. And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which I lifted up mine
 43 hand to give unto your fathers. And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have polluted yourselves; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed.
 44 And ye shall know that I am the Lord, when I have wrought with you for my name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings. O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord God.
 45 And the word of the Lord came unto
 46 me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop ^{thy} word toward the south, and prophecy against
 47 the forest of the field in the South; and say to the forest of the South, Hear the word of the Lord; Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the
 48 north shall be burnt thereby. And all flesh shall see that I the Lord have kindled it: it shall not be quenched.
 49 Then said I, Ah Lord God! they say of me, Is he not a speaker of parables?
 21 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop ^{thy} word toward the sanctuaries, and prophecy
 8 against the land of Israel; and say to

the land of Israel, Thus saith the Lord: Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh
 5 from the south to the north: and all flesh shall know that I the Lord have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath;
 6 it shall not return any more. Sigh therefore, thou son of man; with the breaking of thy loins and with bitterness
 7 shalt thou sigh before their eyes. And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt say, Because of the tidings, for it cometh: and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall ⁵faint, and all knees shall be weak as water: behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord God.
 8 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophecy, and say, Thus saith the Lord: Say, A sword, a sword, it is sharpened,
 10 and also furbished: it is sharpened that it may make a slaughter; it is furbished that it may be as lightning: shall we then make mirth? ⁶the rod of
 11 my son, it contendeth every tree. And it is given to be furbished, that it may be handled: the sword, it is sharpened, yea, it is furbished, to give it into
 12 the hand of the slayer. Cry and howl, son of man: for it is upon my people, it is upon all the princes of Israel: ⁷they are delivered over to the sword with my people: smite therefore upon thy
 13 thigh. For there is a trial; and ⁸what if even the rod that contendeth shall
 14 be no more? saith the Lord God. Thou therefore, son of man, prophecy, and smite thine hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one that is deadly wounded, which ⁹entereth into their
 15 chambers. I have set the ¹⁰point of the sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied: ah! it is made as lightning, it is pointed for slaughter.
 16 ¹¹Gather thee together, go to the right; set thyself in array, go to the left;
 17 ¹²whithersoever thy face is set. I will also smite mine hands together, and I will ¹³satisfy my fury: I the Lord have spoken it.
 18 The word of the Lord came unto me
 19 again, saying, Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; they twain shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a ¹⁴place, mark it out at
 20 the head of the way to the city. Thou shalt appoint a way, for the sword to come to Rabbah of the children of

¹ Or, but hereafter surely ye shall hearken unto me, and do.

² Or, chief
³ Or, tribute
⁴ Or, with

[Ch. xxi.]
 [in Heb.]

[Ch. xxi.]
 [in Heb.]

⁵ Or, be dim

⁶ Or, it contendeth the rod of my son, as every tree

⁷ Or, terror: by reason of the sword are upon my people

⁸ Or, what if the sword contendeth even the rod? it shall be no more, &c.

⁹ Or, penetrate with thine hand
¹⁰ Or, contendation

¹¹ Heb. Make thyself even.

¹² Or, establish thy face at

¹³ Heb. bring in rest.

¹⁴ Heb. hand.

Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem
 21 the defended. For the king of Babylon
 stood at the parting of the way, at the
 head of the two ways, to use divination:
 he shook the arrows to and fro,
 he consulted the teraphim, he looked in
 22 the liver. In his right hand was the divination
 for Jerusalem, to set battering
 rams, to open the mouth ¹in the slaughter,
 to lift up the voice with shouting, to
 set battering rams against the gates, to
 23 cast up mounts, to build forte. And it
 shall be unto them as a vain divination
 in their sight, which have sworn oaths
 unto them: but he bringeth iniquity to
 remembrance, that they may be taken.
 24 Therefore thus saith the Lord God:
 Because ye have made your iniquity to
 be remembered, in that your transgressions
 are discovered, so that in all your
 doings your sins do appear; because
 that ye are come to remembrance, ye
 25 shall be taken with the hand. And
 thou, O deadly wounded wicked one,
 the prince of Israel, whose day is come,
 in the time of the ²iniquity of the end;
 26 thus saith the Lord God: ³Remove
 the mitre, and take off the crown:
 this *shall be* ⁴no more the same: exalt
 that which is low, and abase that which
 27 is high. ⁵I will overturn, overturn,
 overturn it: this also shall be no more,
 until he come whose right it is; and I
 will give it him.
 28 And thou, son of man, prophesy,
 and say, Thus saith the Lord God con-
 cerning the children of Ammon, and
 concerning their reproach; and say
 thou, A sword, a sword is drawn, for the
 slaughter it is furnished, ⁶to cause it
 to devour, that it may be as lightning:
 29 whiles they see vanity unto thee, whiles
 they divine lies unto thee, to lay thee
 upon the necks of the wicked that are
 deadly wounded, whose day is come,
 in the time of the ³iniquity of the end.
 30 Cause it to return into its sheath. In
 the place where thou wast created, in
 the land of ⁷thy birth, wilt I judge thee.
 31 And I will pour out mine indignation
 upon thee; I will blow upon thee with
 the fire of my wrath: and I will deliver
 thee into the hand of brutish men, skill-
 32 ful to destroy. Thou shalt be for fuel
 to the fire; thy blood shall be in the
 midst of the land; thou shalt be no
 more remembered: for I the Lord have
 spoken it.
 22 Moreover the word of the Lord
 2 came unto me, saying, And thou, son
 of man, wilt thou judge, wilt thou
 judge the bloody city? ⁸then cause her
 to know all her abominations. And
 thou shalt say, Thus saith the Lord
 God: A city that sheddeth blood in the
 midst of her, that her time may come,
 and that maketh idols against herself
 4 to defile her! Thou art become guilty
 in thy blood that thou hast shed, and

art defiled in thine idols which thou
 hast made; and thou hast caused thy
 days to draw near, and art come even
 unto thy years: therefore have I made
 thee a reproach unto the nations,
 and a mocking to all the countries.
 5 Those that be near, and those that be
 far from thee, shall mock thee, thou
 6 infamous one and full of tumult. Be-
 hold, the princes of Israel, every one
 according to his ¹⁰power, have been in
 7 thee to shed blood. In thee have they
 set light by father and mother; in the
 midst of thee have they dealt by op-
 pression with the stranger: in thee
 have they wronged the fatherless and
 8 the widow. Thou hast despised mine
 holy things, and hast profaned my sab-
 9 baths. Slanderous men have been in
 thee to shed blood: and in thee they
 have eaten upon the mountains: in
 the midst of thee they have commit-
 10 ted lewdness. In thee have they dis-
 covered their fathers' nakedness: in
 thee have they humbled her that was
 11 unclean in her separation. And one
 hath committed abomination with his
 neighbour's wife; and another hath
 lewdly defiled his daughter in law; and
 another in thee hath humbled his sister,
 12 his father's daughter. In thee have
 they taken bribes to shed blood; thou
 hast taken usury and increase, and thou
 hast greedily gained of thy neighbours
 by oppression, and hast forgotten me,
 13 saith the Lord God. Behold, therefore,
 I have smitten mine hand at thy dis-
 honest gain which thou hast made, and
 at thy blood which hath been in the midst
 14 of thee. Can thine heart endure, or can
 thine hands be strong, in the days that I
 shall deal with thee? I the Lord have
 15 spoken it, and will do it. And I will
 scatter thee among the nations, and dis-
 perse thee through the countries; and I
 will consume thy filthiness out of thee.
 16 And thou shalt be profaned in thyself,
 in the sight of the nations; and thou
 shalt know that I am the Lord.
 17 And the word of the Lord came unto
 18 me, saying, Son of man, the house of
 Israel is become dross unto me: all of
 them are brass and tin and iron and
 lead, in the midst of the furnace; they
 19 are the dross of silver. Therefore thus
 saith the Lord God: Because ye are all
 become dross, therefore behold, I will
 gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.
 20 As they gather silver and brass and iron
 and lead and tin into the midst of the
 furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt
 it; so will I gather you in mine anger
 and in my fury, and I will lay you there,
 21 and melt you. Yea, I will gather you,
 and blow upon you with the fire of my
 wrath, and ye shall be melted in the
 22 midst thereof. As silver is melted in
 the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be
 melted in the midst thereof; and ye

1 Or, for

1 Or, punishment

2 Or, I will remove etc.

4 Heb. not this

5 Heb. An over-throw, over-throw, over-throw, wilt I make it.

6 Or, to the uttermost

7 Or, thine origin

8 Or, and

9 Heb. defiled of name.
10 Heb. arm.

shall know that I the Lord have poured out my fury upon you.

23 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto her, Thou art a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made her widows many in the midst thereof.

26 Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and the common, neither have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey; to shed blood, and to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed for them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord God, when the Lord hath not spoken. The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery; yea, they have vexed the poor and needy, and have oppressed the stranger wrongfully. And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the fence, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none. Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I brought upon their heads, saith the Lord God.

23 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of 8 one mother: and they committed whoredoms in Egypt; they committed whoredoms in their youth: there were their breasts pressed, and there they bruised the teats of their virginity.

4 And the names of them were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister: and they became mine, and they bare sons and daughters. And as for their names, Samaria is ¹Oholah, and Jerusalem ²Oholibah. And Oholah played the harlot ³when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians 6 her neighbours, which were clothed with blue, governors and ⁴rulers, all of them desirable young men, horse- 7 men riding upon horses. And she bestowed her whoredoms upon them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them: and on whomsoever she doted, with all 8 their idols she defiled herself. Neither hath she left her whoredoms ⁵since the days of Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised the

teats of her virginity: and they poured 9 out their whoredom upon her. Wherefore I delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, upon whom she doted. These discovered her nakedness: they took her sons and her daughters, and her they slew with the sword: and she became a byword among women; for they executed judgements upon her.

11 And her sister Oholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her whoredoms which were more than the whoredoms of 12 her sister. She doted upon the Assyrians, governors and rulers, her neighbours, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of 18 them desirable young men. And I saw that she was defiled; they both took 14 one way. And she increased her whoredoms; for she saw men pourtrayed upon the wall, the images of the Chaldeans pourtrayed with vermilion, 15 girded with girdles upon their loins, exceeding in dyed attire upon their heads, all of them princes to look upon, after the likeness of the Babylonians ⁶in Chaldea, the land of their nativity.

16 And ⁷as soon as she saw them she doted upon them, and sent messengers 17 unto them into Chaldea. And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from 18 them. So she discovered her whoredoms, and discovered her nakedness: then my soul was alienated from her, like as my soul was alienated from her 19 sister. Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, remembering the days of her youth, wherein she had played the 20 harlot in the land of Egypt. And she doted upon their paramours, whose flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose 21 issue is like the issue of horses. Thus thou calledst to remembrance the lewdness of thy youth, in the bruising of thy teats by the Egyptians for the breasts of thy youth.

22 Therefore, O Oholibah, thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy soul is alienated, and I will bring 28 them against thee on every side; the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them: desirable young men, governors and rulers all of them, princes and ¹⁰men of renown, all of 24 them riding upon horses. And they shall come against thee with weapons, chariots, and ¹¹wagons, and with an assembly of peoples; they shall set themselves against thee with buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will commit the judgement unto them, and they shall judge thee accord-

⁸ Heb. name.

⁷ Or, with dyed garments.

⁸ Or, the land of whose captivity is Chaldea.

⁹ Heb. at the sight of her eyes.

¹⁰ Or, commanders.
¹¹ Heb. collected.
¹² Or, vehicles.

¹ That is, Her tent.

² That is, My tent is in her.

³ See Num. v. 19, 20.

⁴ Or, deputies.
See Jer. li. 23, etc.

⁵ Or, brought from Egypt.

25 ing to their judgements. And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal with thee in fury; they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy residue shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire. They shall also strip thee of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredom ¹ brought from the land of Egypt: so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more. For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hatest, into the hand of them from whom thy soul is alienated: and they shall deal with thee in hatred, and shall take away all thy labour, and shall leave thee naked and bare: and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be discovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms. These things shall be done unto thee, for that thou hast gone a whoring after the heathen, and because thou art polluted with their idols. Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thine hand. Thus saith the Lord God: Thou shalt drink of thy sister's cup, which is deep and large: thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; ² it containeth much. Thou shalt be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of astonishment and desolation, with the cup of thy sister Samaria. Thou shalt even drink it and drain it out, and thou shalt gnaw the sherds thereof, and shalt tear thy breasts: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God. Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

36 The Lord said moreover unto me: Son of man, wilt thou judge Oholah and Oholibah? then declare unto them 37 their abominations. For they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands, and with their idols have they committed adultery; and they have also ³ caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass through the fire unto them to be devoured. Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary in the same day, and have profaned my sabbaths. 38 For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came the same day into my sanctuary to profane it; and, lo, thus have they done in the midst of mine house. And furthermore ye have sent for men ⁴ that come from far: unto whom a messenger was sent, and, lo, they came; for whom thou didst wash thyself, paintedst

thine eyes, and deckedst thyself with ornaments; and satest upon a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, whereupon thou didst set mine incense and mine oil. And the voice of a multitude being at ease was with her: and with men of the common sort were brought drunkards from the wilderness; and they put bracelets upon the hands of them *twain*, and beautiful crowns upon their heads. Then said I ⁵ of her that was old in adulteries, Now will they commit ⁶ whoredoms with her, ⁷ and she with them. And they went in unto her, as they go in unto an harlot: so went they in unto Oholah and unto Oholibah, the lewd women. And righteous men, they shall judge them with the judgement of adulteresses, and with the judgement of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands. For thus saith the Lord God: I will bring up an assembly against them, and will give them to be tossed to and fro and spoiled. And the assembly shall stone them with stones, and despatch them with their swords; they shall slay their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. 48 Thus will I cause lewdness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. 49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and ye shall know that I am the Lord God.

24 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, 2 saying, Son of man, write thee the name of the day, *even* of this selfsame day: the king of Babylon ⁸ drew close unto Jerusalem this selfsame day. 3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God, Set on the caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it: 4 gather the pieces thereof into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones. 5 Take the choice of the flock, and pile also the bones under it: make it boil well; yea, let the bones thereof be seethed in the midst of it. 6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city, to the caldron whose ⁹ rust is therein, and whose ¹⁰ rust is not gone out of it! bring it out piece by piece; no lot is fallen upon it. For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the bare rock; she poured it not upon the ground, 8 to cover it with dust; that it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance, I have set her blood upon the bare rock, that it should not be covered. Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Woe to the bloody city!

¹ See ver. 8.

² Or, too much to endure.

³ See ch. xvi. 20, 21.

⁴ Or, to come.

⁵ Or, she that is old will commit adulteries.

⁶ Heb. her whoredoms.

⁷ Or, even with her.

⁸ Heb. launced upon.

⁹ Or, rust.

10 I also will make the pile great. Heap on the wood, make the fire hot, boil well the flesh, and make thick the broth, and let the bones be burned.

11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that it may be hot, and the brass thereof may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the rust of it may be consumed. She hath wearied ¹herself with toil: yet her great rust goeth not forth out of her; her

13 rust ²goeth not forth by fire. ³In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have ⁴satisfied my fury ⁵upon thee. I the LORD have spoken it: it shall come to pass, and I will do it; I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent; according to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall they judge thee, saith the LORD God.

15 Also the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, behold, I take away from thee the desire of thine eyes with a stroke: yet neither shalt thou mourn nor weep, neither

17 shalt thy tears run down. Sigh, ⁶but not aloud; make no mourning for the dead, bind thy headtire upon thee, and put thy shoes upon thy feet, and cover not thy lips, and ⁷eat not the bread of men. So I spake unto the people in the morning; and at even my wife died: and I did in the morning as I was

19 commanded. And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so?

20 Then I said unto them, The word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the LORD God: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and ⁸that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left

22 behind shall fall by the sword. And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. And your tires shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet: ye shall not mourn nor weep; but ye shall pine away in your iniquities, and moan one toward another. Thus shall Ezekiel be unto you a sign; according to all that he hath done shall ye do: when this cometh, then shall ye know that I am the LORD God.

25 And thou, son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their ⁹strength, the joy of their ¹⁰glory, the desire of their eyes, and ¹¹that whereupon they set their heart, their

26 sons and their daughters, that in that day he that escapeth shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with

27 thine ears? In that day shall thy mouth be opened ¹²to him which is

escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: so shalt thou be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

25 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the children of Ammon, and prophecy ¹³against them: and say unto the children of Ammon, Hear the word of the LORD God; Thus saith the LORD God: Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity: therefore behold, I will deliver thee to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee; they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the children of Ammon a couching place for flocks: and ye shall know that I am the LORD. For thus saith the LORD God: Because thou hast clapped thine hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the despite of thy soul against the land of Israel; therefore behold, I have stretched out mine hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.

8 Thus saith the LORD God: Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the nations; therefore behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are ¹⁴on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim, ¹⁵unto the children of the east, to go against the children of Ammon, and I will give them for a possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered

11 among the nations: and I will execute judgements upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

12 Thus saith the LORD God: Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; therefore thus saith the LORD God, I will stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it: and I will make it desolate from Teman; even unto Dedan shall they fall by the sword. And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury: and they shall

¹ Or, me

² Or, is in the fire
³ Or, For thy filthy lewdness

⁴ Heb. brought to rest.
⁵ Or, toward

⁶ Heb. be silent.

⁷ See Jer. xvi. 5-7, Hos. ix. 4.

⁸ Heb. the pity of your soul.

⁹ Or, strong hold
¹⁰ Or, beauty
¹¹ Heb. the lifting up of their soul.
¹² Or, together with

¹³ Or, concerning

¹⁴ Or, in every quarter
¹⁵ Or, together with the children of a nation, unto the children of the east

know my vengeance, saith the Lord God.

15 Thus saith the Lord God: Because the Philistines have dealt by revenge, and have taken vengeance with despite of soul to destroy it with perpetual enmity; therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I will stretch out mine hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Cherethites, and destroy the remnant of the sea coast. And I will execute great vengeance upon them with furious rebukes; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall lay my vengeance upon them.

26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me,

2 saying, Son of man, because that Tyre hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gate of the peoples; she is turned unto me: I shall be replenished, now that she is laid

3 waste: therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his

4 waves to come up. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her a bare

5 rock. She shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God: and she shall become a

6 spoil to the nations. And her daughters which are in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know

7 that I am the Lord. For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will bring upon Tyre Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, king of kings, from the north, with horses, and with chariots, and with horsemen, and a company, and much

8 people. He shall slay with the sword thy daughters in the field: and he shall make forts against thee, and cast up a mount against thee, and raise

9 up the buckler against thee. And he shall set his battering engines against thy walls, and with his axes he shall

10 break down thy towers. By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wagons, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a

11 breach. With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: he shall slay thy people with the sword, and the pillars of thy strength shall go

12 down to the ground. And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise: and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses: and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and

thy dust in the midst of the waters.

13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps

14 shall be no more heard. And I will make thee a bare rock: thou shalt be a place for the spreading of nets; thou shalt be built no more: for I the Lord have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

15 Thus saith the Lord God to Tyre: Shall not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made in the midst

16 of thee? Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their broidered garments: they shall

clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble every moment, and be

17 astonished at thee. And they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited of seafaring men, the renowned city, which wast strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, which

caused their terror to be on all that haunt it! Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be dismayed

18 at thy departure. For thus saith the Lord God: When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and the great

20 waters shall cover thee; then will I bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make thee to dwell in the nether parts of the earth, in the places that are desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; and I will set glory

21 in the land of the living: I will make thee a terror, and thou shalt be no more: though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord God.

27 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, And thou, son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyre; and say unto Tyre, O thou that dwellest at the entry of the sea, which art the merchant of the peoples unto many isles, thus saith the Lord God: Thou, O Tyre, hast said, I am perfect in beauty.

4 Thy borders are in the heart of the seas, thy builders have perfected thy beauty. 5 They have made all thy planks of fir trees from Senir: they have taken cedars from Lebanon to make a mast

6 for thee. Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; they have made thy benches of ivory inlaid in box

7 wood, from the isles of Kittim. Of fine linen with broidered work from Egypt was thy sail, that it might be to thee for an ensign; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was thine awning.

8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad

⁴ Heb. from strings.

⁵ Or, being won from the seas

⁶ Or, inhabited her

⁷ Another reading is, like.

⁸ Or, as otherwise read, nor set thy glory &c.

⁹ Or, a destruction Heb. terrors.

¹⁰ Heb. entrances.

¹¹ Heb. built.

¹² Or, deck

¹ Heb. swords.

² Or, wheels

³ Or, obelisks

1 Or, riders

3 Or, exchange

3 Or, valorous men

4 Or, few or present

8 Or, carbuncles

6 Perhaps, a kind of confection.

7 According to some ancient versions, from Usal.

8 Or, unwrought

9 Or, balia

were thy rowers: thy wise men, O Tyre, 9 were in thee, they were thy pilots. The 1 ancients of Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of thesea with their mariners were in thee to 2 occupy thy merchandise. Persia and Lud and Put were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy comeliness. 11 The men of Arvad with thine army were upon thy walls round about, and 2 the Gammadim were in thy towers: they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have perfected thy 12 beauty. Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, 18 they traded for thy wares. Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy traffickers: they traded the persons of men and vessels of brass for thy merchandise. 14 They of the house of Togarmah traded for thy wares with horses and war- 15 horses and mules. The men of Dedan were thy traffickers: many isles were the mart of thine hand: they brought thee 3 in exchange horns of ivory and 16 ebony. Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of thy hand-works: they traded for thy wares with 4 emeralds, purple, and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies. 17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy traffickers: they traded for thy merchandise wheat of Minnith, and 5 pannag, and honey, and oil, and 18 balm. Damascus was thy merchant for the multitude of thy handworks, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; with the wine of Helbon, and 19 white wool. Vedan and Javan traded 7 with yarn for thy wares: 8 bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were among 20 thy merchandise. Dedan was thy trafficker in precious cloths for riding. 21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants of thy hand; in lambs, and rams, and goats, in these 22 were they thy merchants. The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah, they were thy traffickers: they traded for thy wares with chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. 28 Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur and Chilmad, 24 were thy traffickers. These were thy traffickers in choice wares, in 9 wrappings of blue and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords and made of cedar, among thy 25 merchandise. The ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for thy merchandise: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the heart of the seas. 26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken 27 thee in the heart of the seas. Thy riches, and thy wares, thy merchandise,

thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and the 10 occupiers of thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, 11 with all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the heart 28 of the seas in the day of thy ruin. At the sound of the cry of thy pilots the 29 12 suburbs shall shake. And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships, they shall stand upon 30 the land, and shall cause their voice to be heard over thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow them- 31 selves in the ashes: and they shall make themselves bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee in bitterness of soul with bitter 32 mourning. And in their wailing they shall take up a lamentation for thee, and lament over thee, saying, Who is there like Tyre, like her that is brought to silence in the midst of the sea? 33 When thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many peoples; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy 34 merchandise. 13 In the time that thou wast broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy merchandise and all thy company did fall in the midst of 86 thee. All the inhabitants of the isles are astonished at thee, and their kings are horribly afraid, they are troubled 86 in their countenance. The merchants among the peoples hiss at thee; thou art become 14 a terror, and thou shalt never be any more. 28 The word of the Lord came again 2 unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyre, Thus saith the Lord God: Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the 16 midst of the seas; yet thou art man, and not God, though thou didst set 8 thine heart as the heart of God: behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from 4 thee: by thy wisdom and by thine understanding thou hast gotten thee 16 riches, and hast gotten gold and silver into thy treasures: by thy great wisdom and by thy traffic hast thou increased thy 16 riches, and thine heart is 6 lifted up because of thy 16 riches: therefore thus saith the Lord God: Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart 7 of God; therefore behold, I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall 17 defile thy brightness. They shall bring thee down to the pit; and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain, in the heart of the 9 seas. Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou

12 Or, exchange

11 Or, and in

12 Or, upon

13 According to some ancient versions, few there are isles ... are full of etc.

14 Or, a destruction: thou shalt be a terror.

15 Heb. heart

16 Or, power

17 Or, prosper

1 Or.
razeth

art man, and not God, in the hand of 10 him that ¹woundeth thee. Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord God.

3 Or.
measured
Or.
pattern

11 Moreover the word of the Lord came 12 unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation for the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God:

3 Or.
ruby

Thou sealest up the ²sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou wast in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the ³sardius, the topaz, and the diamond,

4 Or.
carbuncle

5 Or.
emerald

the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the ⁴emerald, and the ⁵carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared.

Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, so that thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the 15 stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found

16 in thee. By the multitude of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from 17 the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground, I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

18 By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuaries; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee, it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all

19 them that behold thee. All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou art become ⁶a terror, and thou shalt never be any more.

6 Or, a destruction
Heb.
terror.

20 And the word of the Lord came unto 21 me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward Zidon, and prophesy against it,

22 and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall have executed judgements in her, and shall be sanctified in her. For I will send into her pestilence and blood in her streets; and the wounded shall ⁷fall in the midst of her, with the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that 24 I am the Lord. And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor a grieving thorn of any that are round about them, that did

7 Or, be
judged

despite unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

25 Thus saith the Lord God: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their own land which

26 I gave to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell securely therein; yea, they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and shall dwell securely; when I have executed judgements upon all those that do them despite round about them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God.

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt:

3 speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon that lieth in the midst of his rivers, which hath said, My river is mine own,

4 and I have made it for myself. And I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales; and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, with all the fish of thy rivers which stick unto thy

5 scales. And I will leave thee ⁸thrown into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open field; thou shalt not be brought together, nor gathered: I have given thee for meat to the beasts of the earth and 6 to the fowls of the heaven. And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the Lord, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of 7 Israel. When they took hold of thee

8 by thy hand, thou didst break, and didst rend all their shoulders: and when they leaned upon thee, thou brakest, and madest all their loins to 9 be at a stand. Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and will cut off from 9 thee man and beast. And the land of Egypt shall be a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I am the Lord: because he hath said, The river

10 is mine, and I have made it. Therefore behold, I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, 11 from the tower of Seveneh even unto the border of Ethiopia. No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither 12 shall it be inhabited forty years. And I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be a desolation forty years: and I will scatter

8 Heb.
face of
the field.

9 Or,
by the
handle.
Another
reading
is, with
the hand.

10 Or,
as some
read,
shall be
See Ps
lxix. 23.

11 Or,
from
Migdol
to Syene
and even
etc.

the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the 13 countries. For thus saith the Lord God: At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples 14 whither they were scattered: and I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their 1 birth; and they shall be there a 2 base 15 kingdom. It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it any more lift itself up above the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no 16 more rule over the nations. And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they turn to look after them: and they shall know that I am the Lord God.

17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, in the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled: yet had he no wages, nor his army, from Tyre, for the service that 19 he had served against it: therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be 20 the wages for his army. I have given him the land of Egypt 3 as his recompence for which he served, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord God.

21 In that day will I cause an horn to bud forth unto the house of Israel, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

30 The word of the Lord came again unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: 3 Howl ye, Woe worth the day! For the day is near, even the day of the Lord is near, a day of clouds; it shall 4 be the time of the heathen. And a sword shall come upon Egypt, and anguish shall be in 4 Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt; and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. 5 Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the mingled people, and Cub, and the children of 6 the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saith the Lord: They also that uphold Egypt shall fall, and the pride of her power shall come down: 6 from the tower of Seveneh shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord 7 God. And they shall be desolate in the midst of the countries that are desolate, and her cities shall be in

the midst of the cities that are wasted. 8 And they shall know that I am the Lord, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers are 7 destroyed. 9 In that day shall messengers go forth from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid; and there shall be anguish upon them, as in the day of Egypt; for, lo, it cometh.

10 Thus saith the Lord God: I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease, by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar 11 king of Babylon. He and his people with him, the terrible of the nations, shall be brought in to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with 12 the slain. And I will make the rivers dry, and will sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate, and 8 all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I the Lord have spoken it.

13 Thus saith the Lord God: I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause the 9 images to cease from Noph; and there shall be no more a prince out of the land of Egypt: and I will put a fear in the 14 land of Egypt. And I will make Pathros desolate, and will set a fire in Zoan, and will execute judgements in No.

15 And I will pour my fury upon Sin, the strong hold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. And I will set a fire in Egypt; Sin shall be in great anguish, and No shall be broken up: and Noph shall have ad-

17 versaries 10 in the day-time. The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword: and these cities 18 shall go into captivity. At Tehaph-nehes also the day shall 11 withdraw itself, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt, and the pride of her power shall cease in her: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. Thus will I execute judgements in Egypt: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, in the seventh day of the month, that the word of 21 the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it hath not been bound up to apply 12 healing medicines, to put a roller to bind it, that it be strong to hold the sword.

22 Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out 23 of his hand. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries. 24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put my sword in his hand: but I will break the arms of

1 Or, origin
2 Heb. low.

3 Or, for his labour where-with he served.

4 Heb. Cush.

5 Or, the land of the covenant

6 Or, from Migdol to Syene

7 Heb. broken.

8 Heb. the fulness thereof.

9 Or, images of men
See Ps. xvi. 5

10 Or, at the day

11 Another reading is, be dark.

Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man. And I will hold up the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

31 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude; Whom art thou like in thy greatness? Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a shadowing shroud, and of an high stature; and his top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters nourished him, the deep made him to grow: her rivers ran round about her plantation; and she sent out her channels unto all the trees of the field. Therefore his stature was exalted above all the trees of the field; and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long by reason of many waters, when he shot them forth.

6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations. Thus was he fair in his greatness, in the length of his branches: for his root was by many waters. The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him: the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the plane trees were not as his branches; nor was any tree in the garden of God like unto him in his beauty. I made him fair by the multitude of his branches: so that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied him.

10 Therefore thus said the Lord God: Because thou art exalted in stature, and he hath set his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; I will even deliver him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with him: I have driven him out for his wickedness. And strangers, the terrible of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the watercourses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him.

18 Upon his ruin all the fowls of the heaven shall dwell, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches: 14 to the end that none of all the trees by

the waters exalt themselves in their stature, neither set their top among the thick boughs, nor that their mighty ones stand up in their height, even all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

15 Thus saith the Lord God: In the day when he went down to hell I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the rivers thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the nether parts of the earth. 17 They also went down into hell with him unto them that be slain by the sword; yea, they that were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the nations.

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that be slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

32 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou wast likened unto a young lion of the nations: yet art thou as a dragon in the seas; and thou brakest forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers. Thus saith the Lord God: I will spread out my net over thee with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring thee up in my net. And I will leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to settle upon thee, and I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with thee. And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height. I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimdest, even to the mountains; and the watercourses shall be full of thee. And when I shall extinguish thee, I will cover the heaven, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give her light. All the bright lights of heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord God. I will also

⁴ Heb. Sheol.

⁵ Heb. to be black.

¹ Or, clouds

² Or, great

³ Or, with

⁶ Or, in

⁷ Or, as otherwise read, swimming

⁸ Or, to mourn

vex the hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou
 10 hast not known. Yea, I will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own life, in the day of
 11 thy fall. For thus saith the Lord God: The sword of the king of Babylon
 12 shall come upon thee. By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall; the terrible of the nations are they all: and they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all the multitude
 13 thereof shall be destroyed. I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside ¹many waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor
 14 the hoofs of beasts trouble them. Then will I ²make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith
 15 the Lord God. When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate and waste, a land destitute of ³that whereof it was full, when I shall smite all them that dwell therein, then shall they know that I
 16 am the Lord. This is the lamentation wherewith they shall lament; the daughters of the nations shall lament therewith: for Egypt, and for all her multitude, shall they lament therewith, saith the Lord God.
 17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto
 18 me, saying, Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go
 19 down into the pit. Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid
 20 with the uncircumcised. They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword: ⁴she is delivered to the sword: draw her away and all her mul-
 21 titudes. The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of ⁵hell with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie still, even the
 22 uncircumcised, slain by the sword. As-
 23 sur is there and all her company; his graves are round about him: all of them
 24 slain, fallen by the sword: whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit, and her company is round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which caused terror in the
 25 land of the living. There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave: all of them slain, fallen by the sword, which are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, which caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with
 26 them that go down to the pit. They have set her a bed in the midst of the

slain with all her multitude; her graves are round about her: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that
 26 be slain. There is Meshech, Tubal, and all her multitude; her graves are round about her: all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the
 27 living. ⁶And they shall not lie with the mighty that are fallen of the uncircumcised, which are gone down to ⁷hell with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their iniquities are upon their bones; for *they were* the terror of the mighty in
 28 the land of the living. But thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are
 29 slain by the sword. There is Edom, her kings and all her princes, which ⁸in their might are laid with them that are slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that
 30 go down to the pit. There be the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Zidonians, which are gone down with the slain; ⁹in the terror which they caused by their might they are ashamed; and they lie uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that
 31 go down to the pit. Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude: ¹⁰even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, saith
 32 the Lord God. For I have put ¹¹his terror in the land of the living: and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord God.

33 And the word of the Lord came unto
 2 me, saying, Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for
 3 their watchman: if, when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the
 4 trumpet, and warn the people; then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.
 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him: whereas if he had taken warning he should have delivered his
 6 soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned, and the sword come, and take any person from among them; he is taken away
 7 in his iniquity, but his blood will I

¹ Or, great

² Heb. cause their waters to settle.

³ Heb. the fulness thereof.

⁴ Or, the sword is appointed

⁵ Heb. Nicol.

⁶ Or, And shall they not lie in it?

⁷ Or, for all their might

⁸ Or, for all the terror

⁹ Or, Pharaoh and all his army are slain in it:
¹⁰ Another reading is, up.

¹¹ Or, for

7 require at the watchman's hand. So thou, son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die, and thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he turn not from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 And thou, son of man, say unto the house of Israel: Thus ye speak, saying, Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we pine away in them; how then should we live? Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

12 And thou, son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness: neither shall he that is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sinneth. When I say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in his iniquity that he hath committed, therein shall he die.

14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be remembered against him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal: but as for them, their way is not equal. When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die therein.

19 And when the wicked turneth from his wickedness, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. 20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten. 22 Now the hand of the Lord had been

upon me in the evening, afore he that was escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb. And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 24 Son of man, they that inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land: but we are many; the land is given us for inheritance. Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes unto your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbour's wife: and shall ye possess the land? Thus shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: As I live, surely they that are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured, and they that be in the strong holds and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. And I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment, and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, that none shall pass through. Then shall they know that I am the Lord, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations which they have committed. 30 And as for thee, son of man, the children of thy people talk of thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord. And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but do them not: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their gain. And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not. And when this cometh to pass, (behold, it cometh,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

34 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, even to the shepherds, Thus saith the Lord God: Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the sheep? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings; but ye feed not the sheep. 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have

1 Or, for

1 Or, Truly our transgressions are.

2 Or, for it

4 Heb. Judgment and righteousness.

8 Or, for them

2 See ch. xlv. 25, 26.

7 Or, a love song

ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigour have ye ruled over them.

5 And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, and 6 were scattered. My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and there was none that did search or 7 seek after them. Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: As I live, saith the Lord God, surely forasmuch as my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became meat to all the beasts of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not 9 my sheep; therefore, ye shepherds, 10 hear the word of the LORD: Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not 11 be meat for them. For thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek 12 them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered in 13 the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the 14 country. I will feed them with good pasture, and upon the mountains of the height of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold, and on fat pasture shall they feed 15 upon the mountains of Israel. I myself will feed my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God.

16 I will seek that which was lost, and will bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: and the fat and the strong I will destroy; I will feed them 17 in judgement. And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, as well the rams as the he-goats. 18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have fed upon the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? and to have drunk of the clear waters, but ye must

¹ Heb. the days of clouds and thick darkness.

19 foul the residue with your feet? And as for my sheep, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord God unto them: Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat cattle and the 21 lean cattle. Because ye thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your horns, till ye have 22 scattered them abroad; therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between 23 cattle and cattle. And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shep- 24 herd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David prince among them; I the LORD have spoken 25 it. And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell securely in the wild- 26 erness, and sleep in the woods. And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of bless- 27 ing. And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those 28 that served themselves of them. And they shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall make 29 them afraid. And I will raise up unto them a ³plantation for renown, and they shall be no more ⁴consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the 30 shame of the heathen any more. And they shall know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, saith 31 the Lord God. And ye my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord God.

³ Or, made bound-men

² Or, plant
⁴ Heb. eaten away.

35 Moreover the word of the LORD came 2 unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesay against it, and say unto it, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I am against thee, O mount Seir, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee a desolation 4 and an astonishment. I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate; and thou shalt know that I am 5 the LORD. Because thou hast had a perpetual enmity, and hast given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity,

1 Or, *punishment*

in the time of the ¹iniquity of the end: 6 therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated blood, therefore blood 7 shall pursue thee. Thus will I make mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him that passeth through and him 8 that returneth. And I will fill his mountains with his slain: in thy hills and in thy valleys and in all thy water-courses shall they fall that are slain 9 with the sword. I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not ²be inhabited: and ye shall know 10 that I am the LORD. Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; ³whereas the Lord 11 was there: therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast shewed out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, ⁴when I 12 shall judge thee. And thou shalt know ⁵that I the LORD have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, ⁶They are laid desolate, they are 13 given us to devour. And ye have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard it. 14 Thus saith the Lord God: When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make 15 thee desolate. As thou didst rejoice over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

36 And thou, son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of 2 the LORD. Thus saith the Lord God: Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha! and, The ancient high 3 places are ours in possession: therefore prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord God: Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the nations, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the 4 people: therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God; Thus saith the Lord God to the mountains and to the hills, to the water-courses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which are become a prey and derision to the residue of the nations 5 that are round about: therefore thus saith the Lord God: Surely in the fire

of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, which have appointed my land unto themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with despite of soul, to cast it out for 6 a prey: therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and in my fury, because ye have borne the shame of 7 the heathen: therefore thus saith the Lord God: I have lifted up mine hand, saying, Surely the heathen that are round about you, they shall bear their 8 shame. But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; 9 for they are at hand to come. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and 10 sown: and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be builded: 11 and I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and be fruitful: and I will cause you to be inhabited after your former estate, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know 12 that I am the LORD. Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their inheritance, and thou shalt no more hence- 13 forth bereave them of children. Thus saith the Lord God: Because they say unto you, Thou land art a devourer of men, and hast been a berver of thy 14 ⁷ nation; therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither ⁸ bereave thy ⁷ nation any more, saith the Lord 15 God; neither will I ⁹ let thee hear any more the shame of the heathen, neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more, neither shalt thou cause thy ⁷ nation to stumble any more, saith the Lord God. 16 Moreover the word of the Lord came 17 unto me, saying, Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their way and by their doings: their way before me was as the uncleanness of a woman 18 in her separation. Wherefore I poured out my fury upon them for the blood which they had poured out upon the land, and because they had defiled 19 it with their idols: and I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according 20 to their doings I judged them. And when they came unto the nations, whither they went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them,

² Another reading is, *return*.

³ Or, *though*

⁴ Or, *according*

⁵ Or, *that I am the LORD; I have heard* ac.

⁶ Or, *It is*

⁷ Another reading is, *nations*.

⁸ Another reading is, *cause to stumble*.

⁹ Or, *proclaim against thee*

These are the people of the LORD, and 21 are gone forth out of his land. But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they went. 22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: 'I do not *this* for your sake, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither 23 ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which hath been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before ² their eyes. 24 For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into 25 your own land. And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you 27 an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgements, and do them. 28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. 29 And I will save you from all your uncleanness: and I will call for the corn, and will multiply it, and lay no 30 famine upon you. And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more the reproach of famine among 31 the nations. Then shall ye remember your evil ways, and your doings that were not good; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. 32 Not for your sake ³ do I *this*, saith the Lord God, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your 33 ways, O house of Israel. Thus saith the Lord God: In the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the 34 waste places shall be builded. And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas it was a desolation in the sight 35 of all that passed by. And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined 36 cities are fenced and inhabited. Then the nations that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD have builded the ruined places, and planted that which was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it. 37 Thus saith the Lord God: For this moreover will I be inquired of by the

house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a 38 flock. As the ⁴ flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I am the LORD.

37 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones; 2 and he caused me to pass by them round about: and behold, there were very many ⁵ in the open valley; and 3 lo, they were very dry. And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, 4 thou knowest. Again he said unto me, Prophecy over these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word 5 of the LORD. Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones: Behold, I will cause ⁶ breath to enter into you, and ye 6 shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a ⁷ noise, and behold an earthquake, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. 8 And I beheld, and lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above: but there 9 was no breath in them. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the ⁸ wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the ⁹ wind, Thus saith the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O ⁹ breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they 10 may live. So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are 12 clean cut off. Therefore prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you 13 into the land of Israel. And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, O my 14 people. And I will put my ¹⁰ spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD.

15 The word of the LORD came again 16 unto me, saying, And thou, son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it,

¹ Or, I work not for &c.

³ Or, according to another reading, your

¹⁰ Or, do I work

⁴ Heb. flock of sacrifice

⁵ Heb. upon the face of the valley

⁶ Or, spirit

⁷ Or, thundering

⁸ Or, breath

⁹ Or, wind Or, spirit

1 Or, of

For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and
 17 for all the house of Israel his com-
 panions: and join them for thee one to
 another into one stick, that they may
 18 become one in thine hand. And when
 the children of thy people shall speak
 unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew
 19 us what thou meanest by these? say
 unto them, Thus saith the Lord God:
 Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph,
 which is in the hand of Ephraim,
 and the tribes of Israel his companions;
 and I will put them ²with it, even with
 the stick of Judah, and make them one
 stick, and they shall be one in mine
 20 hand. And the sticks whereon thou
 writest shall be in thine hand before
 21 their eyes. And say unto them, Thus
 saith the Lord God: Behold, I will take
 the children of Israel from among the
 nations, whither they be gone, and will
 gather them on every side, and bring
 22 them into their own land: and I will
 make them one nation in the land, upon
 the mountains of Israel; and one king
 shall be king to them all: and they
 shall be no more two nations, neither
 shall they be divided into two king-
 23 doms any more at all: neither shall
 they defile themselves any more with
 their idols, nor with their detestable
 things, nor with any of their transgres-
 sions: but I will save them ³out of
 all their dwelling places, wherein they
 have sinned, and will cleanse them: so
 shall they be my people, and I will be
 24 their God. And my servant David shall
 be king over them; and they all shall
 have one shepherd: they shall also walk
 in my judgements, and observe my
 25 statutes, and do them. And they shall
 dwell in the land that I have given
 unto Jacob my servant, wherein your
 fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell
 therein, they, and their children, and
 their children's children, for ever: and
 David my servant shall be their prince
 26 for ever. Moreover I will make a
 covenant of peace with them: it shall
 be an everlasting covenant with them:
 and I will ⁴place them, and multiply
 them, and will set my sanctuary in
 27 the midst of them for evermore. My
 tabernacle also shall be ⁵with them;
 and I will be their God, and they shall
 28 be my people. And the nations shall
 know that ⁶I am the Lord that sanctify
 Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in
 the midst of them for evermore.

38 And the word of the Lord came
 2 unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy
 face toward Gog, of the land of Magog,
 the ⁷prince of Rosh, Meshech, and
 3 Tubal, and prophecy against him, and
 say, Thus saith the Lord God: Be-
 hold, I am against thee, O Gog, ⁸prince
 4 of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: and
 I will turn thee about, and put hooks

into thy jaws, and I will bring thee
 forth, and all thine army, horses and
 horsemen, all of them clothed in full
 armour, a great company with buckler
 and shield, all of them handling
 5 swords: Persia, Cush, and Put with
 them; all of them with shield and
 6 helmet: Gomer, and all his hordes;
 the house of Togarmah in the utter-
 most parts of the north, and all his
 hordes: even many peoples with thee.
 7 Be thou prepared, yea, prepare thyself,
 thou, and all thy companies that are
 assembled unto thee, and be thou a
 8 ⁹guard unto them. After many days
 thou shalt be visited: in the latter years
 thou shalt come into the land that is
¹⁰brought back from the sword, that
 is gathered out of many peoples, upon
 the mountains of Israel, which have
 been a continual waste: but it is brought
 forth out of the peoples, and they shall
 9 dwell securely, all of them. And thou
 shalt ascend, thou shalt come like
 a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud
 to cover the land, thou, and all thy
 hordes, and many peoples with thee.
 10 Thus saith the Lord God: It shall come
 to pass in that day, that things shall
 come into thy mind, and thou shalt
 11 devise an evil device: and thou shalt
 say, I will go up to ¹²the land of un-
 walled villages; I will go to them that are
 at quiet, that dwell securely, all of them
 dwelling without walls, and having
 12 neither bars nor gates: to take the spoil
 and to take the prey; to turn thine
 hand against the waste places that are
¹³now inhabited, and against the people
 that are gathered out of the nations,
 which have gotten cattle and goods, that
 13 dwell in the ¹⁴middle of the earth. Sheba,
 and Dedan, and the merchants of Tar-
 shish, with all the young lions there-
 of, shall say unto thee, Art thou come
 to take the spoil? hast thou assembled
 thy company to take the prey? to carry
 away silver and gold, to take away
 cattle and goods, to take great spoil?
 14 Therefore, son of man, prophecy,
 and say unto Gog, Thus saith the
 Lord God: In that day when my
 people Israel dwelleth securely, shalt
 15 thou not know it? And thou shalt
 come from thy place out of the utter-
 most parts of the north, thou, and
 many peoples with thee, all of them
 riding upon horses, a great company
 16 and a mighty army: and thou shalt
 come up against my people Israel, as
 a cloud to cover the land; it shall
 come to pass in the latter days, that
 I will bring thee against my land, that
 the nations may know thee, when I
 shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog,
 17 before their eyes. Thus saith the Lord
 God: Art thou he of whom I spake in
 old time by my servants the prophets
 of Israel, which prophesied in those days

² Or,
 together
 with him
 unto (or
 to be) the
 stick of
 Judah

³ Or, ac-
 cording
 to some
 ancient
 versions,
 from all
 their
 back-
 slidings

⁴ Or, give
 it them

⁵ Or, over

⁶ Or, I the
 Lord do
 sanctify
 Israel

⁷ Or, chief
 prince of
 Meshech

⁸ Or, com-
 mander

⁹ Or,
 restored

¹⁰ Or,
 an open
 country

¹¹ Heb.
 navel.
 See Jer. l.
 27.

for many years that I would bring thee
 18 against them? And it shall come to
 pass in that day, when Gog shall come
 against the land of Israel, saith the
 Lord God, that my fury shall come up
 19 into my nostrils. For in my jealousy
 and in the fire of my wrath have I
 spoken, Surely in that day there shall
 be a great shaking in the land of Israel;
 20 so that the fishes of the sea, and the
 fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of
 the field, and all creeping things that
 creep upon the earth, and all the men
 that are upon the face of the earth,
 shall shake at my presence, and the
 mountains shall be thrown down, and
 the steep places shall fall, and every
 21 wall shall fall to the ground. And
 I will call for a sword against him unto
 all my mountains, saith the Lord God:
 every man's sword shall be against
 22 his brother. And I will plead against
 him with pestilence and with blood;
 and I will rain upon him, and upon his
 hordes, and upon the many peoples that
 are with him, an overflowing shower,
 and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.
 23 And I will magnify myself, and sanctify
 myself, and I will make myself known
 in the eyes of many nations; and they
 shall know that I am the Lord.
 39 And thou, son of man, prophesy
 against Gog, and say, Thus saith the
 Lord God: Behold, I am against thee,
 O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and
 2 Tubal: and I will turn thee about,
 and will lead thee on, and will cause
 thee to come up from the uttermost
 parts of the north; and I will bring
 thee upon the mountains of Israel:
 3 and I will smite thy bow out of thy
 left hand, and will cause thine arrows
 4 to fall out of thy right hand. Thou
 shalt fall upon the mountains of Is-
 rael, thou, and all thy hordes, and the
 peoples that are with thee: I will
 give thee unto the ravenous birds of
 every sort, and to the beasts of the field
 5 to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon
 the open field: for I have spoken it,
 6 saith the Lord God. And I will send
 a fire on Magog, and on them that
 dwell securely in the isles: and they
 7 shall know that I am the Lord. And
 my holy name will I make known in the
 midst of my people Israel; neither will
 I suffer my holy name to be profaned
 any more: and the nations shall know
 that I am the Lord, the Holy One in
 8 Israel. Behold, it cometh, and it shall
 be done, saith the Lord God; this is
 9 the day whereof I have spoken. And
 they that dwell in the cities of Israel
 shall go forth, and shall make fires of
 the weapons and burn them, both the
 shields and the bucklers, the bows and
 the arrows, and the handstaves, and
 the spears, and they shall make fires
 10 of them seven years: so that they

1 Or,
 chief
 prince of
 Meshech

3 Or,
 const-
 itance

shall take no wood out of the field,
 neither cut down any out of the forests;
 for they shall make fires of the wea-
 pons: and they shall spoil those that
 spoiled them, and rob those that robbed
 them, saith the Lord God.

11 And it shall come to pass in that
 day, that I will give unto Gog a place
 for burial in Israel, the valley of them
 that pass through *on the east of the
 sea: and it shall stop them that pass
 through: and there shall they bury
 Gog and all his multitude: and they
 shall call it The valley of 'Hamon-

3 Or, the
 front of

4 That is,
 the
 multi-
 tude of
 Gog.

12 gog. And seven months shall the
 house of Israel be burying of them, that
 18 they may cleanse the land. Yea, all
 the people of the land shall bury them;
 and it shall be to them a renown, in the
 day that I shall be glorified, saith the

14 Lord God. And they shall sever out
 men of continual employment, that
 shall pass through the land to bury
 them that pass through, that remain
 upon the face of the land, to cleanse it:
 after the end of seven months shall they

5 Or, with
 them,
 that pass
 through
 those
 that re-
 main in

15 search. And they that pass through the
 land shall pass through; and when any
 seeth a man's bone, then shall he *set up
 a sign by it, till the buriers have buried

6 Some
 ancient
 versions
 omit the
 word
 rendered
 that pass
 through.

16 it in the valley of Hamon-gog. And
 *Hamonah shall also be the name of a
 city. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

7 Heb.
 so shall

17 And thou, son of man, thus saith
 the Lord God: Speak unto the birds
 of every sort, and to every beast of
 the field, Assemble yourselves, and
 come; gather yourselves on every side
 to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for
 you, even a great sacrifice upon the
 mountains of Israel, that ye may eat
 18 flesh and drink blood. Ye shall eat
 the flesh of the mighty, and drink the
 blood of the princes of the earth, of
 rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bull-
 locks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.

8 That is,
 the
 multitude

19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and
 drink blood till ye be drunken, of my
 sacrifice which I have sacrificed for
 20 you. And ye shall be filled at my table
 with horses and chariots, with mighty
 men, and with all men of war, saith

21 the Lord God. And I will set my
 glory among the nations, and all the
 nations shall see my judgement that
 I have executed, and my hand that I
 22 have laid upon them. So the house of
 Israel shall know that I am the Lord
 their God, from that day and forward.

23 And the nations shall know that the
 house of Israel went into captivity for
 their iniquity; because they trespassed
 against me, and I hid my face from
 them: so I gave them into the hand of
 their adversaries, and they fell all of
 24 them by the sword. According to their
 uncleanness and according to their
 transgressions did I unto them; and I
 hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord God: Now will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous 26 for my holy name. And they shall bear their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they shall dwell securely in their land, and none shall make them 27 afraid; when I have brought them again from the peoples, and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of 28 many nations. And they shall know that I am the Lord their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them unto their own land; and I will leave none of them any more there; 29 neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God.

40 In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the self-same day, the hand of the Lord was upon me, and he brought me thither. 2 In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me down upon a very high mountain, whereon was as it were the frame of 3 a city on the south. And he brought me thither, and behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; 4 and he stood in the gate. And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall shew thee; for to the intent that I might shew them unto thee art thou brought hither: declare all that thou seest to the house of Israel. 5 And behold, a wall on the outside of the house round about, and in the man's hand a measuring reed of six cubits long, of a cubit and an hand-breadth each: so he measured the thickness of the building, one reed; and the 6 height, one reed. Then came he unto the gate which looketh toward the east, and went up the steps thereof; and he measured the threshold of the gate, one reed broad: 1 and the other threshold, 7 one reed broad. And every 2 lodge was one reed long, and one reed broad; and the space between the lodges was five cubits; and the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate toward the 8 house was one reed. 3 He measured also the porch of the gate toward the 9 house, one reed. Then measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits; and the 4 posts thereof, two cubits;

and the porch of the gate was toward 10 the house. And the lodges of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side; they three were of one measure: and the posts had one measure on this side and on that 11 side. And he measured the breadth of the opening of the gate, ten cubits; and the length of the gate, thirteen cubits; 12 and a border before the lodges, one cubit on this side, and a border, one cubit on that side; and the lodges, six cubits on this side, and six cubits on 13 that side. And he measured the gate from the roof of the one lodge to the roof of the other, a breadth of five and 14 twenty cubits; door against door. He made also posts, threescore cubits; and the court reached unto the post, the 15 gate being round about. And from the forefront of the gate at the entrance unto the forefront of the 6 inner porch 16 of the gate were fifty cubits. And there were closed windows to the lodges, and to their posts within the gate round about, and likewise to the 7 arches: and windows were round about inward: and upon each post were palm trees. 17 Then brought he me into the outer court, and, lo, there were chambers and a pavement, made for the court round about: thirty chambers were upon 18 the pavement. And the pavement was by the 1 side of the gates, answerable unto the length of the gates, even the 19 lower pavement. Then he measured the breadth from the forefront of the lower gate unto the forefront of the inner court without, an hundred cubits, both on the east and on the north. 20 And the gate of the outer court whose prospect is toward the north, he measured the length thereof and the 21 breadth thereof. And the lodges thereof were three on this side and three on that side; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof were after the measure of the first gate: the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth 22 five and twenty cubits. And the windows thereof, and the arches thereof, and the palm trees thereof, were after the measure of the gate whose prospect is toward the east; and they went up unto it by seven steps; and the arches 23 thereof were before them. And there was a gate to the inner court over against the other gate, both on the north and on the east; and he measured from gate to gate an hundred 24 cubits. And he led me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures. And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and

5 Or, porch of the inner gate

6 Or, colonnade The meaning of the Hebrew word is uncertain.

7 Heb. shoulder.

1 Or, each one threshold

2 Or, guard chamber

3 This verse is omitted in several ancient versions and Hebrew MSS.

4 Or, farnes and so throughout this chapter, and in ch. xii. 1, 2.

the breadth five and twenty cubits.
 26 And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them: and it had palm trees, one on this side, and another on that side,
 27 upon the posts thereof. And there was a gate to the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south an hundred cubits.
 28 Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the south gate according to these
 29 measures; and the lodges thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about: it was
 30 fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. And there were arches round about, five and twenty cubits
 31 long, and five cubits broad. And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof: and the going up to it
 32 had eight steps. And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to
 33 these measures; and the lodges thereof, and the posts thereof, and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about: it was
 34 fifty cubits long, and five and twenty cubits broad. And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the
 35 going up to it had eight steps. And he brought me to the north gate: and he measured it according to these mea-
 36 sures; the lodges thereof, the posts thereof, and the arches thereof; and there were windows therein round about: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth five and twenty cubits.
 37 And the posts thereof were toward the outer court; and palm trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the going up to it had eight steps.
 38 And a chamber with the door thereof was by the posts at the gates; there
 39 they washed the burnt offering. And ¹in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt offering and the sin offering and the
 40 guilt offering. And on the one side without, ²as one goeth up to the entry of the gate toward the north, were two tables; and on the other side, which belonged to the porch of the gate, were
 41 two tables. Four tables were on this side, and four tables on that side, by the side of the gate; eight tables, wherupon they slew the sacrifices.
 42 And there were four tables for the burnt offering, of hewn stone, a cubit and an half long, and a cubit and an half

broad, and one cubit high: whereupon they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt offering and the
 43 sacrifice. And the ³hooks, an hand-breadth long, were fastened ⁴within round about: and upon the tables was
 44 the flesh of the oblation. ⁵And without the inner gate were chambers for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south: one at the side of the east gate having the
 45 prospect toward the north. And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the
 46 house. And the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok, which from among the sons of Levi come near to the LORD to minister unto
 47 him. And he measured the court, an hundred cubits long, and an hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar was before the house.
 48 Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this
 49 side, and three cubits on that side. The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; ⁶even by the steps whereby they went up to it: and there were pillars by the posts, one on this side, and another on that side.
 51 And he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the
 2 breadth of the ⁷tabernacle. And the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits; and the ⁸sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits.
 3 Then went he inward, and measured each post of the entrance, two cubits: and the entrance, six cubits; and the breadth of the entrance, seven cubits.
 4 And he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the ⁹temple: and he said unto me, This is the most holy place. Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side-chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side.
 6 And the side-chambers were in three stories, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold therein, and not
 7 have hold in the wall of the house. And
 10 the side-chambers were broader as

³ According to some ancient versions, lodges.

⁴ Or, in the building.

⁵ The Sept. has, And he led me into the inner court, and, he- hold, two chambers in the inner court, one at the side of the porch that look- eth toward the north, having its prospect toward the south, and one at the side of the porch that look- eth toward the south.

⁶ The Sept. has, and by two steps they went up.

⁷ Heb. tent.

⁸ Heb. side-chambers.

⁹ Heb. side-chambers.

¹⁰ Heb. side-chambers.

¹¹ Heb. side-chambers.

¹² Heb. side-chambers.

¹³ Heb. side-chambers.

¹⁴ Heb. side-chambers.

¹⁵ Heb. side-chambers.

¹⁶ Heb. side-chambers.

¹⁷ Heb. side-chambers.

¹⁸ Heb. side-chambers.

¹⁹ Heb. side-chambers.

²⁰ Heb. side-chambers.

²¹ Heb. side-chambers.

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²³ Heb. side-chambers.

²⁴ Heb. side-chambers.

²⁵ Heb. side-chambers.

²⁶ Heb. side-chambers.

²⁷ Heb. side-chambers.

²⁸ Heb. side-chambers.

²⁹ Heb. side-chambers.

³⁰ Heb. side-chambers.

¹ Or, by

² Or, at the stairs of the entry

they encompassed the house higher and higher; for the encompassing of the house went higher and higher round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house continued upward; and so one went up from the lowest chamber to the highest by the middle chamber.

- 8 I saw also¹ that the house had² a raised basement round about: the foundations of the side-chambers were a full 9 reed³ of six great cubits. The thickness of the wall, which was for the side-chambers, on the outside, was five cubits: ⁴and that which was left was the place of the side-chambers that belonged to the house. And between the chambers was a breadth of twenty cubits round about the house on every 10 side. And the doors of the side-chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five 12 cubits round about. And the building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits. 13 So he measured the house, an hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, an 14 hundred cubits long; also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, an hundred cubits. 15 And he measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at the back thereof, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, an hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the 16 porches of the court; the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the threshold, cieled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows; now the windows 17 were covered; to the space above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about 18 within and without, ⁵by measure. And it was made with cherubim and palm trees; and a palm tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub 19 had two faces; so that there was the face of a man toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side: *this was it made through all the* 20 house round about. From the ground unto above the door were cherubim and palm trees made: ⁶thus was the 21 wall of the temple. As for the temple, the door posts were squared; and as for the face of the sanctuary, the appearance thereof was ⁷as the appearance 22 of the temple. The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and the length there-

of two cubits; and ⁸the corners thereof, and the ⁹length thereof, and the walls thereof, were of wood: and he said unto me, This is the table that is before 23 the LORD. And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. And the doors had two leaves *apiece*, two turning leaves; two leaves for the one door, and two 25 leaves for the other. And there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, cherubim and palm trees, like as were made upon the walls; and there were thick beams of wood ¹⁰upon 26 the face of the porch without. And there were closed windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch: thus were the side-chambers of the house, and the thick beams.

- 42 Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was over against the 2 building toward the north. Before the length of ¹¹an hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty 3 cubits. Over against the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and over against the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery 4 against gallery ¹²in the third story. And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of ¹³one cubit; and their doors were toward the 5 north. Now the upper chambers were shorter: for the galleries took away from these, more than from the lower and the middlemost, in the building. 6 For they were in three stories, and they had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the uppermost was straitened more than the lowest and the 7 middlemost from the ground. And the ¹⁴wall that was without by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court before the chambers, the length thereof 8 was fifty cubits. For the length of the chambers that were in the outer court was fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple were an hundred cubits. And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them 10 from the outer court. In the thickness of the ¹⁴wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, there were chambers. 11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the way of the chambers which were toward the north; ¹⁵according to their length so was their breadth: and all their goings out were both according to their fashions, and according 12 to their doors. And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south was a door in the head of the way, even the way directly before the ¹⁴wall toward the east, as one 13 entereth into them. Then said he unto

¹ Or, that the house was high round about
² Heb. height.
³ Or, of six cubits to the joining
⁴ The Sept. has, and that which was left between the side-chambers that belonged to the house and between the chambers was &c.

⁵ Heb. measures.

⁶ Another reading is, And as for the wall of the temple, the door posts were squared.
⁷ Or, as the former appearance

⁸ Or, &c. had its corners; and &c.
⁹ The Sept. has, base.

¹⁰ Or, before the porch

¹¹ See ch. xii. 13.

¹² Or, in three stories
¹³ According to some ancient versions, a hundred cubits.

¹⁴ Or, fence

¹⁵ Or, they were as long as they, and as broad as they

me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they be the holy chambers, where the priests that are near unto the Lord shall eat the most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering;

14 for the place is holy. When the priests enter in, then shall they not go out of the holy place into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are holy: and they shall put on other garments, and shall approach to that which pertaineth to the people.

15 Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and mea-

16 sured it round about. He measured on the east ¹side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds, with the mea-

17 suring reed round about. He measured on the north ¹side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about.

18 He measured on the south ¹side, five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed.

19 He turned about to the west ¹side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. He mea-

20 sured it ²on the four sides: it had a wall round about, the length five hundred, and the breadth five hundred, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

43 Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east: and behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters: and the earth shined with his glory. And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar: and I fell upon my face.

4 And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate whose

5 prospect is toward the east. And the spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory

6 of the Lord filled the house. And I heard one speaking unto me out of the

7 house; and a man stood by me. And he said unto me, Son of man, *this* is the place of my throne, and the place

of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever: and the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name,

neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredom, and by the carcasses of their kings ³in their high places; in their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their door post beside

my door post, and there was *but* the wall between me and them; and they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them

9 in mine anger. Now let them put away their whoredom, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

10 Thou, son of man, shew the house to the house of Israel, that they may be ashamed of their iniquities: and let them

11 measure the ⁴pattern. And if they be ashamed of all that they have done, make known unto them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the goings out thereof, and the comings in thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the laws thereof, and write it in their sight: that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do

12 them. This is the law of the house: upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

13 And these are the measures of the altar by cubits: (the cubit is a cubit and an handbreadth:) the ⁵bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the border thereof by the edge thereof round about a span: and this

14 shall be the ⁶base of the altar. And from the bottom ⁷upon the ground to the lower ⁸settle shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser settle to the greater settle shall be four cubits, and the breadth a

15 cubit. And the ⁹upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the ¹⁰altar hearth and upward there shall be four horns.

16 And the altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve broad, square in

17 the four sides thereof. And the settle shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen broad in the four sides thereof; and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit about; and the steps thereof shall look toward the east.

18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord God: These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood

19 thereon. Thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that be of the seed of Zadok, which are near unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord God, a young

20 bullock for a sin offering. And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the settle, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse it and make atonement for it.

21 Thou shalt also take the bullock of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the

¹ Heb. *round*.

² Heb. *toward the four winds*.

³ Or, according to another reading, in their death

⁴ Or, *measure*

⁵ Or, *half a cubit*

⁶ Heb. *back*

⁷ Or, *as*

⁸ Or, *ledge*

⁹ Heb. *stair*

¹⁰ Heb. *stair*

And see ix. xxxix. 1.

appointed place of the house, with-
 22 out the sanctuary. And on the second
 day thou shalt offer a he-goat without
 blemish for a sin offering; and they shall
 cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse
 23 it with the bullock. When thou hast
 made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt
 offer a young bullock without blemish,
 and a ram out of the flock without
 24 blemish. And thou shalt bring them
 near before the LORD, and the priests
 shall cast salt upon them, and they shall
 offer them up for a burnt offering unto
 25 the LORD. Seven days shalt thou pre-
 pare every day a goat for a sin offer-
 ing: they shall also prepare a young
 bullock, and a ram out of the flock, with-
 26 out blemish. Seven days shall they
 make atonement for the altar and purify
 27 it; so shall they consecrate it. And
 when they have accomplished the days,
 it shall be that upon the eighth day, and
 forward, the priests shall make your
 burnt offerings upon the altar, and your
 peace offerings; and I will accept you,
 saith the Lord God.

44 Then he brought me back the way
 of the outer gate of the sanctuary,
 which looketh toward the east; and
 2 it was shut. And the LORD said unto
 me, This gate shall be shut, it shall
 not be opened, neither shall any man
 enter in by it, for the LORD, the God
 of Israel, hath entered in by it; there-
 3 fore it shall be shut. As for the prince,
 he shall sit therein as prince to eat
 bread before the LORD; he shall enter
 by the way of the porch of the gate,
 and shall go out by the way of the
 4 same. Then he brought me the way of
 the north gate before the house; and
 I looked, and behold, the glory of the
 LORD filled the house of the LORD: and
 5 I fell upon my face. And the LORD
 said unto me, Son of man, mark well,
 and behold with thine eyes, and hear
 with thine ears all that I say unto thee
 concerning all the ordinances of the
 house of the LORD, and all the laws
 thereof; and mark well the entering in
 of the house, with every going forth of
 6 the sanctuary. And thou shalt say to the
 rebellious, even to the house of Israel,
 Thus saith the Lord God: O ye house
 of Israel, let it suffice you of all your ab-
 7 ominations, in that ye have brought in
 aliens, uncircumcised in heart and un-
 circumcised in flesh, to be in my sanc-
 tuary, to profane it, even my house,
 when ye offer my bread, the fat and the
 blood, and they have broken my coven-
 ant, to add unto all your abominations.
 8 And ye have not kept the charge of mine
 holy things: but ye have set keepers of
 my charge in my sanctuary for your-
 9 selves. Thus saith the Lord God, No
 alien, uncircumcised in heart and un-
 circumcised in flesh, shall enter into
 my sanctuary, of any alien that is

10 among the children of Israel. But the
 Levites that went far from me, when
 Israel went astray, which went astray
 from me after their idols; they shall
 11 bear their iniquity. Yet they shall be
 ministers in my sanctuary, having over-
 sight at the gates of the house, and
 ministering in the house: they shall slay
 the burnt offering and the sacrifice for
 the people, and they shall stand before
 12 them to minister unto them. Because
 they ministered unto them before their
 idols, and became a stumblingblock of
 iniquity unto the house of Israel; there-
 fore have I lifted up mine hand against
 them, saith the Lord God, and they
 13 shall bear their iniquity. And they
 shall not come near unto me, to execute
 the office of priest unto me, nor to
 come near to any of my holy things,
 unto the things that are most holy:
 but they shall bear their shame, and
 their abominations which they have
 14 committed. Yet will I make them
 keepers of the charge of the house, for
 all the service thereof, and for all that
 shall be done therein.

15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of
 Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanc-
 tuary when the children of Israel went
 astray from me, they shall come near to
 me to minister unto me; and they shall
 stand before me to offer unto me the fat
 16 and the blood, saith the Lord God: they
 shall enter into my sanctuary, and they
 shall come near to my table, to minister
 unto me, and they shall keep my charge.
 17 And it shall be that when they enter
 in at the gates of the inner court, they
 shall be clothed with linen garments;
 and no wool shall come upon them,
 whiles they minister in the gates of
 18 the inner court, and within. They
 shall have linen tires upon their heads,
 and shall have linen breeches upon their
 loins; they shall not gird themselves
 19 with any thing that causeth sweat. And
 when they go forth into the outer court,
 even into the outer court to the peo-
 ple, they shall put off their garments
 wherein they minister, and lay them in
 the holy chambers, and they shall put
 on other garments, that they sanctify
 not the people with their garments.
 20 Neither shall they shave their heads,
 nor suffer their locks to grow long; they
 21 shall only poll their heads. Neither
 shall any priest drink wine, when they
 22 enter into the inner court. Neither
 shall they take for their wives a widow,
 nor her that is put away: but they shall
 take virgins of the seed of the house of
 Israel, or a widow that is the widow of
 23 a priest. And they shall teach my peo-
 ple the difference between the holy and
 the common, and cause them to discern
 between the unclean and the clean.
 24 And in a controversy they shall stand
 to judge; according to my judgements

¹ Heb.
 all the
 hands
 thereof.
 See Ez.
 xxix. 24.

² Heb.
 set thine
 heart
 upon.

³ Most
 ancient
 versions
 have, ye.

⁴ Or, in
 it.

⁵ Or, in
 the house.

shall they judge it: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed feasts; and they shall hallow my sabbaths. And they shall come at no dead person to defile themselves: but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that hath had no husband, they may defile themselves. And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. And in the day that he goeth into the sanctuary, into the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, saith the Lord God. And they shall have an inheritance; I am their inheritance: and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the guilt offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. And the first of all the firstfruits of every thing, and every ¹oblation of every thing, of all your oblations, shall be for the priests: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your ²dough, to cause a blessing to rest on thine house. The priests shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself, or is torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

45 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto the Lord, ³an holy portion of the land: the length shall be the length of five and twenty thousand *reeds*, and the breadth shall be ⁴ten thousand: it shall be holy in all the border thereof round about. 2 Of this there shall be for the holy place five hundred in *length* by five hundred in *breadth*, square round about; and fifty cubits for the ⁵suburbs thereof round about. And of this measure shalt thou measure, a length of five and twenty thousand, and a breadth of ten thousand: and in it shall be the sanctuary, which is most holy. It is an holy portion of the land; it shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, which come near to minister unto the Lord; and it shall be a place for their houses, and an holy place for the sanctuary. And five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth, shall be unto the Levites, the ministers of the house, for a possession unto themselves, for ⁶twenty chambers. 6 And ye shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and five and twenty thousand long, side by side with the oblation of the holy portion: it shall be for the whole house of Israel. 7 And *whatsoever* is for the prince shall be on the one side and on the other side of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy oblation and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward: and in

length answerable unto one of the portions, from the west border unto the east border. 7 In the land it shall be to him for a possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more oppress my people; but they shall give the land to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

9 Thus saith the Lord God: Let it suffice you, O princes of Israel: remove violence and spoil, and execute judgement and justice; take away your ⁸exactions from my people, saith the Lord God. Ye shall have just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath. 11 The ephah and the bath shall be of one measure, that the bath may contain the tenth part of an homer, and the ephah the tenth part of an homer: the measure thereof shall be after the ⁹homer. And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: twenty shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your ¹⁰maneh. This is the oblation that ye shall offer; the sixth part of an ephah from an homer of wheat, and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah from an ¹¹homer of barley: and the set portion of oil, of the bath of oil, shall be the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, *which is ten baths*, even an homer; for ten baths ¹²are an homer: and one lamb of the flock, out of two hundred, from the ¹³fat pastures of Israel; for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, saith the Lord God. All the people of the land ¹⁴shall give unto this oblation for the prince in Israel. And it shall be the prince's part to give the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all the appointed feasts of the house of Israel: he shall prepare the sin offering, and the meal offering, and the burnt offering, and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

18 Thus saith the Lord God: In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish; and thou shalt cleanse ¹⁵the sanctuary. And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering, and put it upon the door posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the ¹⁶settle of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. And so thou shalt do ¹⁷on the seventh *day* of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye make ¹⁸atonement for the house. In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye shall have the passover, a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. And upon that day shall the prince prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bullock for

¹ Or, house offering

² Or, coarse meal

³ Heb. holiness.

⁴ The Sept. has, twenty.

⁵ Or, open space

⁶ The Sept. has, cities to dwell in.

⁷ Or, as touching

⁸ Heb. exactions.

⁹ Heb. with measure.

¹⁰ Heb. shall be for.

¹¹ The Sept.

¹² The Sept. reads, on the seventh month, on the first day of the month.

23 a sin offering. And the seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the Lord, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a he-goat daily for a

24 sin offering. And he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and an hin of

25 oil to an ephah. In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, shall he do the like the seven days; according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meal offering, and according to the oil.

46 Thus saith the Lord God: The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and in the day of

2 the new moon it shall be opened. And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate; then he shall go forth: but the gate shall not be shut until the evening.

3 And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before the Lord in the sabbaths and in the

4 new moons. And the burnt offering that the prince shall offer unto the Lord shall be in the sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram with-

5 out blemish; and the meal offering shall be an ephah for the ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he is able to give, and an hin of oil to an

6 ephah. And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bullock without blemish; and six lambs, and a ram; they

7 shall be without blemish: and he shall prepare a meal offering, an ephah for the bullock, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as ¹he is

8 able, and an hin of oil to an ephah. And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the

9 gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof. But when the people of the land shall come before the Lord in the appointed feasts, he that entereth

by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south

gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not

return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth straight

10 before him. And the prince, when they go in, shall go in in the midst of them; and when they go forth, ²they shall go

11 forth together. And in the feasts and in the ³solemnities the meal offering shall be an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs

as he is able to give, and an hin of oil

12 to an ephah. And when the prince shall prepare a freewill offering, a burnt offering or peace offerings as a freewill offering unto the Lord, one shall open for him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt

offering and his peace offerings, as he doth on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one

13 shall shut the gate. And thou shalt prepare a lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering unto

the Lord daily: morning by morning 14 shalt thou prepare it. And thou shalt

prepare a meal offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of an hin of oil, to

⁴moisten the fine flour; a meal offering unto the Lord continually by a per-

15 petual ordinance. Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt offering.

16 Thus saith the Lord God: If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall be-

17 long to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants,

it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for

18 his sons. Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance, to ⁵thrust them out of their posses-

sion; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession: that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

19 Then he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the

20 priests, which looked toward the north: and behold, there was a place on the

21 hinder part westward. And he said unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the guilt offering and

the sin offering, where they shall bake the meal offering; that they bring them not forth into the outer court, to

22 sanctify the people. Then he brought me forth into the outer court, and caused me to pass by the four corners

of the court; and behold, in every corner of the court there was a court.

23 In the four corners of the court there were courts ⁶inclosed, forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four in the

24 corners were of one measure. And there was a row of building round about in them, round about the four,

and it was made with boiling places 25 under the rows round about. Then said he unto me, These are the boiling

houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

47 And he brought me back unto the door of the house; and behold, waters issued out from under the

⁴ Or, *meat with*

⁵ Heb. *oppress*

⁶ Or, *joined on*

¹ Heb. *his horns shall attain unto*

² Some ancient authorities have, *he shall go forth*.
³ Or, *appointed feasts*

threshold of the house eastward, for the forefront of the house was toward the east: and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the 2 house, on the south of the altar. Then brought he me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me round by the way without unto the outer gate, by the way of the gate that looketh toward the east; and behold, there ¹ran out 3 waters on the right side. When the man went forth eastward with the line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters 5 that were to the loins. Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through: for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed 6 through. And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return 7 to the bank of the river. Now when I had returned, behold, upon the bank of the river were very many trees on 8 the one side and on the other. Then said he unto me, These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Arabah: and they shall go toward the sea; into the sea *shall the waters go* which were made to issue forth; and the waters 9 shall be healed. And it shall come to pass, that every living creature which swarmeth, in every place whither the ²rivers come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish: for these waters are come thither, ³and the waters of the sea shall be healed, and every thing shall live whitherso- 10 ever the river cometh. And it shall come to pass, that fishers shall stand by it: from En-gedi even unto En-eghlaim shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, 11 exceeding many. But the miry places thereof, and the marishes thereof, shall not be healed; they shall be ⁴given up 12 to salt. And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for meat, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall the fruit thereof fail: it shall bring forth ⁵new fruit every month, because the waters thereof issue out of the sanctuary: and the fruit thereof shall be for meat, and the leaf thereof for healing.

13 Thus saith the Lord God: This shall be the border, whereby ye shall divide the land for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph

14 *shall have* ⁶portions. And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another; ⁷concerning the which I lifted up mine hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance. And this shall be the border of the land: on the north side, from the great sea, by the way of Hethlon, 16 unto the entering in of Zedad; Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; ⁸Hazer-hatticon, 17 which is by the border of Hauran. And the border from the sea shall be Hazar-enon at the border of Damascus, and on the north northward is the border of Hamath. This is the north side. 18 And the east side, between Hauran and Damascus and Gilead, and the land of Israel, shall be Jordan; from the north border unto the east sea shall ye 19 measure. This is the east side. And the south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, unto the great sea. This is the south side south- 20 ward. And the west side shall be the great sea, from the south border as far as over against the entering in of 21 Hamath. This is the west side. So shall ye divide this land unto you 22 according to the tribes of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance unto you and to the strangers that sojourn among you, which shall beget children among you; and they shall be unto you as the homeborn among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes 23 of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord God.

43 Now these are the names of the tribes: from the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to the entering in of Hamath, Hazar-enon at the border of Damascus, northward beside Hamath; and they shall have their sides east and west; Dan, one *portion*. 2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side; Asher, 3 one *portion*. And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the 4 west side; Naphtali, one *portion*. And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side; Manasseh, 5 one *portion*. And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the 6 west side; Ephraim, one *portion*. And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side; 7 Reuben, one *portion*. And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side; Judah, one *portion*. 8 And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the oblation which ye shall

¹ Or, trickled forth

² Heb. two rivers.
³ Or, that all things may be healed and live

⁴ Or, given for salt

⁵ Heb. first-fruits.

⁶ Some ancient versions have, "portions."
⁷ Or, for that I lifted up

⁸ Or, the middle Easer

offer, five and twenty thousand *reeds* in breadth, and in length as one of the portions, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be 9 in the midst of it. The oblation that ye shall offer unto the Lord shall be five and twenty thousand *reeds* in length, 10 and ten thousand in breadth. And for these, even for the priests, shall be the holy oblation; toward the north five and twenty thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south five and twenty thousand in length: and the sanctuary of the Lord 11 shall be in the midst thereof. ¹It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, which have kept my charge; which went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as 12 the Levites went astray. And it shall be unto them an oblation from the oblation of the land, a thing most holy, 13 by the border of the Levites. And answerable unto the border of the priests, the Levites shall have five and twenty thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be five and twenty thousand, and the 14 breadth ²ten thousand. And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange it, nor shall the firstfruits of the land be alienated: for it is holy unto the Lord. 15 And the five thousand that are left in the breadth, in front of the five and twenty thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for suburbs: and the city shall be in 16 the midst thereof. And these shall be the measures thereof; the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side 17 four thousand and five hundred. And the city shall have suburbs; toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred 18 and fifty. And the residue in the length, answerable unto the holy oblation, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward: and it shall be answerable unto the holy oblation; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that labour in the 19 city. And they that labour in the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall till it. 20 All the oblation shall be five and twenty thousand by five and twenty thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation four-square, with the possession of the city.

¹ Or, The sanctified portion shall be for the priests of the sons &c.

² The Sept. has twenty.

21 ³And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city, in front of the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward in front of the five and twenty thousand toward the west border, answerable unto the portions, it shall be for the prince: and the holy oblation and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst 22 thereof. Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince's, between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince.

23 And as for the rest of the tribes: from the east side unto the west side; 24 Benjamin, one *portion*. And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side; Simeon, one *portion*. And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side; 25 Issachar, one *portion*. And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side; Zebulun, one *portion*. And by the border of Zebulun, from the east side unto the west side; 26 Gad, one *portion*. And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, unto the great 27 sea. This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their several portions, saith the Lord God. 28 And these are the goings out of the city; on the north side four thousand and five hundred *reeds* by measure: 29 and the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel; three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; 30 the gate of Levi, one: and at the east side four thousand and five hundred *reeds*; and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, 31 one: and at the south side four thousand and five hundred *reeds* by measure; and three gates: the gate of Simeon, one; the gate of Issachar, 32 one; the gate of Zebulun, one: at the west side four thousand and five hundred *reeds*, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, 33 one. It shall be eighteen thousand *reeds* round about: and the name of the city from that day shall be, ⁴The Lord is there.

³ See ch. xlv. 7.

⁴ Heb. Jahonah-sham-mah. See Ez. xvii. 15.

BOOK OF DANIEL.

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. And the Lord gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god: and he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god. And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of his eunuchs, that he should bring in *certain* of the children of Israel, even of the seed royal and of the nobles; 4 youths in whom was no blemish, but well favoured, and skilful in all wisdom, and cunning in knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability to stand in the king's palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king appointed for them a daily portion of the king's ¹meat, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at the end thereof they might stand before the king. Now among these were, of the children of Judah, Daniel, 7 Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah. And the prince of the eunuchs gave names unto them: unto Daniel he gave the name of Belteshazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishaël, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abednego. But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God made Daniel to find favour and compassion in the sight of the 10 prince of the eunuchs. And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your meat and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse liking than the youths which are of your own age? so should ye endanger my 11 head with the king. Then said Daniel to ²the steward, whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, 12 Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah: Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us ³pulse to eat, and 13 water to drink. Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the youths that eat of the king's meat; and as thou 14 seest, deal with thy servants. So he hearkened unto them in this matter, 15 and proved them ten days. And at the

end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths which did eat 16 of the king's meat. So ⁴the steward took away their meat, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them 17 pulse. Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and 18 dreams. And at the end of the days which the king had ⁵appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. And in every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that 21 were in all his realm. And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus. 2 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams; and his spirit was troubled, and his sleep brake from 2 him. Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the enchanters, and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, for to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king. 3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is 4 troubled to know the dream. Then spake the Chaldeans to the king ⁶in the Syrian language, ⁷O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will shew the interpretation. 5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, ⁸The thing is gone from me: if ye make not known unto me the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your 6 houses shall be made a dunghill. But if ye shew the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honour: therefore shew me the dream and the interpretation thereof. They answered the second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will 8 shew the interpretation. The king answered and said, I know of a certainty that ye would ⁹gain time, because ye see ¹⁰the thing is gone from me. 9 But if ye make not known unto me the dream, there is but one law for you: for ye have prepared lying and

¹ Heb. meal.

¹ Or, dainties.

² Heb. Ham-masars.

³ Or, herbs.

⁴ Or, an Aramaean.
⁵ Ch. II. 4-v. 15 is in Aramaean.

⁶ Or, The word is gone forth from me.

⁷ Aram. buy the time.

⁸ Or, the word is gone forth from me that I do.

corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can shew me the interpretation thereof. The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can shew the king's matter: forasmuch as no king, ¹lord, nor ruler, hath asked such a thing of any magician, ¹¹or enchanter, or Chaldean. And it is a rare thing that the king requireth, and there is none other that can shew it before the king, except the gods, ¹²whose dwelling is not with flesh. For this cause the king was angry and very furious, and commanded to destroy all ¹³the wise men of Babylon. So the decree went forth, and the wise men were to be slain; and they sought Daniel and his ¹⁴companions to be slain. Then Daniel returned answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king's guard, which was gone forth to slay the ¹⁵wise men of Babylon; he answered and said to Arioch the king's captain, Wherefore is the decree so urgent from the king? Then Arioch made the thing ¹⁶known to Daniel. And Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would ²appoint him a time, ³and he would shew the king the interpretation.

¹⁷Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

¹⁹Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven.

²⁰Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are his: ²¹and he changeth the times and the seasons: he removeth kings, and setteth up kings: he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that ²²know understanding: he revealeth the deep and secret things: he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast now made known unto me what we desired of thee: for thou hast made known unto us the king's ²⁴matter. Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon: he went and said thus unto him; Destroy not the wise men of Babylon: bring me in before the king, and I will shew unto the king the interpretation.

²⁵Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the child-

ren of the captivity of Judah, that will make known unto the king the ²⁶interpretation. The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof?

²⁷Daniel answered before the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded can neither wise men, enchanter, magicians, nor soothsayers, ²⁸shew unto the king; but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and he hath made known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are ²⁹these: as for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter: and he that revealeth secrets hath made known ³⁰to thee what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but to the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that thou mayest ³¹know the thoughts of thy heart. Thou, O king, sawest, and beheld a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the aspect thereof ³²was terrible. As for this image, his head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his ³³thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron, and part of clay.

³⁴Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon his feet that were of iron and clay, and brake them in pieces.

³⁵Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great ³⁶mountain, and filled the whole earth. This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art king of kings, unto whom the God of heaven hath given the kingdom, the power, ³⁸and the strength, and the glory; and whosoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the fowls of the heaven hath he given into thine hand, and hath made thee to rule over them all: thou art the head of gold.

³⁹And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee; and another third kingdom of brass, which shall ⁴⁰bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron: forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things: and as iron that crusheth all these, shall it break ⁴¹in pieces and crush. And whereas

¹ Or, be he never so great and power-ful, hath &c

² Or, give him time
³ Or, that he might

⁴ Or, rock

thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters' clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron

¹ Or, earthenware

⁴² mixed with ¹ miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of clay, so the kingdom shall be

² Or, brittle

⁴³ partly strong, and partly ² broken. And whereas thou sawest the iron mixed with ¹ miry clay, they shall mingle themselves ³ with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even

³ Or, by

⁴⁴ as iron doth not mingle with clay. And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom,

which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

⁴⁵ Forasmuch as thou sawest that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation

⁴⁶ thereof sure. Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an oblation and sweet

⁴⁷ odours unto him. The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou hast been able to reveal

⁴⁸ this secret. Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him to rule over the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Baby-

⁴⁹ lon. And Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel was ⁴ in the gate of the king.

⁴ Or, at the king's court

³ Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was three-score cubits, and the breadth thereof six cubits: he set it up in the plain of Dura, ² in the province of Babylon. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king sent to gather together the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the ⁵ judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the ⁶ sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nebuchadnezzar the king had

⁵ Or, chief authorities
⁶ Or, lawyers

⁸ set up. Then the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, the ⁶ judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the ⁶ sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto the dedication of the image that Nebuchadnezzar the king had set up; and they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then the herald

cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery,

⁷ Or, bagpipe

⁷ dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king hath

⁶ set up: and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth shall the same hour be cast into the midst of a burning

⁷ fiery furnace. Therefore at that time, when all the peoples heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and all kinds of music, all the peoples, the nations, and the languages,

fell down and worshipped the golden image that Nebuchadnezzar the king

⁸ had set up. Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews.

⁹ They answered and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king, O king, live for ever.

¹⁰ Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the

¹¹ golden image: and whoso falleth not down and worshippeth, shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace.

¹² There are certain Jews whom thou hast appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

¹³ Then Nebuchadnezzar in his rage and fury commanded to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. Then they

¹⁴ brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar answered and said unto them, Is it of purpose, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye serve not my god, nor worship the golden image

¹⁵ which I have set up? Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands?

¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, ⁹ we have no need to answer

¹⁷ thee in this matter. ¹⁰ If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image

¹⁹ which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego:

⁹ Or, we are not compelled
¹⁰ Or, be confident, our God is. Or, if our God whom we serve is able to deliver us, he will deliver us from ... and of thine hand, king

therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated.

20 And he commanded certain mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery

21 furnace. Then these men were bound in their hosen, their ¹ tunics, and their mantles, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burn-

22 ing fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-

23 nego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning

24 fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste: he spake and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O

25 king. He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son

26 of the gods. Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the ² mouth of the burning fiery furnace: he spake and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego,

ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, came forth out of the midst of the fire.

27 And the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, and the king's counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power upon their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their hosen changed, nor had the smell of fire

28 passed on them. Nebuchadnezzar spake and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and have yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

29 Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, which speak any thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill: because there is no other god that is

30 able to deliver after this sort. Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon.

4 Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all the peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; peace be multiplied unto you. It hath seemed good unto me to shew the signs and wonders

that the Most High God hath wrought 3 toward me. How great are his signs! and how mighty are his wonders! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his dominion is from generation to generation.

4 I Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in mine 5 house, and flourishing in my palace. I saw a dream which made me afraid; and the ³ thoughts upon my bed and the vis-

6 ions of my head troubled me. Therefore made I a decree to bring in all the wise men of Babylon before me, that they might make known unto me the inter-

7 pretation of the dream. Then came in the magicians, the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers: and I told the dream before them; but they did not make known unto me the interpreta-

8 tion thereof. But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Belteshazzar, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods: and I told the dream before

9 him, saying, O Belteshazzar, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee, and no secret troubleth thee, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the interpretation thereof.

10 Thus were the visions of my head upon my bed: I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the

11 height thereof was great. The tree grew, and was strong, and the height thereof reached unto heaven, and the sight thereof to the end of all the

12 earth. The leaves thereof were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was meat for all: the beasts of the field had shadow under it, and the fowls of the heaven dwelt in the branches thereof, and all flesh was

13 fed of it. I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and, behold, a

14 watcher and an holy one came down from heaven. He cried aloud, and said thus, Hew down the tree, and cut off his branches, shake off his leaves, and scatter his fruit: let the beasts get away from under it, and the fowls from

15 his branches. Nevertheless leave the stump of his roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts in the grass

16 of the earth: let his heart be changed from man's, and let a beast's heart be given unto him; and let seven times

17 pass over him. The sentence is by the decree of the watchers, and the ⁴ demand by the word of the holy ones: to the intent that the living may know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it

18 the lowest of men. This dream I king Nebuchadnezzar have seen: and thou,

[Ch. iv. 1 in Aram.]

³ Or, imaginations

¹ Or, turbans

² Aram. door.

[Ch. lii. 31 in Aram.]

⁴ Or, smitter

O Belteshazzar, declare the interpretation, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation; but thou art able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

- 19 Then Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, was astonished for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered and said, Belteshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation, trouble thee. Belteshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream be to them that hate thee, and the interpretation 20 thereof to thine adversaries. The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heaven, and the sight thereof to all the 21 earth; whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and it was meat for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the fowls of the heaven had their habitation: 22 it is thou, O king, that art grown and become strong: for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. 23 And whereas the king saw a watcher and an holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of the roots thereof in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and let his portion be with the beasts of the field, till seven times pass over 24 him; this is the interpretation. O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which is come upon my lord the 25 king: that thou shalt be driven from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen, and shalt be wet with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over thee; till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth 26 it to whomsoever he will. And whereas they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; thy kingdom shall be sure unto thee, after that thou shalt have known that the heavens do rule. 27 Wherefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable unto thee, and ¹ break off thy sins by righteousness, and thine iniquities by shewing mercy to the poor; if there may be ² a lengthening of thy 28 tranquillity. All this came upon the 29 king Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months he was walking ³ in the 30 royal palace of Babylon. The king spake and said, Is not this great Babylon, which I have built for the royal dwelling place, by the might of my power and for the glory of my majesty? 31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is

spoken: the kingdom is departed 32 from thee. And thou shalt be driven from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen, and seven times shall pass over thee; until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth 33 it to whomsoever he will. The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till his hair was grown like eagles' 34 feathers, and his nails like birds' claws. And at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted up mine eyes unto heaven, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honoured him that liveth for ever; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation: 35 and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing: and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth: and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? 36 At the same time mine understanding returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me; and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added 37 unto me. Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honour the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways judgement: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase. 38 Belshazzar the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank 2 wine before the thousand. Belshazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, might drink therein. Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank in them. They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of brass, of iron, of wood, 5 and of stone. In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the candlestick upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of 6 the hand that wrote. Then the king's ⁴ countenance was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against an-

⁴ Aram.
 strike.

⁵ Aram.
 bright:
 even.

¹ Or,
 redeem

² Or, as
 other-
 wise
 read, on
 healing
 of thine
 error

³ Aram.
 upon.

7 other. The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spake and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and shew me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall ¹be the third ruler in the ⁹kingdom. Then came in all the king's wise men: but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the ⁹king the interpretation. Then was king Belshazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed. *Now* the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever; let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed: there is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, was found in him: and the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, ³the king, *I say*, thy father, made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, ¹²and soothsayers; forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and shewing of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will shew the interpretation.

18 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. The king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, which art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father ¹⁴brought out of Judah? I have heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom is found in ¹⁵thee. And now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof: but they could not shew the interpretation of the thing.

16 But I have heard of thee, that thou canst give interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt ¹be ¹⁷the third ruler in the kingdom. Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the ¹⁸interpretation. O thou king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father the kingdom, and greatness,

19 and glory, and majesty: and because of the greatness that he gave him, all the peoples, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew, and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he raised up, and whom he would ²⁰he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took ²¹his glory from him: and he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven: until he knew that the Most High God ruleth in the kingdom of men, and that he setteth up over it whom ²²soever he will. And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this; ²³but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all ²⁴thy ways, hast thou not glorified: then was the part of the hand sent from before him, and this writing was ²⁵inscribed. And this is the writing that was inscribed, ³MENE, MENE, TEKEL, ²⁶UPHARSIN. This is the interpretation of the thing: MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and brought it to ²⁷an end. TEKEL; thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting. ²⁸⁴PERES; thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians. ²⁹Then commanded Belshazzar, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put a chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should ¹be the third ³⁰ruler in the kingdom. In that night Belshazzar the Chaldean king was ³¹slain. And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about threescore and two years old.

6 It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty satraps, which should be throughout ²the whole kingdom; and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one; that these satraps might give account unto them, and that the king ³should have no damage. Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole ⁴realm. Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find occasion against

¹ Or, rule as one of three

³ Or, thy father, O king

³ That is, Numbered, numbered, weighed, and divisions.

⁴ That is, Divided.

[Chap. vi. 1 in Aram.]

1 Or, came tumultuously (and so in vv. 11, 15)

2 Or, that the king should establish a statute, and make &c.

3 Aram. jetteth not away.

Daniel as touching the kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. Thensaid these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. Then these presidents and satraps ¹assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever.

7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counselors and the governors, have consulted together ²to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong interdict, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions. Now, O king, establish the interdict, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which ³altereth not. Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the interdict.

10 And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; (now his windows were open in his chamber toward Jerusalem;) and he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, ¹¹as he did aforetime. Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before ¹²his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's interdict; Hast thou not signed an interdict, that every man that shall make petition unto any god or man within thirty days, save unto thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which ¹³altereth not. Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the interdict that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times ¹⁴a day. Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of ¹⁵the sun to rescue him. Then these men assembled together unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no interdict nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords;

⁴that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were ⁵instruments of music brought before him: and his ¹⁹sleep fled from him. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions.

20 And when he came near unto the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice: the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the ²¹lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, ²²O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him my innocence was found in me; and also before thee, O ²³king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding glad, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he had trusted ²⁴in his God. And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children, and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces, or ever they came at the bottom of the den.

25 Then king Darius wrote unto all the peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth; Peace be multiplied unto you. I make a decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel: for he is the living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed, and his ²⁷dominion shall be even unto the end: he delivereth and rescueth, and he worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth; who hath delivered Daniel from ²⁸the power of the lions. So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

7 In the first year of Belshazzar king of Babylon Daniel ⁸had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream and told the sum ²of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and behold, the four winds of the heaven ³brake forth upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the ⁴sea, diverse one from another. The first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld till the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon two feet as a man, and a man's heart was ⁵given to it. And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and ⁷it was raised up on one side, and three ribs

4 Or, that there might be no change of prayer
5 Or, desiring girls

6 Aram. sent

7 Or, as other who read, it reared up one side of the den

were in his mouth between his teeth: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had upon the back of it four wings of a fowl; the beast had also four heads; and dominion was given to it. After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, terrible and powerful, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things. I beheld till thrones were placed, and one that was ancient of days did sit: his raiment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and the wheels thereof burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgement was set, and the books were opened. I beheld at that time because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake; I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and he was given to be burned with fire. And as for the rest of the beasts, their dominion was taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and a time. I saw in the night visions, and, behold, there came with the clouds of heaven one like unto a son of man, and he came even to the ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

15 As forme Daniel, my spirit was grieved in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the truth concerning all this. So he told me, and made me know the interpretation of the things.

17 These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, which shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was diverse from all of them, exceeding terrible, whose teeth were of

iron, and his nails of brass; which devoured, brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with his feet; and concerning the ten horns that were on his head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three fell; even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake great things, whose look was more stout than his fellows. I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; until the ancient of days came, and judgement was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. And as for the ten horns, out of this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the former, and he shall put down three kings.

25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High: and he shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time. But the judgement shall sit, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him. Here is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts much troubled me, and my countenance was changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

8 In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, even unto me Daniel, after that which appeared unto me at the 2 first. And I saw in the vision; now it was so, that when I saw, I was in Shushan the palace, which is in the province of Elam; and I saw in the vision, and I was by the river Ulai. Then I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, there stood before the river a ram which had two horns: and the two horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. I saw the ram pushing westward, and northward, and southward; and no beasts could stand before him, neither was there any that could deliver out of his hand; but he did according to his will, and magnified himself. And as I was considering, behold, an he-goat came from the west over the face of the whole earth, and touched not the ground:

¹ Or, dreadful

² Or, cast down

³ Aram. to the burning of fire.

⁴ Aram. the sheath.

⁵ Or, for

⁶ Or, through it

⁷ Aram. Bitherta.

⁸ Aram. brightness.

⁹ Or, cause

¹⁰ Heb. none touched the ground.

and the goat had a notable horn between his eyes. And he came to the ram that had the two horns, which I saw standing before the river, and ran upon him in the fury of his power.

7 And I saw him come close unto the ram, and he was moved with choler against him, and smote the ram, and brake his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand before him: but he cast him down to the ground, and trampled upon him; and there was none that could deliver the ram out of his hand. And the he-goat magnified himself exceedingly: and when he was strong, the great horn was broken; and instead of it there came up four notable horns toward the four winds of heaven. And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land.

10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and some of the host and of the stars it cast down to the ground, and trampled upon them. Yea, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the host; and it took away from him the continual burnt offering, and the place

12 of his sanctuary was cast down. And the host was given over to it together with the continual burnt offering through transgression; and it cast down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure and prospered. Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said unto that certain one which spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the continual burnt offering, and the transgression that maketh desolate, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden

14 under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred evenings and mornings; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed. 15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. And I heard a man's voice between the banks of Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was affrighted, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man; for the vision belongeth to the time of the end. Now as he was speaking with me, I fell into a deep sleep with my face toward the ground: but he touched me, and set me up-

17 right. And he said, Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the latter time of the indignation: for it belongeth to the appointed time of the end. The ram which thou sawest that had the two horns, they are the

21 kings of Media and Persia. And the

rough he-goat is the king of Greece: and the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. And as for that which was broken, in the place whereof four stood up, four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not with his power. And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power; and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper and do his pleasure: and he shall destroy the mighty ones and the holy people.

25 And through his policy he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and in their security shall he destroy many: he shall also stand up against the prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand. And the vision of the evenings and mornings which hath been told is true: but shut thou up the vision; for it longeth to many days to come. And I Daniel fainted, and was sick certain days; then I rose up, and did the king's business: and I was astonished at the vision, but none understood it.

9 In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the seed of the Medes, which was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans; in the first year of his reign I Daniel understood by the books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years. And I set my face unto the Lord God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes. And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and made confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments; we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from thy precepts and from thy judgements: neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because

¹ Another reading is, the continual burnt offering was taken away from him.

² Or, an host was given to it against the an. Or, an host was set over the an.

³ According to the ancient versions, unto him.

⁴ Heb. justified.

⁵ Heb. understanding.

⁶ Or, where I had stood

⁷ Heb. Jew.

⁸ Or, with his power See ver. 22.

⁹ Or, corrupt to him prove of the an.

¹⁰ Or, but there was more to make it understood

¹¹ Or, to seek after prayer &c.

9 we have sinned against thee. To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses; ¹for we have rebelled ²against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even turning aside, that they should not obey thy voice: therefore hath the curse been poured out upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God; for we have sinned ¹²against him. And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem. As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet have we not intreated the favour of the Lord our God, that we should turn from our iniquities, and ¹⁴have discernment in thy truth. Therefore hath the Lord watched over the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth, and we have not obeyed his voice. And now, O Lord our God, that hast brought thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, we have done ¹⁶wickedly. O Lord, according to all thy righteousness, let thine anger and thy fury, I pray thee, be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain: because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and thy people are become a reproach to ¹⁷all that are round about us. Now therefore, O our God, hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplications, and cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary that is desolate, ¹⁸for the Lord's sake. O my God, incline thine ear, and hear; open thine eyes, and behold our desolations, and the city which is called by thy name: for we do not ¹⁹present our supplications before thee for our righteousnesses, but for thy great mercies. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do; defer not; for thine own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy name. ²⁰And whiles I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy mountain ²¹of my God; yea, whiles I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, ²²being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. And he ²³instructed me, and talked with me, and said, O

Daniel, I am now come forth to make ²³these skillful of understanding. At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment went forth, and I am come to tell thee; for thou art ²⁴greatly beloved: therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision. Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, ²⁵to finish ²⁶transgression, and ²⁷to make an end of sins, and to ²⁸make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and ²⁹prophecy, and to anoint ³⁰the most holy. Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto ³¹the anointed one, the prince, shall be ³²seven weeks: and threescore and two weeks, it shall be built again, with street and moat, even in troublous ³³times. And after the threescore and two weeks shall the anointed one be cut off, and ³⁴shall have nothing: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and ³⁵his end shall be with a flood, and even unto the end shall be ³⁶war; desolations are determined. And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and ³⁷for the half of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the ³⁸oblation to cease; and ³⁹upon the wing of abominations shall come one that maketh desolate; and even unto the consummation, and that determined, shall ⁴⁰wrath be poured out upon the ⁴¹desolator. ⁴²In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, even a great warfare: and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. ⁴³In those days I Daniel was mourning three whole weeks. I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, till three whole weeks were fulfilled. ⁴⁴And in the four and twentieth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the ⁴⁵great river, which is ⁴⁶Hiddekel, I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and behold a man clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz: ⁴⁷his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet like in colour to burnished brass, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. ⁴⁸And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. ⁴⁹So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me: for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no

¹ Or, though

² Or, deal wisely

³ Heb. righteousnesses

⁴ Heb. cause to fulfil
see Jer. xxxvi. 7.

⁵ Or, being sore wearied
⁶ Or, come near unto me
⁷ Or, made me to understand

⁸ Or, very precious
Heb. precious things.

⁹ Or, to restrain
¹⁰ Or, the transgression
¹¹ Another reading is, to seal up.

¹² Or, purge away
¹³ Heb. prophet.
¹⁴ Or, a most holy place

¹⁵ Or, Messiah, the prince
Or, an anointed one, a prince

¹⁶ Or, seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: it shall be so.

¹⁷ Or, there shall be none belonging to him
¹⁸ Or, the end thereof

¹⁹ Or, in the midst of
²⁰ Or, most offering
²¹ Or, upon the pinnacle of abominations shall be so.

²² Or, desolate
²³ That is, T'gria.

9 strength. Yet heard I the voice of his words: and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I fallen into a deep sleep on my face, with my face
10 toward the ground. And, behold, a hand touched me, which ¹set me upon my knees and upon the palms
11 of my hands. And he said unto me, O Daniel, thou man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I now sent: and when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood
12 trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to humble thyself before thy God, thy words were heard: and
13 I am come for thy words' sake. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days; but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me: and I ²remained there
14 with the kings of Persia. Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the latter days: for the vision is yet for many
15 days. And when he had spoken unto me according to these words, I set my face toward the ground, and was dumb.
16 And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I
17 retain no strength. For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither was there breath left in me.
18 Then there touched me again one like the appearance of a man, and he
19 strengthened me. And he said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee, be strong, yea, be strong. And when he spake unto me, I was strengthened, and said, Let my lord speak; for
20 thou hast strengthened me. Then said he, Knowest thou wherefore I am come unto thee? and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: and when I go forth, lo, the prince
21 of Greece shall come. But I will tell thee that which is inscribed in the writing of truth: and there is none that
22 holdeth with me ³against these, but
11 Michael your prince. And as for me, in the first year of Darius the Mede, I stood up to confirm and strengthen him.
2 And now will I shew thee the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia; and the fourth shall be far richer than they all: and when he is waxed strong through his riches, ⁴he shall stir up all
3 against the realm of Greece. And a mighty king shall stand up, that shall rule with great dominion, and do ac-

4 cording to his will. And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken, and shall be divided toward the four winds of heaven; but not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion wherewith he ruled; for his kingdom shall be plucked up, even for others beside these. And the king of the south
7 shall be strong, and one of his princes; and he shall be strong above him, and have dominion; his dominion shall be
6 a great dominion. And at the end of years they shall join themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south shall come to the king of the north to make ⁵an agreement: but she shall not retain the strength of her arm; neither shall he stand, nor his arm; but she shall be given up, and they that brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened
7 her in those times. But out of a shoot from her roots shall one stand up in his ⁶place, which shall come ¹⁰unto the army, and shall enter into the fortresses of the king of the north, and shall deal against them, and shall prevail:
8 and also their gods, with their ¹¹molt-en images, and with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, shall he carry captive into Egypt; and he shall ¹²restrain some years from the king of the
9 north. And he shall come into the realm of the king of the south, but he
10 shall return into his own land. And his sons shall war, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, ¹³which shall come on, and overflow, and pass through: and ¹⁴they shall return and
11 war, even to his fortress. And the king of the south shall be moved with choler, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north: and he shall set forth a great multitude, and the multitude shall be given into
12 his hand. And the multitude shall
13 be lifted up, and his heart shall be exalted: and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail.
13 And the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former; and he shall come on at the end of the times, even ¹⁶of years, with a great army and with much sub-
14 stance. And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the children of the violent among thy people shall lift themselves up to establish the vision; but they
15 shall fall. So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mount, and take ¹⁷a well fenced city: and the arms of the south shall not withstand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to withstand.
16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him: and he shall stand in the glorious land, and in his

1 Or, and the scattering upon etc.

2 Or, was not needed

3 Heb. Javan.

4 Heb. strength- even himself.

5 Or, concerning these things

6 Or, all this shall stir up the realm

7 Or, shall be strong; but one of his princes shall be etc.

8 Or, equitable conditions

9 Or, officer
10 Or, against

11 Or, princes

12 Or, restrain more years than etc.

13 Or, and he

14 Or, he

15 Or, he carried away

16 Or, six

17 Or, the Jewish cities

¹ According to the ancient versions, and shall make equitable conditions with him: and he shall give etc.
² Or, equitable conditions.
³ Or, to destroy it.
⁴ Or, it.
⁵ Or, coast-lands.
⁶ Or, captain.
⁷ Or, office.
⁸ Heb. broken.

⁹ Or, his covenant.

¹⁰ Or, dainties.
¹¹ Heb. break.

17 hand shall be destruction. And he shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, ¹and ²upright ones with him; and he shall do *his pleasure*: and he shall give him the daughter of women, ³to corrupt her; but ⁴she shall not stand, neither 18 be for him. After this shall he turn his face unto the ⁵isles, and shall take many: but a ⁶prince shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; yea, moreover, he shall cause his reproach to 19 turn upon him. Then he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land: but he shall stumble and fall, and 20 shall not be found. Then shall stand up in his ⁷place one that shall cause an exactor to pass through the glory of the kingdom: but within few days he shall be ⁸destroyed, neither in anger, 21 nor in battle. And in his ⁷place shall stand up a contemptible person, to whom they had not given the honour of the kingdom: but he shall come in time of security, and shall obtain the kingdom 22 by flatteries. And with the arms of a flood shall they be swept away from before him, and shall be broken; yea, also 23 the prince of ⁹the covenant. And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully: for he shall come up, and shall become strong, with a small peo- 24 ple. In time of security shall he come even upon the fattest places of the province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; he shall scatter among them prey, and spoil, and substance: yea, he shall devise his devices against the 25 strong holds, even for a time. And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the south with a great army; and the king of the south shall war in battle with an exceeding great and mighty army: but he shall not stand, for they shall devise 26 devices against him. Yea, they that eat of his ¹⁰meat shall ¹¹destroy him, and his army shall overflow: and many 27 shall fall down slain. And as for both these kings, their hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table: but it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time 28 appointed. Then shall he return into his land with great substance; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do *his pleasure*, and 29 return to his own land. At the time appointed he shall return, and come into the south; but it shall not be in the latter time as it was in the former. 30 For ships of Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and shall return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and shall do *his pleasure*: he shall even return, and have regard unto them that for- 31 sake the holy covenant. And arms

shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual burnt offering, and they shall set up the abomination that maketh desolate. 32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he ¹²pervert by flatteries: but the people that know their God 33 shall be strong, and do *exploits*. And ¹³they that be wise among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame, by captivity 34 and by spoil, *many days*. Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall join themselves unto them with flat- 35 teries. And some of ¹⁴them that be wise shall fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for 36 the time appointed. And the king shall do according to his will; and he shall exalt himself, and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvellous things against the God of gods: and he shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that which is de- 37 termined shall be done. Neither shall he regard the gods of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god: for he shall magnify himself above all. 38 But in his ⁷place shall he honour the God of fortresses: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious 39 stones, and pleasant things. And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a strange god; ¹⁵who-soever acknowledgeth *him* he will increase with glory: and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide 40 the land for a price. And at the time of the end shall the king of the south ¹⁶contend with him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and 41 shall overflow and pass through. He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be over- thrown: but these shall be delivered out of his hand, Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. 42 He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of 43 Egypt shall not escape. But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps. 44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy 45 and ¹⁷utterly to make away many. And he shall plant the tents of his palace ¹⁸between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

¹² Heb. make profane.

¹³ Or, the teachers of the people.

¹⁴ Or, the teachers.

¹⁵ Or, whom he shall acknowledge and increase with glory. Or, shall increase glory.
¹⁶ Heb. push at.

¹⁷ Heb. to destroy many.
¹⁸ Or, between the seas at.

12 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on the brink of the river on this side, and the other on the brink of the river on that side. And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was

above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my lord, what shall be the issue of these things? And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are shut up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall purify themselves, and make themselves white, and be refined; but the wicked shall do wickedly; and none of the wicked shall understand: but they that be wise shall understand.

11 And from the time that the continual burnt offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and shalt stand in thy lot, at the end of the days.

2 Or, latter end

1 Or, abhorrence
2 Or, the teachers

HOSEA.

1 THE word of the LORD that came unto Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel.

2 When the LORD spake at the first by Hosea, the LORD said unto Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredom and children of whoredom: for the land doth commit great whoredom, departing from the LORD. So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bare him a son. And the LORD said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will avenge the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease. And it shall come to pass at that day, that I will break the bow of Gomer in the valley of Jezreel. And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And the LORD said unto him, Call her name Lo-ruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel, that I should in any wise pardon them.

7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by bat-

tle, by horses, nor by horsemen. Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. And the LORD said, Call his name Lo-ammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.

10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass that, in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God. And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and shall go up from the land: for great shall be the day of Jezreel. Say ye unto your brethren, ⁶Ammi; and to your sisters, ⁶Ruhamah.

2 Plead with your mother, plead; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband: and let her put away her whoredoms from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts; lest I strip her naked, and set her as in the day that she was born, and make her as a wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst; yea, upon

4 That is, Not my people.
5 Heb. for you.
6 Ch. 1. 1 in Heb.

6 Or, instead of that which was said

7 That is, That hath obtained mercy.

1 Or, with

2 Heb. visit.

3 That is, That hath not obtained mercy.

her children will I have no mercy; for 5 they be children of whoredom. For their mother hath played the harlot: she that conceived them hath done shamefully: for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine 6 oil and my ¹drink. Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and I will make a fence against her, that 7 she shall not find her paths. And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it 8 better with me than now. For she did not know that I gave her the corn, and the wine, and the oil, and multiplied unto her silver and gold, which they 9 used for Baal. Therefore will I ²take back my corn in the time thereof, and my wine in the season thereof, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness. 10 And now will I discover her ³lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none 11 shall deliver her out of mine hand. I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feasts, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her ⁴solemn assemblies. 12 And I will lay waste her vines and her fig trees, whereof she hath said, These are my hire that my lovers have given me: and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. 13 And I will visit upon her the days of the Baalim, ⁵unto which she burned incense; when she decked herself with her ⁶earrings and her jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, 14 saith the LORD. Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak ⁷comfortably 15 unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of ⁸Achor for a door of hope: and she shall ⁹make answer there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of E- 16 gypt. And it shall be at that day, saith the LORD, that thou shalt call me ¹⁰Iah; 17 and shalt call me no more ¹¹Baali. For I will take away the names of the Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more 18 be ¹²mentioned by their name. And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the land, and will make them 19 to lie down safely. And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in judgement, and in lovingkind- 20 ness, and in mercies. I will even be- troth thee unto me in faithfulness: and 21 thou shalt know the LORD. And it shall

come to pass in that day, I will answer, saith the LORD, I will answer the hea- vens, and they shall answer the earth; 22 and the earth shall answer the corn, and the wine, and the oil; and they shall 23 answer ¹⁴Jezebel. And I will sow her unto me in the ¹⁵earth; and I will have mercy upon ¹⁶her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to ¹⁷them which were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, *Thou art my God.* 3 And the LORD said unto me, Go yet, love a woman beloved ¹⁸of her friend and an adulteress, even as the LORD loveth the children of Israel, though they turn unto other gods, and 2 ¹⁹love cakes of raisins. So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and an homer of barley, and an ²⁰half 3 homer of barley: and I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be any man's wife: so will I 4 also be toward thee. For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without ²¹pillar, 5 and without ephod or teraphim: after- ward shall the children of Israel re- turn, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall come with fear unto the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

4 Hear the word of the LORD, ye chil- dren of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in 2 the land. There is nought but swearing and breaking faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood toucheth blood. 3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field and the fowls of heaven; yea, the fishes of 4 the sea also shall be taken away. Yet let no man strive, neither let any man reprove; for thy people are as they 5 that strive with the priest. And thou shalt stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with thee in the night; and I will destroy thy mother. 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, ²²I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, 7 I also will forget thy children. As they were multiplied, so they sinned against me: I will change their glory into shame. 8 They feed on the sin of my people, and 9 set their heart on their iniquity. And it shall be, like people, like priest: and I will punish them for their ways, and will 10 reward them their doings. And they shall eat, and not have enough; they shall commit whoredom, and shall not

¹ Heb. drinks.

² Or, made into the image of Baal.
³ Or, return, and take away.
⁴ Or, shame.

⁵ Or, appointed feasts.

⁶ Or, where- in she burned incense to them.
⁷ Or, comfort- ings.
⁸ Heb. to her heart.

⁹ That is, Trou- bling. See Josh. vii. 25.
¹⁰ Or, sing.
¹¹ That is, My husband.
¹² That is, My mother.
¹³ Or, remem- bered.

¹⁴ That is, Whom God loveth.
¹⁵ Or, land.
¹⁶ Heb. Jeze- bael.
¹⁷ Heb. Lo-am- mi. See ch. i. 6, 9, 10.
¹⁸ Or, of her hus- band, yet an etc.
¹⁹ Or, them that love.
²⁰ Heb. I will seek.

²¹ Or, obelisk.

²² Accord- ing to another reading, I have rejected.

increase: because they have left off to
 11 take heed to the LORD. Whoredom and
 wine and new wine take away the ¹un-
 12 derstanding. My people ask counsel at
 their stock, and their staff declareth un-
 to them: for the spirit of whoredom hath
 caused them to err, and they have gone
 13 a whoring from under their God. They
 sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains,
 and burn incense upon the hills, under
 oaks and poplars and terebinths, because
 the shadow thereof is good: therefore
 your daughters commit whoredom, and
 14 your ²brides commit adultery. I will
 not punish your daughters when they
 commit whoredom, nor your ²brides
 when they commit adultery; for they
 themselves go apart with whores, and
 they sacrifice with the ³harlots: and
 the people that doth not understand
 15 shall be overthrown. Though thou,
 Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Ju-
 dah ⁴offend; and come not ye unto Gil-
 gal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven, nor
 16 swear. As the LORD liveth. For Israel
 hath behaved himself stubbornly, like
 a stubborn heifer: now will the LORD
 feed them as a lamb in a large place.
 17 Ephraim is joined to idols; let him
 18 alone. ⁵Their drink is become sour:
 they commit whoredom continually;
 19 ⁶her ⁷rulers dearly love shame. The
 wind hath wrapped her up in its ⁸wings;
 and ⁹they shall be ashamed because of
 their sacrifices.
 5 Hear this, O ye priests, and hearken,
 ye house of Israel, and give ear, O house
 of the king, for ¹⁰unto you pertaineth
 the judgement; for ye have been a snare
 at ¹¹Manassah, and a net spread upon Ta-
 2 bor. And the revolvers are gone deep
 11 in making slaughter; but I am ¹²a re-
 buker of them all. I know Ephraim, and
 Israel is not hid from me: for now, O
 Ephraim, thou hast committed whore-
 4 dom, Israel is defiled. ¹³Their doings
 will not suffer them to turn unto their
 God: for the spirit of whoredom is
 14 within them, and they know not the
 5 LORD. And the ¹⁵pride of Israel doth
 testify to his face: therefore Israel and
 Ephraim shall stumble in their iniquity;
 Judah also shall stumble with them.
 6 They shall go with their flocks and with
 their herds to seek the LORD; but they
 shall not find him: he hath withdrawn
 7 himself from them. They have dealt
 treacherously against the LORD; for
 they have ¹⁶borne strange children:
 now shall ¹⁷the new moon devour them
 with their ¹⁸fields.
 8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and
 the trumpet in Ramah: sound an
 alarm at Beth-aven; ¹⁹behind thee, O
 9 Benjamin. Ephraim shall become a
 desolation in the day of rebuke: among
 the tribes of Israel have I made known
 10 that which shall surely be. The princes
 of Judah are like them that remove the

landmark: I will pour out my wrath
 11 upon them like water. Ephraim is op-
 pressed, he is crushed in judgement;
 because he was content to walk after
 12 ²⁰the command. ²¹Therefore am I unto
 Ephraim as a moth, and to the house
 13 of Judah as rottenness. When Ephraim
 saw his sickness, and Judah saw his
 wound, then went Ephraim to Assyria,
 and sent to ²²king Jareb: but he is not
 able to heal you, neither shall he cure
 14 you of your wound. For I will be
 unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young
 lion to the house of Judah: I, even I,
 will tear and go away; I will carry
 off, and there shall be none to deliver.
 15 I will go and return to my place, till
 they ²³acknowledge their offence, and
 seek my face: in their affliction they
 will seek me ²⁴earnestly.
 6 Come, and let us return unto the
 LORD: for he hath torn, and he will
 heal us; he hath smitten, and he will
 2 bind us up. After two days will he
 revive us: on the third day he will
 raise us up, and we shall live before
 3 him. And let us know, let us follow
 on to know the LORD; his going forth
 is sure as the morning; and he shall
 come unto us as the rain, as the latter
 rain that watereth the earth.
 4 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto
 thee? O Judah, what shall I do un-
 to thee? for your ²⁵goodness is as a
 morning cloud, and as the dew that
 5 goeth early away. Therefore have I
 hewed them by the prophets; I have
 slain them by the words of my mouth:
²⁶and thy judgements are as the light
 6 that goeth forth. For I desire ²⁷mercy,
 and not sacrifice; and the knowledge
 of God more than burnt offerings.
 7 But they ²⁸like ²⁹Adam have trans-
 gressed the covenant: there have they
 8 dealt treacherously against me. Gile-
 ad is a city of them that work iniqui-
 9 ty, it is stained with blood. ³⁰And
 as troops of robbers wait for a man,
 so the company of priests murder in the
 way toward Shechem: yea, they have
 10 committed lewdness. In the house
 of Israel I have seen an horrible thing:
 there whoredom is ³¹found in Ephraim.
 11 Israel is defiled. Also, O Judah, there
 is an harvest appointed for thee, when
 I bring again the captivity of my
 people.
 7 When I would heal Israel, then is
 the iniquity of Ephraim discovered,
 and the wickedness of Samaria; for
 they commit falsehood: and the thief
 entereth in, and the troop of robbers
 2 spoileth without. And they con-
 sider not in their hearts that I re-
 member all their wickedness: now
 have their own doings beset them ab-
 3 out; they are before my face. They
 make the king glad with their wick-
 edness, and the princes with their

¹ Heb.
heart.

² Or,
daughters
in
law

³ See
Deut.
xxii. 17.

⁴ Or,
become
guilty

⁵ Or,
Their
carousals
are
over

⁶ Or,
they are
given up
to love;
her
rulers are
a
shame

⁷ Heb.
whirls.

⁸ Or,
skirts

⁹ Or, as
otherwise
read,
their
altars
shall be
put to
shame

¹⁰ Or,
against
you is the
judgment

¹¹ Or,
cor-
ruption

¹² Heb. ¹³
rebuke.

¹³ Or,
They
will not
frame
their
doings

¹⁴ Or,
in the
midst of

¹⁵ Or, ac-
cidentally

¹⁶ Or,
begotten

¹⁷ Or,
a month

¹⁸ Heb.
portions.

¹⁹ Or,
After
thee, Ben-
jamin

²⁰ See Judg.
v. 14.

²⁰ The
Sept. and
Syriac
have,
cousins.

²¹ Or,
I and I
was

²² Or, a
king that
should
contain

²³ Or,
have
borne
their
guilt

²⁴ Or,
earnest-
ly,
saying,

²⁵ Or,
kindness

²⁶ Accord-
ing to
some
ancient
versions,
and my
judgments
goeth
forth
as the
light.

²⁷ Or,
as was that
have
trans-
gressed
a com-
mand

²⁸ Or,
more

²⁹ Or,
And as
robbers
lying in
wait, as
etc.

³⁰ Or,
make
a raid

4 lies. They are all adulterers; they are as an oven heated by the baker; he ceaseth to stir the fire, from the kneading of the dough until it be leavened. On the day of our king the princes ¹made ²themselves sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with scorners.

6 For they have ¹made ready their heart like an oven, whiles they lie in wait: ⁴their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire.

7 They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me. Ephraim, he mixeth himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not; yea, gray hairs are ⁴here and there upon him, and he knoweth it not. And the ⁶pride of Israel doth testify to his face: yet they have not returned unto the Lord their God, nor sought him, for all this. And Ephraim is like a silly dove, without ⁷understanding: they call unto Egypt, ¹²they go to Assyria. When they shall go, I will spread my net upon them; I will bring them down as the fowls of the heaven: I will chastise them, ⁸as their congregation hath heard. Woe unto them! for they have wandered from me; destruction unto them! for they have trespassed against me: though I would redeem them, yet they have spoken lies ¹⁴against me. And they have not cried unto me with their heart, but they howl upon their beds: ⁹they assemble themselves for corn and wine, they rebel against me. Though I have ¹⁰taught and strengthened their arms, yet do they imagine mischief against me. They return, but not to him that is on high; they are like a deceitful bow: their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue: this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

8 ¹¹Set the trumpet to thy mouth. As an eagle he cometh against the house of the Lord: because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. They shall cry unto me, My God, we Israel know thee. Israel hath cast off that which is good: the enemy shall pursue him. They have set up kings, but not by me; ¹²they have made princes, and I knew it not: of their silver and their gold have they made them ⁵idols, that they may be cut off. He hath cast off thy calf, O Samaria; mine anger is kindled against them: how long will it be ere they attain to innocency? For from Israel is even this; the workman made it, and it is no God: yea, the calf of Samaria shall be broken in pieces. For they sow the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind: ¹³he hath no standing corn; the blade shall yield no meal; if so be it yield, strangers shall swallow it up. Israel is swallowed up: now are

they among the nations as a vessel wherein is no pleasure. For they are gone up to Assyria, like a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired ¹⁴lovers. Yea, though they hire among the nations, now will I gather them; and they ¹⁵begin to be diminished by reason of the burden of the ¹⁶king of princes.

11 Because Ephraim hath multiplied altars to sin, altars have been unto him ¹²to sin. ¹⁷Though I write for him my law in ten thousand precepts, they are ¹³counted as a strange thing. As for the sacrifices of mine offerings, they sacrifice flesh and eat it; but the Lord accepteth them not: now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their ¹⁴sins; they shall return to Egypt. For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and builded ¹⁵palaces; and Judah hath multiplied fenced cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the ¹⁶castles thereof.

9 Rejoice not, O Israel, ²⁰for joy, like the peoples; ²¹for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God, thou hast loved hire ²upon every corner floor. The threshing-floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail her.

3 They shall not dwell in the Lord's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean food in Assyria.

4 They shall not pour out wine offerings to the Lord, ²²neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted: for their bread shall be for their appetite; it shall not come into the ⁵house of the Lord. What will ye do in the day of solemn assembly, and in the ⁶day of the feast of the Lord? For, lo, they are gone away from destruction, yet Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them: their pleasant things of silver, nettles shall possess them: thorns shall be in their tents.

7 The days of recompence are come; Israel shall know it: the prophet is a fool, the man that hath the spirit is mad, for the multitude of thine iniquity, and ⁸because the enmity is great. Ephraim ²³was a watchman with my God: as for the prophet, a fowler's snare is in all his ways, and enmity in the house of ⁹his God. They have deeply corrupted themselves, as in the days of Gibeah: he will remember their iniquity, he ¹⁰will visit their sins. I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness; I saw your fathers as the firstripe in the fig tree at her first season: but they came to Baal-peor, and ²⁴consecrated themselves unto the ²⁵shameful thing, and became abominable like that which ¹¹they loved. As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird: there shall be no birth, and none with child, and

¹ According to many ancient versions, began to be heated with wine.

¹⁰ Or, him

² Heb. brought near.

⁴ According to some ancient versions, their anger.

⁶ Heb. sprinkled.

⁸ Or, exultation

⁷ Heb. hurt.

⁹ Or, when the report cometh to their congregation

¹⁰ According to some ancient authorities, they cut themselves.

¹⁸ Or, chastened them

¹¹ Or, The trumpet to thy mouth! As an eagle against the house of the Lord!

¹² Or, they have removed them

¹⁸ Or, it hath no stalk

¹⁴ Heb. loves.

¹⁵ Or, as otherwise read, shall sorrow a little or, for a little while

¹⁶ See Isa. x.

Many ancient authorities have, king and prince.

¹⁷ Or, I wrote for him the ten thousand things of my law, but they do.

¹⁸ Or, temples

¹⁹ Or, palaces

²⁰ Or, unto exultation

²¹ Or, that

²² Or, neither shall their sacrifices be pleasing unto him: their bread shall be unto them etc.

²³ Or, watcheth against

²⁴ Or, so

²⁵ Heb. shame.

12 no conception. Though they bring up their children, yet will I bereave them, that there be not a man left: yea, we also to them when I depart from them!

13 Ephraim, ¹like as I have seen Tyre, is planted in a pleasant place: but Ephraim shall bring out his children to the slayer. Give them, O LORD: what wilt thou give? give them a miscarry-

15 ing womb and dry breasts. All their wickedness is in Gilgal: for there I hated them: because of the wickedness of their doings I will drive them out of mine house: I will love them no more; all their princes are revolt-

16 ers. Ephraim is smitten, their root is dried up, they shall bear no fruit: yea, though they bring forth, yet will I slay the beloved fruit of their womb.

17 My God will cast them away, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

10 Israel is a luxuriant vine, which putteth forth his fruit: according to the multitude of his fruit he hath multiplied his altars; according to the ²goodness of his land they have made goodly

2 ³pillars. ⁴Their heart is ⁵divided: now shall they be found guilty: he shall smite their altars, he shall spoil their

3 ⁶pillars. Surely now shall they say, We have no king: for we fear not the LORD; and the king, what can he do for

4 us? They speak vain words, ⁶swearing falsely in making covenants: therefore judgement ⁷springeth up as ⁸hem-

5 lock in the furrows of the field. The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in terror for the calves of Beth-aven: for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and

6 the priests thereof that rejoiced over it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it. It also shall be carried

unto Assyria for a present to ¹⁰king Jareb: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own

7 counsel. ¹¹As for Samaria, her king is cut off, as ¹²foam upon the water. The high places also of Aven, the sin of

Israel, shall be destroyed: the thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mount-

ains, Cover us; and to the hills, Fall on us. O Israel, thou hast sinned

13 from the days of Gibeah: ¹⁴there they stood; ¹⁵that the battle against the children of iniquity should not

10 overtake them in Gibeah. When it is my desire, I will chastise them; and the peoples shall be gathered

against them, when they are ¹⁶bound to their two transgressions. And Ephraim is an heifer that is taught, that loveth to tread out the corn; but I have

passed over upon her fair neck: I will set a rider on Ephraim; Judah shall plow, Jacob shall break his clods. Sow

to yourselves in righteousness, reap

according to mercy; break up your fallow ground: for it is time to seek the LORD, till he come and ¹⁶rain right-

18 eousness upon you. Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of ¹⁹lies: for

thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. There-

fore shall a tumult arise ²⁰among thy ²¹people, and all thy fortresses shall be spoiled, as Shalman spoiled Beth-arbel

in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces with her children.

15 ²²So shall Beth-el do unto you because of your great wickedness: at daybreak shall the king of Israel be utterly cut off.

11 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. As they called them, so they went from them: they sacrificed unto the Baalim,

and burned incense to graven images. Yet I taught Ephraim to know; ²³I took them

on my arms; but they knew not that I healed them. I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was

to them as they that take off the yoke on their jaws, and I laid meat before them. He shall not return unto the land of

5 Egypt; but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. And the sword shall ²⁴fall upon his

cities, and shall consume his bars, and devour them, because of their own counsels. And my people are bent to

backsliding from me: though they call them to *him that is on high*, none at all will ²⁵exalt him. How shall I give

thee up, Israel? how shall I deliver thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zeboim?

mine heart is turned within me, my compassions are kindled together. I will not execute the fierceness of mine

anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; and I will not ²⁶enter into the city.

10 They shall walk after the LORD, who shall roar like a lion: for he shall roar, and the children shall come trem-

11 bling from the west. They shall come trembling as a bird out of Egypt; and as a dove out of the land of Assyria: and I will make them to dwell in their

houses, saith the LORD. Ephraim compasseth me about with falsehood, and the house of Israel with

deceit: ²⁷but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the Holy One. Ephraim feedeth on wind, and

12 followeth after the east wind: he continually multiplieth lies and desolation; and they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried into Egypt.

2 The LORD hath also a controversy with Judah, and will ²⁸punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his

3 doings will he recompense him. In the

¹ Or, as I have seen, is like Tyre, that is planted, &c.

³ Or, pillars, parity

⁵ Or, obelisks

⁶ Or, He hath divided their heart

⁸ Or, smooth

⁹ Or, they swear falsely, they make covenants

¹⁰ Or, spring up

¹¹ Or, rough

¹² Or, foam

¹³ Or, cut off

¹⁴ Or, there they stood

¹⁵ Or, there they stood

¹⁶ Or, bound

¹⁷ Or, bound

¹⁸ Or, bound

¹⁹ Or, bound

²⁰ Or, bound

²¹ Or, bound

²² Or, bound

²³ Or, bound

²⁴ Or, bound

¹⁵ Or, teach you right-cousness

¹⁶ Or, falsehood

¹⁷ Or, against

¹⁸ Heb. people

¹⁹ Or, shall it be done

²⁰ Heb. he took them on his arms

²¹ Or, shall it be done

²² Or, shall it be done

²³ Heb. he took them on his arms

²⁴ Or, shall it be done

²⁵ Or, shall it be done

²⁶ Or, shall it be done

²⁷ Or, shall it be done

²⁸ Or, shall it be done

²⁹ Or, shall it be done

³⁰ Or, shall it be done

³¹ Or, shall it be done

³² Or, shall it be done

³³ Or, shall it be done

³⁴ Or, shall it be done

³⁵ Or, shall it be done

³⁶ Or, shall it be done

³⁷ Or, shall it be done

³⁸ Or, shall it be done

³⁹ Or, shall it be done

⁴⁰ Or, shall it be done

⁴¹ Or, shall it be done

⁴² Or, shall it be done

⁴³ Or, shall it be done

⁴⁴ Or, shall it be done

⁴⁵ Or, shall it be done

womb he took his brother by the heel; and in his ¹manhood he ²had power with God: yea, he had power over the angel, and prevailed: he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him at Beth-el, and there he spake with us; ³even the LORD, the God of hosts; ⁴the LORD is his memorial. Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep mercy and judgement, and wait on thy God continually.

⁵*He is* ^{5a} a trafficker, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to ⁶oppress. And Ephraim said, Surely I am become rich, I have found me wealth: in all my labours they shall find in me none iniquity that were sin. But I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt; I will yet again make thee to dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn feast. I have also spoken unto the prophets, and I have multiplied visions;

and ⁷by the ministry of the prophets I have used similitudes. Is Gilead iniquity? they are altogether vanity; in Gilgal they sacrifice bullocks: yea, their altars ⁸are as heaps in the furrows of the field. And Jacob fled into the field of Aram, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept ⁹sheep. And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel up out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he ⁹preserved.

Ephraim hath provoked to anger most bitterly: therefore shall his blood be left upon him, and his reproach shall his LORD return unto him.

¹⁰When Ephraim ^{10a}spake, there was trembling; he exalted himself in Israel: but when he ¹¹offended in Baal, he died.

²And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, even idols according to their own understanding, all of them the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let ¹²the men that sacrifice kiss the

calves. Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the dew that passeth early away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the threshing-floor, and as the smoke out of

the chimney. Yet I am the LORD thy God from the land of Egypt; and thou ¹³shalt know no god but me, and beside

me there is no saviour. I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted: therefore

have they forgotten me. Therefore am I unto them as a lion: as a leopard

will I watch by the way: I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart: and there will I devour them

like a lion; the wild beast shall tear them. ¹⁴It is thy destruction, O Israel,

¹⁵that thou art against me, against thy help. Where now is thy king, that he

may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges, of whom thou saidst, Give me

a king and princes? I have given thee a king in mine anger, and have taken

him away in my wrath. The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is laid

up in store. The sorrows of a travelling woman shall come upon him: he is an

unwise son; ¹⁶for it is time he should not tarry in the place of the breaking

forth of children. I will ransom them from the ¹⁷power of ¹⁸the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death,

where are thy plagues? O ¹⁹grave, where is thy destruction? repentance

shall be hid from mine eyes. Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an

east wind shall come, the ²⁰breath of the LORD coming up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry,

and his fountain shall be dried up: ²¹he shall spoil the treasure of all pleasant

vessels. Samaria shall ²²bear her guilt; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword; their

infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be

ripped up.

¹⁴O Israel, return unto the LORD thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine

iniquity. Take with you words, and return unto the LORD: say unto him,

Take away all iniquity, and ²³accept that which is good: so will we render

²⁴as bullocks the offering of our lips. ⁸Asshur shall not save us; we will not

ride upon horses: neither will we say any more to the work of our hands, Ye

are our gods: for in thee the fatherless

findeth mercy. I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for

mine anger is turned away from him.

⁵I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth

his roots as Lebanon. His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be

as the olive tree, and his smell as Lebanon. They that dwell under his

shadow shall return; they shall revive as the corn, and blossom as the vine:

²⁵the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. ²⁶Ephraim shall say, What

have I to do any more with idols? I have answered, and will regard him:

I am like a green fir tree; from me is thy fruit found. Who is wise, and he

shall understand these things? prudent, and he shall know them? for the

ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them; but transgressors shall fall therein.

Or, strength
10 Or, stress

10 Or, for the LORD is the God of hosts

10 Or, As for Damascus, the etc.

10 Or, a Damascus-like Heb. Damascus. 10 Or, depressed

7 Heb. by the hand.

10 Or, shall be

9 Or, kept

10 Or, spake with trembling etc.

11 Or, become guilty

12 Or, the sacrifices of men

13 Or, increased

14 Or, Thou art destroyed, O Israel; for thou etc.

15 Or, for me, in thy help. Or, but for me is thy help. Some ancient versions have, who shall help?

16 Or, when it is time, he standeth not in it.

17 Heb. hand.

18 Heb. shoot.

19 Or, I will be

20 Or, wind

21 Or, it

[Ch. xiv. 1 in Heb.]

22 Or, become desolate.

23 Or, receive us graciously

24 The Sept. and Syriac have, the fruit of our lips.

25 Or, his memorial

26 Or, O Ephraim, what etc.

JOEL.

1 THE word of the LORD that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or in the days

3 of your fathers? Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another

4 generation. That which ¹the palmerworm hath left hath ¹the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath ¹the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath ¹the caterpillar eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and howl, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine; for it is cut off

6 from your mouth. For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number; his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the jaw

7 teeth of a great lion. He hath laid my vine waste, and ²barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it ²a-

8 way; the branches thereof are made white. Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth.

9 The meal offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's minis-

10 ters, mourn. The field is wasted, the land mourneth; for the corn is wasted, the new wine is ⁴dried up, the oil lan-

11 guisheth. ⁴Be ashamed, O ye husbandmen, howl, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; for the

12 harvest of the field is perished. The vine is ⁴withered, and the fig tree languisheth; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, even

all the trees of the field are withered: for joy is ⁴withered away from the sons

13 of men. Gird yourselves with sackcloth, and lament, ye priests; howl, ye ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meal offering and the

14 drink offering is withholden from the house of your God. Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the ⁶old men

and all the inhabitants of the land unto the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD. Alas for the day!

for the day of the LORD is at hand, and as destruction from ⁷the Almighty shall it come. Is not the meat cut off

before our eyes, yea, joy and gladness from the house of our God? The seeds ⁸rot under their clods; the garners are

laid desolate, the barns are broken down; for the corn is ⁸withered. How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle

are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep ⁹are made

15 desolate. O LORD, to thee do I cry: for the fire hath devoured the ¹⁰pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath

20 burned all the trees of the field. Yea, the beasts of the field pant unto thee: for the water brooks are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the ¹⁰pastures

of the wilderness.

2 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble:

for the day of the LORD cometh, ²for it is nigh at hand; a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as the dawn spread

upon the mountains; a great people and a strong, there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after

them, even to the years of many generations. A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before

them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and none hath escaped

4 them. The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as ¹¹horsemen, so do they run. Like the noise of

5 chariots on the tops of the mountains do they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a

6 strong people set in battle array. At their presence the peoples are in anguish: all faces are waxed pale. They

run like mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war; and they march every one on his ways, and they break

8 not their ranks. Neither doth one thrust another; they march every one in his path: and ¹²they burst through the weapons, and ¹²break not off their

9 course. They leap upon the city; they run upon the wall; they climb up into the houses; they enter in at the wind-

10 ows like a thief. The earth quaketh before them; the heavens tremble: the sun and the moon are darkened, and

11 the stars withdraw their shining: and the LORD uttereth his voice before his army; for his camp is very great; for he is strong that executeth his word:

for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?

12 Yet even now, saith the LORD, turn ye unto me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with

13 mourning: and rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the LORD your God: for he is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger, and

plenteous in mercy, and repenteth

⁹ Or, suffer punishment
¹⁰ Or, fields

¹¹ Or, horses

¹² Or, when they fall around the weapons, they do not
¹³ Or, are not wounded

¹ Probably, different kinds of locusts, or locusts in different stages of growth.

² Or, broken
³ Or, down

⁴ Or, ashamed
⁵ Or, The husbandmen are ashamed, the vinedressers howl

⁶ Or, elders

⁷ Heb. Medadim.

⁸ Or, shrivel

14 him of the evil. Who knoweth whether he will not turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meal offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a 16 fast, call a solemn assembly: gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the ¹old men, gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O LORD, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the nations should ²rule over them: wherefore should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?

18 Then was the LORD jealous for his land, 19 and had pity on his people. And the LORD answered and said unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you 20 a reproach among the nations: but I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, ³his forepart ⁴into the eastern sea, and his hinder part ⁴into the western sea; and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things. Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice; for 22 the LORD hath done great things. Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their 23 strength. Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he giveth you the former rain ⁵in just measure, and he causeth to come down for you the rain, the former rain and the latter rain, ⁶in the 24 first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fats shall overflow 25 with wine and oil. And I will restore to you the years that ⁷the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great 26 army which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed. And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and there is none else: and my people shall never be ashamed. 28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young 29 men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

80 And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, 31 and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible 32 day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, as the LORD hath said, and ⁸among the remnant those whom the LORD doth call. For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into ⁹the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. 3 And they have cast lots for my people: and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they 4 might drink. Yea, and what are ye to me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all the regions of Philistia? ¹⁰will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your ¹¹recompence upon your own head. 5 Forasmuch as ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly pleasant things; 6 the children also of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the sons of the Grecians, that ye might remove them far from their border: behold, I will stir them up out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your ¹²recompence upon your own head; and I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the men of Sheba, to a nation far off: for the LORD hath spoken it. 9 Proclaim ye this among the nations; ¹³prepare war: stir up the mighty men; let all the men of war draw near, let 10 them come up. Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. 11 ¹⁴Haste ye, and come, all ye nations round about, and gather yourselves together: thither cause thy mighty ones 12 to come down, O LORD. Let the nations bestir themselves, and come up to the valley of ¹⁵Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about. 13 Put ye in the sickle, for the ¹⁶harvest is ripe: come, ¹⁷tread ye; for the winepress is full, the fats overflow; for 14 their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! for the day of the LORD is near in the 15 valley of decision. The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withhold their shining. And the LORD shall roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens

¹ Or, elders

² Or, was a byword against them

³ Or, with his forepart
⁴ Or, toward

⁵ Or, in (or for) right-
assessments
⁶ Or, at the first

⁷ See ch. i. 4.

[Ch. III. 1
in Heb.]

⁸ Or, in the remnant whom
do. [Ch. iv. 1
in Heb.]

⁹ See ver. 12.

¹⁰ Or, will ye repay a deed of mine, or will ye do ought unto me? swiftly
do.

¹³ Heb. sanctify.

¹³ Or, Assemble yourselves

¹⁴ That is, The LORD
Judg. 14. 14 Or, vintage
15 Or, get you down

and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be a refuge unto his people, and a strong hold to the children of Israel.
 17 So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God, dwelling in Zion my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall flow with

waters; and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water
 19 the valley of Shittim. Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence done to the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their
 20 land. But Judah shall abide for ever, and Jerusalem from generation
 21 to generation. And I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

¹ That is, the valley of Shittim.

² Or, to be inhabited.
³ Or, hold as Damascus.

AMOS.

1 THE words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziah king of Judah, and in the days of Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

2 And he said, The LORD shall roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall wither.

3 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Damascus, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron: but I will send a fire into the house of Hazael, and it shall devour

4 the palaces of Ben-hadad. And I will break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the inhabitant from the valley of Aven, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of Eden: and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith the LORD.

6 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Gaza, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they carried away captive the whole people, to deliver them up to Edom: but I will send a fire on the wall of Gaza, and it shall devour the

8 palaces thereof: and I will cut off the inhabitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the sceptre from Ashkelon; and I will turn mine hand against Ekron, and the remnant of the Philistines shall perish, saith the Lord God.

9 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Tyre, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole people to Edom, and remembered not

10 the brotherly covenant: but I will send a fire on the wall of Tyre, and it shall devour the palaces thereof.

11 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Edom, yea, for four, I

will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he did pursue his brother with the sword, and did cast off all pity, and his anger did tear perpetually, and he kept his wrath for ever:

12 but I will send a fire upon Teman, and it shall devour the palaces of Bozrah.

13 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of the children of Ammon, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have ripped up the women with child of Gilead, that they might enlarge

14 their border: but I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rabbah, and it shall devour the palaces thereof, with shouting in the day of battle, with a tem-

15 pest in the day of the whirlwind: and their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, saith the LORD.

2 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Moab, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because he burned the bones of the

2 king of Edom into lime: but I will send a fire upon Moab, and it shall devour the palaces of Kerioth; and Moab shall die with tumult, with shouting, and with

8 the sound of the trumpet: and I will cut off the judge from the midst thereof, and will slay all the princes thereof with him, saith the LORD.

4 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Judah, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have rejected the law of the LORD, and have not kept his statutes, and their lies have caused them to err, after the which their fathers

5 did walk: but I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

6 Thus saith the LORD: For three transgressions of Israel, yea, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy

¹⁰ Heb. corrupt of his countenance.

¹ See Zech. xiv. 5.

² Or, habitations.

³ Or, revokes my word.
⁴ Heb. it (and so in vv. 4, 5, etc.).

⁵ Or, him that sitteth on the throne (and so in ver. 8).

⁶ That is, Fenity. The Sept. reads, On.

⁷ Or, Beth-edom.

⁸ Heb. an entire captivity.

⁹ Heb. the covenant of brethren. See 1 Kings v. 11-14.

7 for a pair of shoes: that pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father will go unto the same maid, to profane my holy name: and they lay themselves down beside every altar upon clothes taken in pledge, and in the house of their God they drink the wine of such as have been fined. Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith the LORD.

12 But ye gave the Nazirites wine to drink; and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophecy not. Behold, I will press you in your place, as a cart presseth that is full of sheaves. And fight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his force, neither shall the mighty deliver himself: neither shall he stand that handleth the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver himself: neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver himself; and he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith the LORD.

3 Hear this word that the LORD hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will visit upon you all your iniquities.

3 Shall two walk together, except they have agreed? Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken nothing? Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is set for him? shall a snare spring up from the ground, and have taken nothing at all? Shall the trumpet be blown in a city, and the people not be afraid? shall evil befall a city, and the LORD hath not done it? Surely the LORD God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the LORD God hath spoken, who can but prophesy?

9 Publish ye in the palaces at Ashdod, and in the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold what great tumults are therein, and what oppressions in the midst thereof. For they know not to do right, saith the LORD, who store up

violence and robbery in their palaces.

11 Therefore thus saith the LORD God: An adversary there shall be, even round about the land: and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be spoiled. Thus saith the LORD. As the shepherd rescueth out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be rescued that sit in Samaria in the corner of a couch, and on the silken cushions of a bed. Hear ye, and testify against the house of Jacob, saith the LORD God, the God of hosts. For in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Beth-el, and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. And I will smite the winter house with the summer house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith the LORD.

4 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, which oppress the poor, which crush the needy, which say unto their lords, Bring, and let us drink. The LORD God hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that they shall take you away with hooks, and your residue with fish hooks. And ye shall go out at the breaches, every one straight before her; and ye shall cast yourselves into Harmon, saith the LORD.

4 Come to Beth-el, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes every three days; and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings and publish them: for this liketh you, O ye children of Israel, saith the LORD God. And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. And I also have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city; one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. So two or three cities wandered unto one city to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees hath the palmerworm devoured: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

10 LORD. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have carried away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camp to come up even into your

1 Or, young women

2 See Ex. xiii. 24.

3 Or, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves

4 Or, refuge shall fail the swift

5 Heb. his soul, or, life.

6 Or, made an appointment

7 Or, upon

8 According to some ancient versions and MSS. in Damascus on a bed.

9 See Jer xxxvi. 22. 10 See Jer. lxxiii. 24. 11 Or, many

12 The ancient versions vary in their rendering of this clause. The text is probably corrupt. 13 Heb. offer by burning.

14 Heb. with the captivity of your horses.

nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have overthrown *some* among you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a brand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare 18 to meet thy God, O Israel. For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth; the LORD, the God of hosts, is his name.

5 Hear ye this word which I take up for a lamentation over you, O house of 2 Israel. The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she ¹is cast down upon her land; there is none 8 to raise her up. For thus saith the Lord God: The city that went forth a thousand shall have an hundred left, and that which went forth an hundred shall have ten left, to the house of Israel. For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye 5 shall live: but seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall ²come to 6 nought. Seek the LORD, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour and there 7 be none to quench it in Beth-el: ye who turn judgement to wormwood, and cast 8 down righteousness to the earth: seek him that maketh the Pleiades and Orion, and turneth ³the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; the LORD is his name; 9 that ⁴bringeth sudden destruction upon the strong, so that destruction cometh 10 upon the fortress. They hate him that reproveth in the gate, and they abhor 11 him that speaketh uprightly. Forasmuch therefore as ye trample upon the poor, and take exactions from him of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink the wine thereof. 12 For I know how manifold are your transgressions and how mighty are your sins; ye that afflict the just, that take a bribe, and that turn aside the needy in the gate *from their right*. 13 Therefore he that is prudent shall keep silence in such a time; for it is an evil 14 time. Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live: and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as ye say. 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgement in the gate: it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore thus saith the LORD, the God of hosts, the LORD: Wailing shall be in all the broad ways; and they shall say in all the streets, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, ⁵and such as are skilful of lamentation 17 to wailing. And in all vineyards shall be wailing: for I will pass through the 18 midst of thee, saith the LORD. Woe unto you that desire the day of the LORD! wherefore would ye have the day of the LORD? it is darkness, and not 19 light. As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; ⁶or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, 20 and a serpent bit him. Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in 21 it? I hate, I despise your feasts, and I ⁷will take no delight in your solemn 22 assemblies. Yea, though ye offer me ⁸your burnt offerings and meal offerings, I will not accept them: neither will I regard the ⁹peace offerings of 23 your fat beasts. Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will 24 not hear the melody of thy viols. But let judgement roll down as waters, and righteousness as a ¹⁰mighty stream. 25 Did ye bring unto me sacrifices and 11 offerings in the wilderness forty years, 26 O house of Israel? Yea, ye ¹¹have borne ¹²Sicthon your king and ¹³Chimur your images, the star of your god, 27 which ye made to yourselves. Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

6 Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and to them that are secure in the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the chief of the nations, to 2 whom the house of Israel come! Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great: then go down to Gath of the Philistines: be they better than these kingdoms? or is their border greater than your 3 border? Ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the ¹⁴seat of violence to 4 come near; that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst 5 of the stall; that sing idle songs to the sound of the viol; that devise for themselves instruments of music, ¹⁵like 6 David; that drink ¹⁶wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for 7 the affliction of Joseph. Therefore now shall they go captive with the first that go captive, and the revelry of them that stretched themselves shall pass 8 away. The Lord God hath sworn by himself, saith the LORD, the God of hosts: I abhor the ¹⁷excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces: therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein.

¹ Or, lieth forsaken

² Or, become vanity (Heb. Aven)

³ Or, deep darkness

⁴ Or, causeth destruction to flesh forth

⁵ Heb. and proclaim mourning because ye are skilful of lamentation

⁶ Or, and

⁷ Heb. will not accept

⁸ Or, burnt offerings

⁹ Or, burnt offerings with your meal offerings

¹⁰ Or, thank offerings

¹¹ Or, overflow

¹² Or, meal offerings

¹³ Or, shall look up

¹⁴ And I will cause

¹⁵ Or, the father-noble of your king

¹⁶ Some ancient versions have, the father-noble of Melch.

¹⁷ Or, the shrine of your images

¹⁸ Or, sitting

¹⁹ Or, like David's

²⁰ Heb. the bowls of wine.

²¹ Or, pride

¹ Or, *time*

9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. And when a man's ¹uncle shall take him up, even he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is in the innermost parts of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No; then shall he say, Hold thy peace; for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD. For, behold, the LORD commandeth, and ²the great house shall be smitten with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

12 Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow *there* with oxen? that ye have turned judgement into ³gall, and the fruit of righteousness into worm-wood: ye which rejoice in a thing of nought, which say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength?

14 For, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the LORD, the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the ⁴entering in of Hamath unto the brook of the Arabah.

¹ Or, *he will make the great house*

³ See Deut. xix. 18.

⁴ See 2 Kings xiv. 25.

7 Thus the Lord God shewed me: and, behold, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings.

2 And it came to pass that when they made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord God, forgive, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. The Lord repented concerning this: It shall not be, saith the LORD.

4 Thus the Lord God shewed me: and, behold, the Lord God called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great deep, and would have eaten up the ⁵land. Then said I, O Lord God, cease, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. The Lord repented concerning this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord God.

7 Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the Lord stood ⁶beside a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. And the Lord said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more: and the high places of Isaac shall be desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword.

10 Then Amaziah the priest of Beth-el sent to Jeroboam king of Israel, saying, Amos hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words.

11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall sure-

⁵ Heb. *portion*.

⁶ Or, *upon*

ly be led away captive out of his land.

12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and

13 prophesy there: but prophesy not again any more at Beth-el: for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal house.

14 Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I ⁷was no prophet, neither ⁸was I ⁹a prophet's son; but I ¹⁰was an herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees: and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people

16 Israel. Now therefore hear thou the word of the LORD: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of

17 Isaac; therefore thus saith the LORD: Thy wife shall be an harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou thyself shalt die in a land that is unclean, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land.

8 Thus the Lord God shewed me: and behold, a basket of summer fruit.

2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said the Lord unto me, The end is come upon my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.

3 And the songs of the ⁹temple shall be howlings in that day, saith the Lord God: the dead bodies shall be many; in every place ¹⁰shall they cast them

4 forth with silence. Hear this, O ye that would swallow up the needy, and cause the poor of the land to fail,

5 saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell corn? and the sabbath, that we may ¹¹set forth wheat? making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and dealing falsely

6 with balances of deceit; that we may buy the poor for ¹²silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes, and sell

7 the refuse of the wheat. The Lord hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their

8 works. Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwell-eth therein? yea, it shall rise up wholly like the River; and it shall be troubled and sink again, like the River

9 of Egypt. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord God, that I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in

10 the clear day. And I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head; and I will make it as the mourning for an only son, and the end thereof as

11 a bitter day. Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send

⁷ Or, *am*

⁸ Or, *one of the sons of the prophets*
See 1 Kings xx. 30.

⁹ Or, *palace*

¹⁰ Or, *have they cast them forth: be silent!*

¹¹ Heb. *open*.

¹² See ch. ii. 6.

a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of 12 hearing the words of the LORD. And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word 13 of the LORD, and shall not find it. In that day shall the fair virgins and the 14 young men faint for thirst. They that swear by the sin of Samaria, and say, As thy God, O Dan, liveth; and, As the way of Beer-sheba liveth; even they shall fall, and never rise up again.

¹ Or, manner

² Or, upon

³ Or, he that south of them shall not flee away, and he that eastward of them shall not be delivered
⁴ Heb. Sheol.

9 I saw the LORD standing ³beside the altar: and he said, Smite the chapiters, that the thresholds may shake: and break them in pieces on the head of all of them; and I will slay the last of them with the sword: ³there shall not one of them flee away, and there shall not one of them 2 escape. Though they dig into ⁴hell, thence shall mine hand take them; and though they climb up to heaven, 3 thence will I bring them down. And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out thence; and though they be hid from my sight in the bottom of the sea, thence will I command the serpent, and he shall bite them. And though they go into captivity before their enemies, thence will I command the sword, and it shall slay them: and I will set mine eyes upon them for 5 evil, and not for good. For the LORD, the God of hosts, is he that toucheth the land and it melteth, and all that dwell therein shall mourn; and it shall rise up wholly like the River; and shall sink again, like the River of Egypt; 6 ⁶it is he that buildeth his chambers in the heaven, and hath founded his vault upon the earth; he that calleth

for the waters of the sea and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; 7 the LORD is his name. Are ye not as the children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the LORD. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the 8 Syrians from Kir? Behold, the eyes of the LORD God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saying that I will not utterly destroy the house of 9 Jacob, saith the LORD. For, lo, I will command, and I will ⁵sift the house of Israel among all the nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. 10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us. 11 In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it 12 as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations, which ⁶are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. 13 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills 14 shall melt. And I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gar- 15 dens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall have no more to be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

⁵ Heb. causes to move to and fro.

⁶ Or, serve

OBADIAH.

1 THE vision of Obadiah.

¹ See Jer. xlix. 7—23.

Thus saith the LORD God ¹concerning Edom: We have heard tidings from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle. 2 Behold, I have made thee small among the nations: thou art greatly despised. 3 The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of ²the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall 4 bring me down to the ground? Though thou mount on high as the eagle, and

² Or, Sile See 3 Kings xiv. 7.

though thy nest be set among the stars, I will bring thee down from thence, 5 saith the LORD. If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not steal till they had enough? if grapegatherers came to thee, would they not 6 leave some gleanings grapes? How are ³the things of Esau searched out! how are his hidden treasures sought up! 7 All the men of thy confederacy have ⁴brought thee on thy way, even to the border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived thee, and prevailed

³ Or, the men

⁴ Or, driven thee out

¹ Or, they bread they make do.
² Or, wound
³ Or, of it

against thee; ¹they that eat thy bread lay a ²snare under thee: there is none understanding ³in him. Shall I not in that day, saith the LORD, destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau?
 9 And thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that every one may be cut off from the mount of Esau
 10 by slaughter. For the violence done to thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut
 11 off for ever. In the day that thou stoodest ⁴on the other side, in the day that strangers carried away his ⁵substance, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of
 12 them. But look not thou on the day of thy brother in ⁶the day of his disaster, and rejoice not over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction; neither speak proudly in the
 13 day of distress. Enter not into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; yea, look not thou on their affliction in the day of their calamity, neither lay ye ⁷hands on their substance
 14 in the day of their calamity. And stand thou not in the crossway, to cut off those of his that escape; and deliver not up those of his that remain in the
 15 day of distress. For the day of the LORD

⁴ Or, also/
⁵ Or, forces

⁶ Or, the day that he was made a stranger

is near upon all the nations: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy ⁸dealing shall return upon thine own head. For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and ⁹swallow down, and shall be
 17 as though they had not been. But in mount Zion there shall be those that escape, and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall burn among them, and devour them: and there shall not be any remaining to the house of Esau; for the LORD hath spoken it.
 19 And they of the South shall possess the mount of Esau; and they of the lowland the Philistines: and they shall possess the field of Ephraim, and the field of Samaria: and Benjamin
 20 shall possess Gilead. And the captivity of this ¹⁰host of the children of Israel, ¹¹which are among the Canaanites, shall possess even unto Zarephath; and the captivity of Jerusalem, which is in Sepharad, shall possess the cities
 21 of the South. And saviours shall come up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD'S.

⁷ Or, recompence

⁸ Or, talk foolishly

⁹ Or, fortress
¹⁰ Or, shall possess that which belongeth to the Canaanites, even so, Or, which are among the Canaanites, even unto Zarephath, and so.

JONAH.

¹ Or, hurried

1 Now the word of the LORD came unto
 2 Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is
 8 come up before me. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD; and he went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence
 4 of the LORD. But the LORD ¹sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the
 5 ship was like to be broken. Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god; and they cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it unto them. But Jonah was gone down into the innermost parts of the ship; and he
 6 lay, and was fast asleep. So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.
 7 And they said every one to his fellow,

Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and
 8 the lot fell upon Jonah. Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; what is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and
 9 of what people art thou? And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the
 10 dry land. Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, What is this that thou hast done? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had
 11 told them. Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea grew more and more tempestuous.
 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you. Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get them back to

the land; but they could not: for the sea grew more and more tempestuous 14 against them. Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said, We beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O 15 Lord, hast done as it pleased thee. So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from 16 her raging. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly; and they offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made 17 vows. And the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days 2 and three nights. Then Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the 2 fish's belly. And he said,

[Ch. II. 1
In Heb.]

1 Or, out of mine affliction

2 Heb. Sheol.

I called ¹by reason of mine affliction unto the Lord,
And he answered me;
Out of the belly of ²hell cried I,
And thou heardest my voice.
8 For thou didst cast me into the depth, in the heart of the seas,
And the flood was round about me;
All thy waves and thy billows passed over me.
4 And I said, I am cast out from before thine eyes;
Yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul;
The deep was round about me;
The weeds were wrapped about my head.
6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains;
The earth with her bars *closed* upon me for ever:
Yet hast thou brought up my life from ²the pit, O Lord my God.
7 When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord:
And my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
8 They that regard lying vanities Forsake their own mercy.
9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving;
I will pay that which I have vowed.
Salvation is of the Lord.
10 And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.
3 And the word of the Lord came unto 2 Jonah the second time, saying, Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and ⁴preach unto it the preaching that I 3 bid thee. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was ⁵an exceeding great city, of three days' 4 journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and 5 Nineveh shall be overthrown. And the people of Nineveh believed God; and

4 Or, cry See ch. I. 2.

5 Heb. a city great unto God.

they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to 6 the least of them. ⁶And the tidings reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. And he made proclamation and ⁷published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: 8 let them not feed, nor drink water: but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and beast, and let them cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from 9 the violence that is in their hands. Who knoweth whether God will not turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce 10 anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, which he said he would do unto 4 them; and he did it not. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was 2 angry. And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I ⁸hasted to flee unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and full of compassion, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy, and repentest thee of the 3 evil. Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.
4 And the Lord said, ⁹Doest thou well to 5 be angry? Then Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might 6 see what would become of the city. And the Lord God prepared a ¹⁰gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his evil case. So Jonah was exceeding glad because of 7 the gourd. But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd, that it withered. 8 And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and requested for himself that he might die, and said, It is better for me to die than 9 to live. And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry 10 even unto death. And the Lord said, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither made it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: 11 and should not I have pity on Nineveh, that great city; wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

6 Or, For word came unto the king etc.

7 Heb. said.

8 Or, was he hasted in fleeing

9 Or, Art thou angry?

10 Or, Palm-tree Christi Fish Libanus.

MICAH.

1 THE word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, ye peoples, all of you; hearken, O earth, and ¹all that therein is: and let the Lord God be witness ²against you, the Lord from his holy temple.

3 For, behold, the Lord cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth.

4 And the mountains shall be molten under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, as waters that

5 are poured down a steep place. For the transgression of Jacob is all this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? and what are the high places of Judah? are they not Jerusalem? Therefore I will make Samaria as an heap of the field, and as the plantings of a vineyard: and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will discover the foundations thereof.

7 And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall be burned with fire, and all her idols will I lay desolate: for of the hire of an harlot hath she gathered them, and unto the hire of an harlot shall they return.

8 For this will I wail and howl, I will go stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like the jackals, and a mourning like

9 the ostriches. For her wounds are incurable: for it is come even unto Judah; it reacheth unto the gate of my people, it even to Jerusalem. Tell it not in Gath, weep not at all: at ¹⁰Beth-le-Aphrah

11 have I rolled myself in the dust. Pass ye away, O ¹¹inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame: the ¹²inhabitant of Zaanan is not come forth; the wailing of Beth-ezel shall take from you

12 the ¹³stay thereof. For the ¹⁴inhabitant of Maroth ¹⁵waiteth anxiously for good: because evil is come down from the

13 LORD unto the gate of Jerusalem. Bind the chariot to the swift steed, O ¹⁶inhabitant of Lachish: she was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion; for the transgressions of Israel were

14 found in thee. Therefore shalt thou give a parting gift to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib shall be ¹⁷a deceitful thing unto the kings of Israel. I will yet bring unto thee, O ¹⁸inhabitant of Maresah, him that shall possess thee: the glory of Israel shall come even

15 unto Adullam. Make thee bald, and poll

thee for the children of thy delight: enlarge thy baldness as the ¹⁹eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

2 Woe to them that devise iniquity and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand.

2 And they covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away: and they oppress a man and his house,

3 even a man and his heritage. Therefore thus saith the Lord: Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks, neither shall ye walk haughtily:

4 for it is an evil time. In that day shall they take up a parable against you, and lament ¹⁰with a doleful lamentation, and say, We be utterly spoiled: he hath changed the portion of my people: how doth he ¹¹remove it from me! to the rebellious he divideth our fields.

5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast the line by lot in the congregation of the Lord. ¹²Prophecy ye not, thus they prophesy. They shall not prophesy ¹³to these: reproaches shall

7 not depart. ¹⁴Shall it be said, O house of Jacob, Is the spirit of the Lord ¹⁵straitened? are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him that walk-

8 eth uprightly? But ¹⁶of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye strip the robe from off the garment from them that pass by securely as men averse from

9 war. The women of my people ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their young children ye take away my

10 glory for ever. Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your rest: because of uncleanness ¹⁷that destroyeth, even

11 with a grievous destruction. If a man walking ¹⁸in wind and falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah: as a flock in the midst of their pasture, they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude

13 of men. The breaker is gone up before them: they have broken forth and passed on to the gate, and are gone out thereat: and their king is passed on before them, and the Lord at the head of them.

3 And I said, Hear, I pray you, ye heads of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel: is it not for you

¹ Heb. the fulness thereof.
² Or, among

³ That is, A house of dust.
⁴ Another reading is, roll thyself.
⁵ Heb. inhabitant.
⁶ Or, standing place.
⁷ Or, is in travel.

⁸ Heb. achzib.

⁹ Or, vulture.

¹⁰ Or, with the lamentation. It is done; and say so.

¹¹ Or, depart from.

¹² Or, Prophecy ye not, they are ever prophesying, say they.

¹³ Heb. Drop &c. See Amos vi. 16.

¹⁴ Or, of these things: their reproaches never cease.

¹⁵ Or, O thou that art named the house of Jacob.

¹⁶ Or, impatient. Heb. shortened.

¹⁷ Heb. gather.

¹⁸ The Sept. has, ye shall be destroyed with &c.

¹⁹ Or, in a spirit of falsehood.

2 to know judgement? who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their
 3 flesh from off their bones; who also eat the flesh of my people; and they flay their skin from off them, and break their bones: yea, they chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh with-
 4 in the caldron. Then shall they cry unto the Lord, but he will not answer them: yea, he will hide his face from them at that time, according as they have wrought evil in their doings.
 5 Thus saith the Lord concerning the prophets that make my people to err; that bite with their teeth and cry, Peace; and whose putteth not into their months, they even ¹prepare war against him: Therefore it shall be night unto you, that ye shall have no vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not divine; and the sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day
 7 shall be black over them. And the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners confounded; yea, they shall all cover their lips: for there is no answer
 8 of God. But I truly am full of power ²by the spirit of the Lord, and of judgement, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel
 9 his sin. Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, that abhor judgement,
 10 and pervert all equity. They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with
 11 iniquity. The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet will they lean upon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord in the midst of us? no evil shall come upon us.
 12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.
 4 ³But in the latter days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established ⁴in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples
 2 shall flow unto it. And many nations shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth ⁵the law, and the word
 3 of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge ⁶between ⁷many peoples, and shall ⁸reprove strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall
 4 they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord

5 of hosts hath spoken it. For all the people ⁹will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.
 6 In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that hath fled, and I will gather her that is driven away, and her
 7 that I have afflicted; and I will make her that hath fled a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the Lord shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth even for ever.
 8 And thou, O tower of ¹⁰the flock, ¹¹the hill of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come; yea, the former dominion shall come, the kingdom of the
 9 daughter of Jerusalem. Now why dost thou cry out aloud? Is there no king in thee, is thy counsellor perished, that pangs have taken hold of thee as of a
 10 woman in travail? Be in pain, and labour to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail: for now shalt thou go forth out of the city, and shalt dwell in the field, and shalt come even unto Babylon; there shalt thou be rescued; there shall the Lord
 11 redeem thee from the hand of thine enemies. And now many nations are assembled against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye ¹²see its
 12 desire upon Zion. But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they his counsel: for he hath gathered them as the sheaves to the
 13 threshing-floor. Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy
 14 hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many peoples: and ¹⁵thou shalt devote their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the
 5 whole earth. Now shalt thou gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.
 2 But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the ¹⁴thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth are from
 8 of old, ¹⁶from everlasting. Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the residue of his brethren shall return ¹⁸unto the children of Israel. And he shall stand, and shall feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God: and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto
 5 the ends of the earth. And this man shall be our peace: when the Assyrian shall come into our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds,
 6 and eight ¹⁷principal men. And they shall ¹⁸waste the land of Assyria with

⁹ Or, walk.

¹ Heb. *anot* /y/.

² Or, even the spirit.

³ See Is. li. 2-4.

⁴ Or, at the head.

⁵ Or, instruction.

⁶ Or, among.

⁷ Or, great.

⁸ Or, decide concerning.

¹⁰ Or, *Edom*. See Gen. xxxv. 2. ¹¹ Heb. *Ophel*.

¹² Or, *gaze* upon.

¹³ So the ancient versions. The Hebrew text is pointed *reuck*, I will devote. (Ch. ix. 14 in Heb.)

(Ch. v. 1 in Heb.) ¹⁴ Or, *fountain*. See Jer. vi. 18. ¹⁵ Or, *from ancient days*.

¹⁶ Or, *with*.

¹⁷ Or, *princes* among men. ¹⁸ Or, *not up to*. Or, *shepherds* over.

the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our border. And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from the Lord, as showery upon the grass; that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and there is none to deliver. Let thine hand be lifted up above thine adversaries, and let all thine enemies be cut off.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and will throw down all thy strong holds: and I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: and I will cut off thy graven images and thy pillars out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands. 14 And I will pluck up thine Asherim out of the midst of thee: and I will destroy thy cities. And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the nations which hearkened not.

6 Hear ye now what the Lord saith: Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. 2 Hear, O ye mountains, the Lord's controversy, and ye enduring foundations of the earth: for the Lord hath a controversy with his people, and he will plead with Israel. O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of bondage; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him; remember from Shittim unto Gilgal, that ye may know the righteous acts of the Lord. Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with ten thousands of rivers of oil? shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

9 The voice of the Lord crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom will see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it. Are there yet the treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and the scant measure that is abominable? Shall I be pure with wicked balances, and with a bag of deceitful weights? For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. Therefore I also have smitten thee with a grievous wound; I have made thee desolate because of thy sins. Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy humiliation shall be in the midst of thee: and thou shalt remove, but shalt not carry away safe; and that which thou carriest away will I give up to the sword. Thou shalt sow, but shalt not reap: thou shalt tread the olives, but shalt not anoint thee with oil; and the vintage, but shalt not drink the wine. For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels: that I should make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof an hissing; and ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

7 Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage; there is no cluster to eat; my soul desireth the firstripe fig. The godly man is perished out of the earth, and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. Their hands are upon that which is evil to do it diligently; the prince asketh, and the judge is ready for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth the mischief of his soul: thus they weave it together. The best of them is as a brier: the most upright is worse than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen, even thy visitation, is come; now shall be their perplexity. Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

7 But as for me, I will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me. I will bear the indignation of the Lord, because I have sinned against him; until he plead my cause, and execute judgement for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness. Then mine

⁸ Some ancient versions read, fear.

⁹ Heb. ephah.

⁷ Or, emptiness

¹⁰ Or, an astonishment

⁹ Or, war firstripe fig which my soul desired

¹⁰ Or, Both hands are put forth for evil to do it &c.

¹¹ Or, the straightest is as it were taken from &c.

¹² Or, familiar friend

¹³ Or, in the Lord will I keep watch
¹⁴ See ver. 10.

¹ Or, obstacles

² See Ex. xxxiv. 13.

³ Or, enemies

⁴ Or, such as they have not heard

¹ Or, *In the day that thy walls are to be built*

² See Zeph. II. 2.

³ Or, *boundary*

⁴ Heb. *Mazor*.

⁵ Or, *Rule*

enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her; which said unto me, Where is the Lord thy God? Mine eyes shall behold her; now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets. ¹A day for building thy walls! in that day shall ¹²the decree be far removed. In that day shall they come unto thee, from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain. Yet shall the land be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings. ¹⁴Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thine heritage, which dwell solitarily, in the forest in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gilead, as in the days of old. As in the days of thy coming forth out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto him marvellous

16 things. The nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent; like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their close places: they shall come with fear unto the Lord our God, and shall be afraid because of thee. Who is a God like unto thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and paceth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because ¹⁹he delighteth in mercy. He will turn again and have compassion upon us; he will tread our iniquities under foot: and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. ²Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

⁶ Or, *make us our iniquities*
⁷ Or, *Thou wilt show thy faithful ones etc.*
⁸ Heb. *give*.

NAHUM.

¹ Or, *oracle concerning*

1 THE burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. ²The Lord is a jealous God and avengeth; the Lord avengeth and is full of wrath; the Lord taketh vengeance on his adversaries, and he re-serveth wrath for his enemies. The Lord is slow to anger, and great in power, and will by no means clear the guilty: the Lord hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt; and the earth is upheaved at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder by him. The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that put their trust in him. But with an overrunning flood he will make a full end of the place thereof, and will pursue his enemies into darkness. What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make a full end: affliction shall not rise up the second time. For though they be like tangled thorns, and be drenched as it were in their drink, they shall be devoured utterly as dry stubble. There is one gone forth out of thee, that imagineth evil against the Lord, that

12 counselleth wickedness. Thus saith the Lord: Though they be in full strength, and likewise many, even so shall they be cut down, and he shall pass away. ⁶Though I have afflicted thee, I shall afflict thee no more. And now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder. And the Lord hath given commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image; I will make thy grave; for thou art vile. Behold, upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! Keep thy feasts, O Judah, perform thy vows: for the wicked one shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off. ²He that daatheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily. For the Lord bringeth again the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches. The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots flash with steel in the day of his preparation, and the spears are shaken terribly. The chariots rage in the streets, they justle one against another in the broad ways: the appearance of them is like torches, they run like the lightnings. He remembereth his worthies: they stumble in their march; they make haste to the wall thereof, and the mantelet is prepared.

⁴ Or, *worthless*
⁵ Heb. *Scandal*
⁶ Or, *So will I afflict thee, that I shall afflict etc.*

[Ch. II. 1 in Heb.]

⁸ Or, *the man of worthlessness*
⁹ Heb. *Scandal*

⁷ Heb. *are with fire of steel*
⁸ Heb. *As trees*

² Or, *as stubble fully dry*
³ Or, *a wicked counsellor*

6 The gates of the rivers are opened, and
7 the palace is dissolved. ¹And Huzzab
is uncovered, she is carried away, and
her handmaids ²mourn as with the
voice of doves, tabering upon their
8 ³breasts. But Nineveh hath been
⁴from of old like a pool of water: yet
they flee away; Stand, stand, *they cry*;
9 but none ⁵looketh back. Take ye the
spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold:
for there is none end of the store, the
10 ⁶glory of all pleasant furniture. She is
empty, and void, and waste: and the
heart melteth, and the knees smite to-
gether, and anguish is in all loins, and
the faces of them all are waxed pale.
11 Where is the den of the lions, and the
feeding place of the young lions, where
the lion ⁷and the lioness walked, the
lion's whelp, and none made them a-
12 fraid? The lion did tear in pieces enough
for his whelps, and strangled for his
lionesses, and filled his caves with prey,
13 and his dens with ravin. Behold, I am
against thee, saith the Lord of hosts,
and I will burn her chariots in the
smoke, and the sword shall devour thy
young lions: and I will cut off thy prey
from the earth, and the voice of thy
messengers shall no more be heard.
3 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of
lies and rapine; the prey departeth not.
2 The noise of the whip, and the noise
of the rattling of wheels; and prans-
8 ing horses, and jumping chariots; the
horseman ⁸mounting, and the flashing
sword, and the glittering spear; and a
multitude of slain, and a great heap
of carcases: and there is none end of
the corpses; they stumble upon their
4 corpses: because of the multitude of the
whoredoms of the well favoured harlot,
the mistresses of witchcrafts, that sel-
leth nations through her whoredoms, and
5 families through her witchcrafts. Be-
hold, I am against thee, saith the
Lord of hosts, and I will discover
thy skirts ⁹upon thy face; and I
will shew the nations thy nakedness,
6 and the kingdoms thy shame. And I
will cast abominable filth upon thee,
and make thee vile, and will set thee

7 as a gazingstock. And it shall come to
pass, that all they that look upon thee
shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh
is laid waste: who will bemoan her?
whence shall I seek comforters for thee?
8 Art thou better than No-amon, that
was situate among the ¹⁰rivers, that had
the waters round about her; whose ram-
part was ¹¹the sea, and her wall ¹²was of
9 the sea? Ethiopia and Egypt were her
strength, and it was infinite; Put and
10 Lubim were thy helpers. Yet was she
carried away, she went into captivity:
her young children also were dashed
in pieces at the top of all the streets:
and they cast lots for her honourable
men, and all her great men were bound
11 in chains. Thou also shalt be drunken,
thou shalt be hid; thou also shalt seek
¹³a strong hold because of the enemy.
12 All thy fortresses shall be like fig trees
with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken,
they fall into the mouth of the eater.
13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee
are women; the gates of thy land are
set wide open unto thine enemies: the
14 fire hath devoured thy bars. Draw
thee water for the siege, strengthen thy
fortresses: go into the clay, and tread
the mortar, ¹⁴make strong the brickkiln.
15 There shall the fire devour thee; the
sword shall cut thee off, it shall devour
thee like the cankerworm: make thyself
many as the cankerworm, make thyself
16 many as the locust. Thou hast multi-
plied thy merchants above the stars
of heaven: the cankerworm ¹⁵spoil-
eth, and fieth away. Thy crowned are as
the locusts, and thy ¹⁶marshals as the
swarms of grasshoppers, which camp
in the ¹⁷hedges in the cold day, but
when the sun ariseth they flee away,
and their place is not known where they
18 are. Thy shepherds slumber, O king
of Assyria: thy worthies are at rest:
thy people are scattered upon the
mountains, and there is none to gather
19 them. There is no assuaging of thy
hurt; thy wound is grievous: all that
hear the bruit of thee clap the hands
over thee; for upon whom hath not
thy wickedness passed continually?

¹ Or, And it is de-
stroyed; she is un-
covered etc.
² Or, lead her
³ Heb. Acacia.
⁴ Or, from the
days that she hath
been
⁵ Or, cause them to
turn
⁶ Or, wealth

⁷ Or, even the
old lion

⁸ Or, charging

⁹ Or, before

¹⁰ Or, canals
See Ex
vii. 18.
¹¹ That is,
the Nile.
¹² Some
ancient
versions
have,
was the
eastern.

¹³ Or, a
defence
against

¹⁴ Or, lay hold
of the
brick-
mould

¹⁵ Or, spread-
eth
himself/
¹⁶ Or, scurves
¹⁷ Or, walls

HABAKKUK.

1 THE ¹burden which Habakkuk the
prophet did see.
2 O LORD, how long shall I cry, and
thou wilt not hear? I cry out unto thee
of violence, and thou wilt not save.
3 Why dost thou shew me iniquity, and
²look upon perverseness? for spoiling

and violence are before me: and there
is strife, and contention riseth up.
4 Therefore the law is slackened, and judg-
ment doth never go forth: for the
wicked doth compass about the right-
eous; therefore judgement goeth forth
5 perverted. Behold ye among the na-

¹ Or, oracle

² Or, cause
me to
look

³ Or, growth not
forth
unto
victory

1 Or, one
worketh

2 Heb.
He
and so in
vv. 8, 9.

3 Or,
bear
them-
selves
proudly

4 Heb.
the
super-
ness (or
assemb-
ling) of
their
faces is
etc.

5 Or,
towards
the east
Or, for-
wards

6 Or,
And they
sweep &c.

7 Or,
Then
shall the
wind
sweep by,
and he
shall
pass
away

8 Or,
trans-
gress

9 Accord-
ing to an
ancient
Jewish
tradi-
tion,
thou
didst not.

10 See
Deut.
xxviii. 4.

11 Heb.
fat.

12 Or,
fortress

13 Or, by

14 Heb.
panteth.

15 Or,
wrought

16 Or, in
his faith-
fulness

17 Or,
And
also be-
cause his
wine...

18 Or, he
shall not
abide

19 Heb.
Shed.

tions, and regard, and wonder marvel-
lously: for ¹I work a work in your days,
which ye will not believe though it be
told you. For, lo, I raise up the Chal-
deans, that bitter and hasty nation;
which march through the breadth of
the earth, to possess dwelling places
that are not theirs. ²They are terrible
and dreadful: their judgement and
their dignity proceed from themselves.
³Their horses also are swifter than leop-
ards, and are more fierce than the
evening wolves; and their horsemen
⁴spread themselves: yea, their horse-
men come from far; they fly as an
eagle that hasteth to devour. They
come all of them for violence; ⁵their
faces are set eagerly ⁶as the east wind;
and they gather captives as the sand.
¹⁰Yea, he scoffeth at kings, and princes
are a derision unto him: he derideth
every strong hold; for he heapech up
dust, and taketh it. ⁷Then shall he
sweep by ⁸as a wind, and shall ⁹pass
over, and be guilty: *even he whose*
¹²might is his god. Art not thou from
everlasting, O LORD my God, mine
Holy One? ⁹We shall not die. O LORD,
thou hast ordained him for judgement;
and thou, O ¹⁰Rock, hast established
him for correction. Thou that art
of purer eyes than to behold evil, and
that canst not look on perverseness,
wherefore lookest thou upon them
that deal treacherously, and holdest
thy peace when the wicked swallow-
eth up the man that is more righteous
than he; and makest men as the fishes
of the sea, as the creeping things, that
have no ruler over them? He taketh
up all of them with the angle, he catch-
eth them in his net, and gathereth them
in his drag: therefore he rejoiceth and
is glad. Therefore he sacrificeth unto
his net, and burneth incense unto his
drag; because by them his portion is
fat, and his meat ¹¹plenteous. Shall he
therefore empty his net, and not spare
to slay the nations continually?
²I will stand upon my watch, and
set me upon the ¹²tower, and will
look forth to see what he will speak
¹³with me, and what I shall answer
concerning my complaint. And the
LORD answered me, and said, Write
the vision, and make it plain upon
tables, that he may run that readeth it.
³For the vision is yet for the appointed
time, and it ¹⁴hasteth toward the end,
and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait
for it; because it will surely come, it
will not delay. Behold, his soul is
puffed up, it is not ¹⁵upright in him:
but the just shall live ¹⁶by his faith.
⁵¹⁷Yea, moreover, wine is a treacherous
dealer, a naughty man, and ¹⁸that keep-
eth not at home; who enlargeth his de-
sire as ¹⁹hell, and he is as death, and
cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto

him all nations, and heapech unto him
all peoples. Shall not all these take up
a parable against him, and a taunting
²⁰proverb against him, and say, Woe to
him that increaseth that which is not
his! how long? and that ladeth himself
with pledges! Shall they not rise up
suddenly that shall ²¹bite thee, and
awake that shall ²² vex thee, and thou
shalt be for booties unto them? Be-
cause thou hast spoiled many nations,
all the remnant of the peoples shall
spoil thee; because of men's blood, and
for the violence done to the land, to
the city and to all that dwell therein.
⁹Woe to him that getteth an evil gain
for his house, that he may set his nest
on high, that he may be delivered from
the hand of evil! Thou hast consulted
shame to thy house, by cutting off
many peoples, and hast sinned against
thy soul. For the stone shall cry out
of the wall, and the beam out of the
timber shall answer it.
¹²Woe to him that buildeth a town with
blood, and stablisheth a city by in-
iquity! Behold, it is not of the LORD
of hosts that the peoples labour for the
fire, and the nations weary themselves
for vanity? For the earth shall be
filled with the knowledge of the glory of
the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁵Woe unto him that giveth his neigh-
bour drink, that ²³addeth thy ²⁴venom
thereto, and makest him drunken also,
that thou mayest look on their naked-
ness! Thou art filled with shame for
glory: drink thou also, and ²⁵be as one
uncircumcised: the cup of the LORD's
right hand shall be turned unto thee,
and foul shame shall be upon thy glory.
¹⁷For the violence done to Lebanon shall
cover thee, and the destruction of the
beasts, ²⁶which made them afraid; be-
cause of men's blood, and for the vi-
olence done to the land, to the city and
to all that dwell therein.
¹⁸What profiteth the graven image,
that the maker thereof hath graven
it; the molten image, and the teacher
of lies, that the maker of ²⁷his work
trusteth therein, to make dumb idols?
¹⁹Woe unto him that saith to the wood,
Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise!
Shall this teach? Behold, it is laid over
with gold and silver, and there is no
breath at all in the midst of it. But
the LORD is in his holy temple: ²⁸let
all the earth keep silence before him.
³A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet,
set to Shigionoth.
²O LORD, I have heard ²⁹the report
of thee, and ³⁰am afraid:
O LORD, revive thy work in the midst
of the years,
In the midst of the years make it
known;

20 Or,
riddle

21 Or,
cannot
savour of
thee
22 Or, too
them to
and fire

23 Or,
poison
24 Or,
jury

25 Or,
let thy
fervour
be un-
covered

26 Accord-
ing to many
ancient
versions,
shall
teach
them
afraid

27 Or, its

28 Heb.
be silent
before
him, all
the earth

29 Or,
thy fear
30 Or, was

- ¹ Or, cometh (and similarly to the end of ver. 15)
- ² Heb. horns. ³ Or, at his side
- ⁴ Or, burning coals ⁵ Or, shook
- ⁶ Or, His ways are everlasting
- ⁷ Or, thorns were the chastisements (Heb. rods) of thy sword ⁸ Or, were in pain
- In wrath remember mercy.
- 3 God ¹ came from Teman, And the Holy One from mount Paran. [Selah] His glory covered the heavens, And the earth was full of his praise.
- 4 And his brightness was as the light; He had ² rays coming forth ³ from his hand: And there was the hiding of his power.
- 5 Before him went the pestilence, And ⁴ fiery bolts went forth at his feet.
- 6 He stood, and ⁵ measured the earth; He beheld, and drove asunder the nations: And the eternal mountains were scattered, The everlasting hills did bow; ⁶ His goings were as of old.
- 7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction: The curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.
- 8 Was the Lord displeased against the rivers? Was thine anger against the rivers, Or thy wrath against the sea, That thou didst ride upon thine horses, Upon thy chariots of salvation?
- 9 Thy bow was made quite bare; ⁷ The oaths to the tribes were a sure word. [Selah] Thou didst cleave the earth with rivers.
- 10 The mountains saw thee, and ⁸ were afraid; The tempest of waters passed by: The deep uttered his voice, And lifted up his hands on high.
- 11 The sun and moon stood still in their habitation; At the light of thine arrows as they went, At the shining of thy glittering spear.
- 12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation,
- Thou didst thresh the nations in anger.
- 13 Thou ⁹ wentest forth for the salvation of thy people, ¹⁰ For the salvation of thine anointed; ¹¹ Thou ¹² woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, Laying bare the foundation even unto the neck. [Selah]
- 14 Thou ¹³ didst pierce with his own staves the head of his ¹⁴ warriors: They came as a whirlwind to scatter me: Their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.
- 15 Thou ¹⁵ didst tread the sea with thine horses, The ¹⁶ heap of mighty waters.
- 16 I heard, and my belly trembled, My lips quivered at the voice; Rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in my place: That I should rest ¹⁷ in the day of trouble, ¹⁸ When it cometh up against the people ¹⁹ which invadeth him in troops.
- 17 For though the fig tree shall not blossom, Neither shall fruit be in the vines; The labour of the olive shall fail, And the fields shall yield no meat; The flock shall be cut off from the fold, And there shall be no herd in the stalls:
- 18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.
- 19 Jehovah, the Lord, is my strength, And he maketh my feet like hinds' feet, And will make me to walk upon mine high places.
- For the Chief Musician, on my stringed instruments.
- ⁹ Or, as I come ¹⁰ Or, For salvation (or victory) which thine anointed ¹¹ Or, Thou didst smite off the head from the house &c. ¹² Or, hast wounded ¹³ Or, hast pierced ¹⁴ Or, horses Or, villages ¹⁵ Or, hast trodden ¹⁶ Or, surge ¹⁷ Or, waiting for ¹⁸ Or, When he that shall invade them in troops cometh up against the people ¹⁹ Or, to invade them

ZEPHANIAH.

- 1 THE word of the LORD which came unto Zephaniah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedaliah, the son of Amariah, the son of Hezekiah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon, king of Judah.
- 2 I will utterly consume all things from off the face of the ground, saith the LORD. I will consume man and beast; I will consume the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumblingblocks with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the face of the ground, saith the LORD. And I

will stretch out mine hand upon Judah, and upon all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Baal from this place, and the name of the ¹ Chemarim with the 5 priests; and them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship, which swear to the LORD and swear by ² Malcam; and them that are turned back from following the LORD; and those that have not sought the LORD, nor inquired after him.

¹ See 2 Kings xxiii. 5, Hos. x. 6.

² Or, their king

7 Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord God: for the day of the Lord is at hand: for the Lord hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath ¹sanctified his guests.
 8 And it shall come to pass in the day of the Lord's sacrifice, that I will ²punish the princes, and the king's sons, and all such as are clothed with foreign apparel. And in that day I will ³punish all those that leap over the threshold, which fill their master's house with violence and deceit. And in that day, saith the Lord, there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and an howling from the ⁴second quarter, and a great crashing from the hills.
 9 Howl, ye inhabitants of ⁵Maktesh, for all ⁶the people of Canaan are undone: all they that were laden with silver are cut off. And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with ⁷candles; and I will ⁸punish the men that are ⁹settled on their lees, that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil. And their wealth shall become a spoil, and their houses a desolation: yea, they shall build houses, but shall not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but shall not drink the wine thereof.
 14 The great day of the Lord is near, it is near and hasteth greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the Lord; the mighty man crieth there bitterly. That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm, against the fenced cities, and against the high ¹⁰battlements. And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the Lord: and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he shall make an end, yea, a ¹¹terrible end, of all them that dwell in the land.
 2 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation that hath no ¹²shame; before the decree bring forth, ¹³before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the Lord come upon you, before the day of the Lord's anger come upon you. Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgement; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the Lord's anger. For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation: they shall drive out Ashdod at the noon-day, and Ekron shall be rooted up.
 5 Woe unto the inhabitants of ¹⁴the sea

coast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of the Lord is against you, O Canaan, the land of the Philistines; I will destroy thee, that there shall be no inhabitant. And the sea coast shall be pastures, with ¹⁵cottages for shepherds and folds for flocks. And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed *their flocks* thereupon: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening; for the Lord their God shall visit them, and bring again their captivity. I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of Ammon, wherewith they have reproached my people, and magnified themselves against their border. Therefore as I live, saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah, a possession of ¹⁶nettles, and salt-pits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my nation shall inherit them. This shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified themselves against the people of the Lord of hosts. The Lord will be terrible unto them: for he will famish all the gods of the earth; and men shall worship him, every one from his place, even all the ¹⁷isles of the nations. Ye Ethiopians also, ye shall be slain by my sword. And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like the wilderness. And herds shall lie down in the midst of her, ¹⁸all the beasts of the nations: both the pelican and the porcupine shall lodge in the chapters thereof: *their voice shall sing in the windows*; ¹⁹desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he hath laid bare the cedar work. This is the joyous city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none else beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.
 3 Woe to her that is rebellious and polluted, to the oppressing city! She obeyed not the voice; she received not ²⁰correction; she trusted not in the Lord; she drew not near to her God. Her princes in the midst of her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they ²¹leave nothing till the morrow.
 4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have profaned the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. The Lord in the midst of her is righteous; he will not do iniquity; ²²every morning doth he bring his judgement to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame. I have cut off nations, their ²³battlements

¹ See
1 Sam.
xvi. 5.

² Heb.
visit
upon.

³ Heb.
Maktesh.

⁴ Or, The
mourner
⁵ Or, the
mer-
chant
people

⁶ Heb.
lamp.
⁷ Or, thick-
ened

⁸ Or,
corner
towers

⁹ Or,
speedy

¹⁰ Or,
longing
¹¹ Or,
the day
passeth
as the
chaff.)

¹² Or, the
region of
the sea

¹³ Or,
cousin

¹⁴ Or,
wild
watchers

¹⁵ Or,
country-
lands

¹⁶ Or, all
beasts
of every
kind

¹⁷ Or,
drought

¹⁸ Or, in-
struction

¹⁹ Or,
peace of
the house
on the
morrow

²⁰ Heb.
morning
by mor-
ning.

are desolate; I have made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant. I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive ¹ correction; so her dwelling should not be cut off, ² according to all that I have appointed concerning her: but they rose early and corrupted all their doings. Therefore wait ye for me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my ³ determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the peoples a pure ⁴ language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one ⁵ consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia ⁶ my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee ⁷ thy proudly exulting ones, and thou shalt no more be haughty in my holy mountain. But I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. The remnant of Israel

shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgements, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not ⁸ fear evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: ⁹ O Zion, let not thine hands be slack. The LORD thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one who will save: he will rejoice over thee with joy, he will ¹⁰ rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. ¹¹ I will gather them that ¹² sorrow for the solemn assembly, who were of thee: ¹³ to whom the burden upon ¹⁴ her was a reproach. Behold, at that time I will deal with all them that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven away; and I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame hath been in all the earth. At that time will I bring you in, and at that time will I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring again your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

¹ Another reading is, see.
² Or, and to Zion.
³ Heb. decision.
⁴ Or, They have been sorrowful for the solemn assembly which I took away from thee, for the lifting up of reproach against her.
⁵ Or, are removed from.
⁶ Or, whom I have borne the burden of reproach.
⁷ According to some ancient authorities, there.

HAGGAI.

1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, ¹ It is not the time for us to come, the time for the LORD's house to be built. Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your cieled houses, while this house lieth waste? Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts: ² Consider your ways. Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: ³ Consider your ways. Go up to the ⁴ mountain, and bring wood, and

build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the LORD. Ye looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when ye brought it home, I did ⁵ blow upon it. Why? saith the LORD of hosts. Because of mine house that lieth waste, while ye run every man to his own house. Therefore ⁶ for your sake the heaven is stayed from dew, and the earth is stayed from her fruit. And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the corn, and upon the wine, and upon the oil, and upon that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labour of the hands. Then Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him; and the people did fear before the LORD. Then spake Haggai the

⁴ Or, blow it away.

⁵ Or, over you.

¹ Or, in destruction.
² Or, however I punished her.

³ Heb. judgment.

⁴ Heb. lip.

⁵ Heb. shoulder.
⁶ Or, shall they bring my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, for an offering unto me?
⁷ Or, them that exult in thy majesty.

¹ According to many ancient versions, The time is not come for the LORD's house to be built.
² Heb. As your hearts on your ways.

³ Or, hill country.

LORD's messenger in the LORD's message unto the people, saying, I am with you, saith the LORD. And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, in the four and twentieth day of the month, in the sixth month, in the second year of Darius the king.

2 In the seventh month, in the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Speak now to Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, saying, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? and how do ye see it now? is it not in your eyes as nothing? Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the LORD; and be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the LORD, and work: for I am with you, saith the LORD of hosts, ¹according to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, and my spirit ²abode among you: fear ye not. 6 For thus saith the LORD of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; and I will shake all nations, and ³the desirable things of all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts. 10 In the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his

garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No. 18 Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body touch any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. 14 Then answered Haggai and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before me, saith the LORD; and so is every work of their hands; and that 15 which they offer there is unclean. And now, I pray you, consider from this day and upward, from before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple 16 of the LORD: 'through all that time, when one came to an heap of twenty measures, there were but ten; when one came to the winefat for to draw out fifty vessels, there were but twenty. 17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the work of your hands; yet ye turned not to me, saith the LORD. Consider, I pray you, from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, since the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, consider it. Is the seed yet in the barn? yea, the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree hath not brought forth; from this day will I bless you. 20 And the word of the LORD came the second time unto Haggai in the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, Speak to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the 22 heavens and the earth: and I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow the chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every 28 one by the sword of his brother. In that day, saith the LORD of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, my servant, the son of Shealtiel, saith the LORD, and will make thee as a signet: for I have chosen thee, saith the LORD of hosts.

1 Or, Remnant - but the word do.
2 Or, abideth

3 Or, the things desired (Heb. desired) of all nations shall come

4 Heb. since that day were.

ZECHARIAH.

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet, 2 saying, The LORD hath been sore displeased with your fathers. Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith the

LORD of hosts: Return unto me, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets cried, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Return ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil

doings: but they did not hear, nor 5 hearken unto me, saith the LORD. Your fathers, where are they? and the prophets, do they live for ever? But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? and they turned and said, Like as the LORD of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 Upon the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the LORD unto Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, I saw in the night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom; and behind him there were horses, 9 red, sorrel, and white. Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will shew thee what these be.

10 And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.

11 And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these 13 threescore and ten years? And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words, even comfortable words. So the angel that talked with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion 15 with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the nations that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the 16 affliction. Therefore thus saith the LORD: I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies; my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall 17 be stretched forth over Jerusalem. Cry yet again, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: My cities shall yet be spread abroad; and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, 19 and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. 20 And the LORD shewed me four smiths. 21 Then said I, What come these to do?

And he spake, saying, These are the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head: but these are come to fray them, to cast down the horns of the nations, which lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.

2 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold a man with a measuring line in his hand. Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, by reason of the multitude of men and cattle therein.

5 For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and I will be the glory in the midst of her. Ho, ho, flee from the land of the north, saith the LORD: for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heaven, saith the LORD. Ho Zion, escape, thou that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon.

8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts: After glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. For, behold, I will shake mine hand over them, and they shall be a spoil to those that served them: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me.

10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee. And the LORD shall inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD: for he is waked up out of his holy habitation.

3 And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary. And the LORD said unto Satan, The LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; yea, the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and stood before the angel. And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take the filthy garments from off him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with rich apparel. And he said, Let them set a fair mitre upon his head. So they set a fair mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments;

[Ch. ii. 5 in Heb.]

4 Or, dwell

5 Or, After the glory, he hath etc.

6 That is, the Adversary.

7 According to some ancient authorities, he said, 8 Or, turn him Or, diadem

1 Or, shady place

2 Or, helped for evil.

3 Or, shall yet overflow with prosperity [Ch. ii. 1 in Heb.]

1 Or,
places to
walk

2 Or,
wonder

3 Or,
Shoot
Or,
Sprout

• Or,

4 The Sept. and Vulgate have, and seven pipes to the lamp.

5 Or,

⁶ Or, which by means of the two golden spouts empty
⁷ Heb. the gold.

and the angel of the LORD stood by.
6 And the angel of the LORD protested
7 unto Joshua, saying, Thus saith the
LORD of hosts: If thou wilt walk in
my ways, and if thou wilt keep my
charge, then thou also shalt judge my
house, and shalt also keep my courts,
and I will give thee ^a place of access
8 among these that stand by. Hear now,
O Joshua the high priest, thou and thy
fellows that sit before thee; for they
are men which are a ²sign: for, behold,
I will bring forth my servant the
9 ³Branch. For behold, the stone that
I have set before Joshua; upon one
stone are seven eyes: behold, I will
engrave the graving thereof, saith the
LORD of hosts, and I will remove the
10 iniquity of that land in one day. In
that day, saith the LORD of hosts, shall
ye call every man his neighbour under
the vine and under the fig tree.

4 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man
2 that was wakened out of his sleep. And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have seen, and behold, a candlestick all of gold, with its bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; 'there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are upon the top
8 thereof: and two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the
4 other upon the left side thereof. And I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these,
5 my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these be? And
6 I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of
7 hosts. Who art thou, O great mountain? before Zerubbabel *thou shalt become* a plain: and he shall bring forth the head stone with shoutings of Grace,
8 grace, unto it. Moreover the word of the
9 LORD came unto me, saying, The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house; his hands shall also finish it; and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto
10 you. For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel, even these seven, *which*
11 *are the eyes of the LORD; they run to* and fro through the whole earth. Then answered I, and said unto him, What
are these two olive trees upon the right side of the candlestick and upon
12 the left side thereof? And I answered the second time, and said unto him, What be these two olive branches, 'which are beside the two golden
spouts, that empty *'the golden oil out*
13 of themselves? And he answered me

and said, Knowest thou not what these
14 be? And I said, No, my lord. Then
said he, These are the two sons of oil,
that stand by the Lord of the whole
earth.

6 Then again I lifted up mine eyes, and
2 saw, and behold, a flying roll. And he
said unto me, What seest thou? And
I answered, I see a flying roll; the
length thereof is twenty cubits, and
8 the breadth thereof ten cubits. Then
said he unto me, This is the curse
that goeth forth over the face of the
whole land: for every one that steal-
eth shall be purged out ^o on the one
side according to it; and every one
that sweareth shall be purged out ^o on
4 the other side according to it. I will
cause it to go forth, saith the Lord of
hosts, and it shall enter into the house
of the thief, and into the house of him
that sweareth falsely by my name: and
it shall abide in the midst of his house,
and shall consume it with the timber
thereof and the stones thereof.

5 Then the angel that talked with me went forth, and said unto me, Lift up now thine eyes, and see what is this that
6 goeth forth. And I said, What is it? And he said, This is the ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover, This is their
7 resemblance in all the land : (and behold, there was lifted up a ¹⁰ talent of lead) : and this is a woman sitting in
8 the midst of the ephah. And he said, This is Wickedness ; and he cast her down into the midst of the ephah : and he cast the weight of lead upon the
9 mouth thereof. Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, there came forth two women, and the wind was in their wings ; now they had wings like the wings of a stork : and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and
10 the heaven. Then said I to the angel that talked with me, Whither do these
11 bear the ephah ? And he said unto me, To build her an house in the land of Shinar : and when it is ¹¹ prepared, she shall be set there ¹² in her own place.

6 And again I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and behold, there came four chariots out from between ¹²two mountains; and the mountains were mountains of brass. In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot black horses; and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot grised ¹⁴bay horses. Then I answered and said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these, my lord? And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four ¹⁶winds of heaven, which go forth from ¹⁸standing before the Lord of all the earth. The chariot wherein are the black horses goeth forth toward the north country; and the white went forth after them; and the grised went forth toward the south

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• **author-**
• **ities,**
• **Isidore**
• **Or,**
• **revels**
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7 country. And the ¹bay went forth, and sought to go that they might walk to and fro through the earth: and he said, Get you hence, walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. Then cried he upon me, and spake unto me, saying, Behold, they that go toward the north country have quieted my spirit in the north country.

9 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Take of them of the captivity, even of Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedaiah; and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, whither they are

11 come from Babylon; yea, take of them silver and gold, and make ²crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the

12 son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold, the man ³whose name is the ⁴Branch; and he shall ⁵grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD:

13 even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and ⁶he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be be-

14 tween them both. And the ⁷crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedaiah, and ⁸to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the 15 temple of the LORD. And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto you. And *this* shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God.

7 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of the LORD came unto Zechariah in the fourth day of the ninth month, even in

2 Chisleu. ⁹Now they of Beth-el had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech, and their men, to intreat the favour of the LORD,

3 and to speak unto the priests of the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these so many years? Then came the word of the LORD of hosts un-

5 to me, saying, Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh month, even these seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me,

6 even to me? And when ye eat, and when ye drink, ¹⁰do not ye eat for yourselves, 7 and drink for yourselves? Should ye not hear the words which the LORD hath

cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited?

8 And the word of the LORD came

9 unto Zechariah, saying, Thus hath the LORD of hosts spoken, saying, Execute true judgement, and shew mercy and compassion every man to

10 his brother: and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the stranger, nor the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your

11 heart. But they refused to hearken, and ¹¹pulled away the shoulder, and ¹²stopped their ears, that they should

12 not hear. Yea, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which the LORD of hosts had sent by his spirit by the hand of the former prophets: therefore came there great wrath from

18 the LORD of hosts. And it came to pass that, as he cried, and they would not hear; so they shall cry, and I will

14 not hear, said the LORD of hosts; but I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they have not known. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the ¹³pleasant land desolate.

8 And the word of the LORD of hosts 2 came to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her

8 with great fury. Thus saith the LORD: I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called The city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts

4 The holy mountain. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women ¹⁴dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in

5 his hand ¹⁵for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls 6 playing in the streets thereof. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this

people in those days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the 7 LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the

8 west country: and I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in 9 righteousness. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong, ye that

hear in these days these words from the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, even the

10 temple, that it might be built. For before those days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in because of the adversary: for I set all men every one against his neigh-

11 bour. But now I will not be unto the remnant of this people as in the former 12 days, saith the LORD of hosts. For there

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See Is. vi.
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shall be the seed of peace; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things. And it shall come to pass that, as ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong. For thus saith the LORD of hosts: As I thought to do evil unto you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith the LORD of hosts, and I repented not; so again have I thought in these days to do good unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not. These are the things that ye shall do; Speak ye every man the truth with his neighbour; I execute the judgement of truth and peace in your gates: and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.

18 And the word of the LORD of hosts came unto me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love truth and peace. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: *It shall yet come to pass*, that there shall come peoples, and the inhabitants of many cities: and the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to intreat the favour of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.

22 Yea, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to intreat the favour of the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts: In those days *it shall come to pass*, that ten men shall take hold, out of all the languages of the nations, shall even take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

9 The burden of the word of the LORD upon the land of Hadrach, and Damascus shall be its resting place: for the eye of man and of all the tribes of Israel is toward the LORD: and Hamath also which bordereth thereon: Tyre and Zidon, because she is very wise. And Tyre did build herself a strong hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets. Behold, the LORD will dispossess her, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire. Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also, and shall be sore pained; and Ekron, for her expectation shall be ashamed: and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhab-

6 ited. And a bastard shall dwell in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; and he also shall be a remnant for our God: and he shall be as a chieftain in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

8 And I will encamp about mine house against the army, that none pass through or return: and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt the foal of an ass. And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off; and he shall speak peace unto the nations: and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for thee also, because of the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein is no water. Turn you to the strong hold, ye prisoners of hope: even to-day do I declare that I will render double unto thee. For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled the bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and will make thee as the sword of a mighty man. And the LORD shall be seen over them, and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning: and the LORD God shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south.

15 The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and shall tread down the sling stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine: and they shall be filled like bowls, like the corners of the altar. And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of his people: for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted on high over his land. For how great is his goodness, and how great is his beauty! corn shall make the young men flourish, and new wine the maids.

10 Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain, even of the LORD that maketh lightnings; and he shall give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. For the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and they have told false dreams, they comfort in vain: therefore they go their way like sheep, they are afflicted, because there is no shepherd. Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the he-goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and shall make them as his goodly

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10 Or,
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12 Or,
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13 See
Ex. xxix.
31.

14 Or,
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15 Heb.
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4 horse in the battle. From him shall come forth the corner stone, from him the nail, from him the battle bow, from him every ¹exactor together. And they shall be as mighty men, treading down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because the Lord is with them: and the riders on horses shall be confounded.

6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will ²bring them again, for I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the Lord their God, and I will hear them. And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and rejoice; their hiss shall be glad in the Lord. I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased. ³And I will sow them among the peoples; and they shall remember me in far countries: and they shall live with their children, and shall return. I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them. And he shall pass through the sea of affliction, and shall smite ⁴the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away. And I will strengthen them in the Lord; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith the Lord.

11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. Howl, O fir tree, for the cedar is fallen, because the ⁵goodly ones are spoiled: howl, O ye oaks of Bashan, for the ⁶strong forest is come down. A voice of the howling of the shepherds! for their glory is spoiled: a voice of the roaring of young lions! for the pride of Jordan is spoiled.

4 Thus said the Lord my God: Feed the flock of slaughter; whose ⁷possessors slay them, and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, Blessed be the Lord, for I am rich: and ⁸their own shepherds pity them not.

6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith the Lord: but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbour's hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them. So I fed the flock of slaughter, verily ⁹the poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called ¹⁰Beauty, and the other I called ¹¹Bands; and I fed the flock. And I cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of

them, and their soul also loathed me.

9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that that dieth, let it die; and ¹²that that is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let them which are left eat every one the flesh of another. And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples.

11 And it was broken in that day: and ¹³thus ⁹the poor of the flock that gave heed unto me knew that it was the word of the Lord. And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my hire; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my hire thirty ¹⁴pieces of silver. And the Lord said unto me, Cast it ¹⁴unto the potter, the goodly price that I was prized at of them. And I took the thirty ¹⁵pieces of silver, and cast them ¹⁴unto the potter, in the house of the Lord. Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And the Lord said unto me, Take unto thee yet again the instruments of a foolish shepherd. For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, which shall not ¹⁶visit those that be ¹⁶cut off, neither shall seek ¹⁷those that be scattered, nor heal that that is broken; neither shall he feed that which ¹⁸is sound, but he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and ¹⁷shall tear their hoofs in pieces. Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

12 The ¹⁹burden of the word of the Lord concerning Israel.

Thus saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him: Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling unto all the peoples round about, and ²⁰upon Judah also ²¹shall it be in the siege against Jerusalem. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all that burden themselves with it shall be sore wounded; and all the nations of the earth shall be gathered together against it.

4 In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the peoples with blindness. And the chieftains of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem are my strength in the Lord of hosts their God. In that day will I make the chieftains of Judah like a pan of fire among wood, and like a torch of fire

¹² Or, that that is lost, let it be lost

¹³ Or, the poor of the flock ... knew of a truth

¹⁴ The Syriac reads, into the treasury.

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¹⁶ Or, lost
¹⁷ Or, the young
¹⁸ Heb. and-and-eth.

¹⁹ Or, oracle

²⁰ Or, against
²¹ Or, shall it fall to be

¹ Or, ruler

² Or, cause them to dwell

³ Or, I sow them though I sow them ... they shall remember me

⁴ Or, the sea of waves

⁵ Or, glorious
⁶ Or, defended

⁷ Or, buyers

⁸ Or, their shepherds pity them

⁹ Or, the most miserable of sheep
¹⁰ Or, Grace
¹¹ Or, Bands
¹² Or, Union

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among sheaves; and they shall devour all the peoples round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall yet again dwell in her own place, 7 even in Jerusalem. The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem 8 be not magnified above Judah. In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he ¹ that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord 9 before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto ² me whom they have pierced: and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness 11 for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the 12 valley of Megiddon. And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; 13 the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; 14 all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart. 13 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for 2 sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass 3 out of the land. And it shall come to pass that, when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of the Lord: and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he prophesieth; neither shall they wear 5 a hairy mantle to deceive: but he shall say, I am no prophet, I am a tiller of the ground; for I have been made a 6 bondman from my youth. And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds between thine ³ arms? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my ⁴ friends. 7 Awake, O sword, against my shep-

herd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn mine 8 hand upon the little ones. And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the 9 third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, The Lord is my God.

14 Behold, a day of the Lord cometh, when thy spoil shall be divided in the 2 midst of thee. For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished: and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. And ⁵ ye shall flee ⁶ by the valley of ⁷ my mountains: for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azel: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the holy ones with thee. 6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that ⁸ the light shall not be ⁹ with 7 brightness and with gloom: but it shall be one day which is known unto the Lord; not day, and not night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time there shall be light. And it shall come to pass in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea: in summer and in winter 9 shall it be. And the Lord shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall the Lord be one, and his name 10 one. All the land shall be turned as the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and she shall be lifted up, and shall dwell in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananel 11 unto the king's winepresses. And men shall dwell therein, and there shall be no more ¹⁰ curse; but Jerusalem

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12 shall dwell safely. And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the peoples that have warred against Jerusalem: their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their sockets, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth. And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great tumult from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one on the hand of his neighbour, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbour. And Judah also shall fight against Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the nations round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts that shall be in those camps, as this plague. And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to

worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. 17 And it shall be, that whoso of all the families of the earth goeth not up unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, neither shall it be upon them; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLY UNTO THE LORD; and the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. 21 Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy unto the LORD of hosts: and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and seethe therein: and in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.

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2 Or, shall there not be upon them the plague &c. The text is probably corrupt. The Sept. and Syr. have, upon them shall be the plague &c. 4 Or, sin

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MALACHI.

1 THE burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. 2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? 3 Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob; but Esau I hated, and made his mountains a desolation, and gave his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness. 4 Whereas Edom saith, We are beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down: and men shall call them The border of wickedness, and The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever. And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD is magnified beyond the border of Israel. 6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar. And ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible. 8 And when ye offer the blind for sacrifice, it is no evil! and when ye offer

the lame and sick, it is no evil! Present it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee? or will he accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts. 9 And now, I pray you, intreat the favour of God, that he may be gracious unto us: this hath been by your means: will he accept any of your persons? saith the LORD of hosts. Oh that there were one among you that would shut the doors, that ye might not kindle fire on mine altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, saith the LORD of hosts, neither will I accept an offering at your hand. For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name is great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense is offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name is great among the Gentiles, saith the LORD of hosts. 12 But ye profane it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted, and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. Ye say also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye have brought that which was taken by violence, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye bring the offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD. But cursed be the deceiver,

1 Or, oracles 2 Or, my messenger 3 Or, Is not Esau ... I get I have loved &c.

4 Or, Though Edom say 5 Or, as otherwise read, impower-taken

6 Or, is great 7 Or, over

8 Heb. from your hand. 9 Or, accept any because of you

10 Or, shall be 11 Or, incense and a pure oblation are offered

which hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto the Lord a blemished thing: for I am a great king, saith the Lord of hosts, and my name is terrible among the Gentiles.

2 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, then will I send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold, I will rebuke the seed for your sake, and will spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your sacrifices; and ye shall be taken away with it. And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him that he might fear, and he feared me, and stood in awe of my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and uprightness, and did turn many away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But ye are turned aside out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble in the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have had respect of persons in the law.

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers? Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loveth, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. The Lord will cut off to the man that doeth this him that waketh and him that answereth, out of the tents of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto the Lord of hosts. And this again ye do: ye cover the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping, and with sighing, inasmuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, neither receiveth it with good will at your hand. Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously, though she is thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. 16 And did he not make one, although he had the residue of the spirit? And wherefore one? He sought a godly

seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. For I hate putting away, saith the Lord, the God of Israel, and him that covereth his garment with violence, saith the Lord of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have wearied the Lord with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? In that ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of the Lord, and he delighteth in them; or where is the God of judgement? Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple; and the messenger of the covenant, whom ye delight in, behold, he cometh, saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap: and he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto the Lord offerings in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord, as in the days of old, and as in ancient years. And I will come near to you to judgement; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers; and against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the stranger from his right, and fear not me, saith the Lord of hosts. For I the Lord change not; therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

7 From the days of your fathers ye have turned aside from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the Lord of hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with the curse; for ye rob me, even this whole nation. Bring ye the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the Lord of hosts. And all nations shall call you happy: for ye shall be a delightful land, saith the Lord of hosts.

1 According to some ancient versions, your arms.
2 Or, feasts.
3 Or, unto.

7 High in heaven.

10 Or, and.
11 Or, angel.

1 Or, sanctuary.

5 Or, a second time.

6 Or, And not one hath done so who had a residue of the spirit. Or what? Is there one that seeketh a godly seed?

10 High above offerings.

13 Your words have been stout against me, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Where-
 14 in have we spoken against thee? Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: and what profit is it that we have kept his charge, and that we have walked ¹mournfully before the LORD of hosts?
 15 And now we call the proud happy; yea, they that work wickedness are built up; yea, they tempt God, and are de-
 16 livered. Then they that feared the LORD spake one with another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared the LORD,
 17 and that thought upon his name. And they shall be mine, saith the LORD of hosts, in the day ²that I ³do make, *even* a peculiar treasure; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that
 18 serveth him. Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God
 4 and him that serveth him not. For, behold, the day cometh, it burneth as

a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor
 2 branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and gambol as calves
 3 of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I ⁵do make, saith the LORD of hosts.

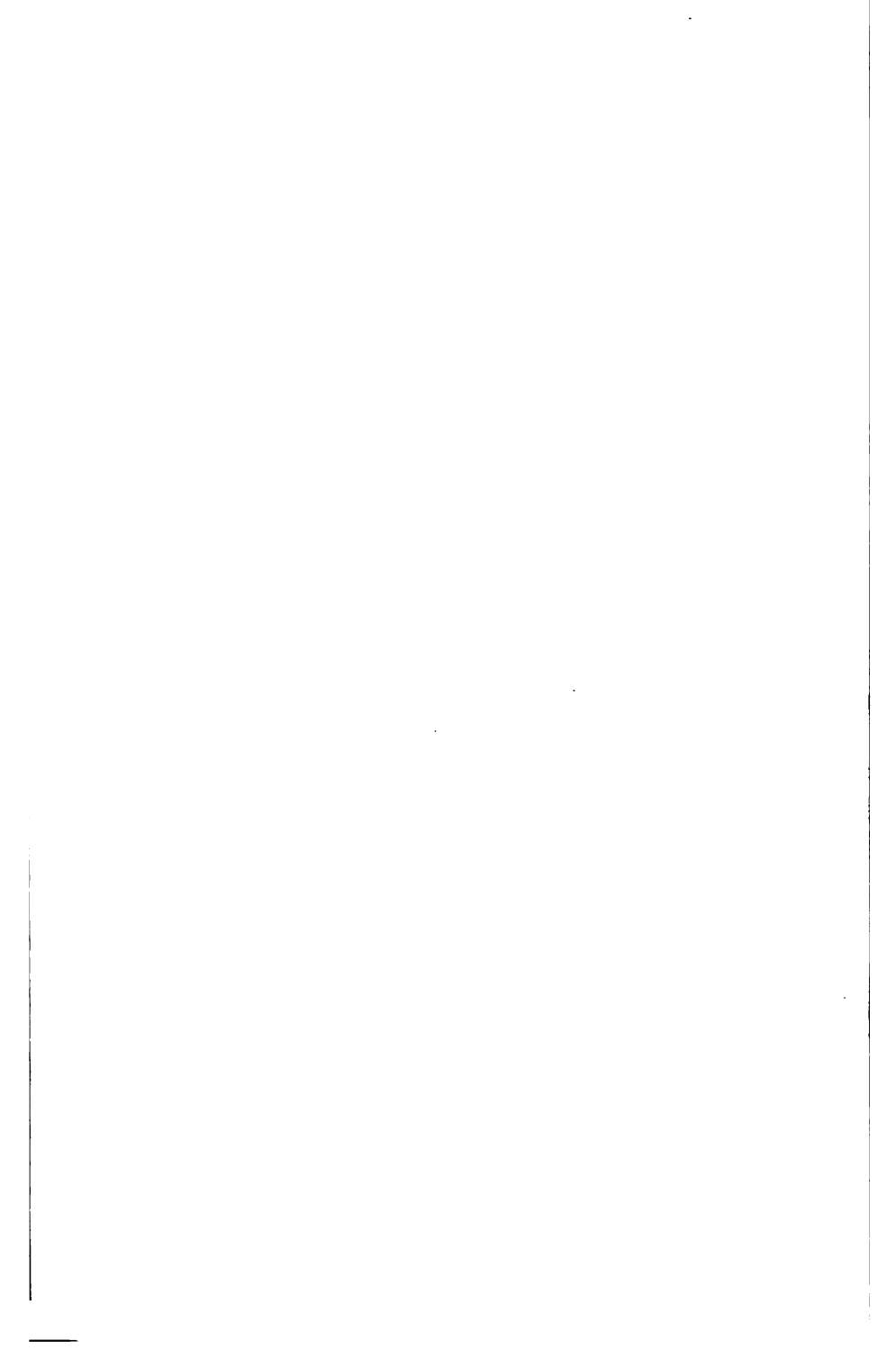
4 Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes
 5 and judgements. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and terrible day of the LORD come.
 6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers ⁴to the children, and the heart of the children ⁴to their fathers; lest I come and smite the ⁵earth with a
 6 curse.

¹ Or, in mourning apparel

² Or, wherein I do make a peculiar treasure
³ Or, do this

[Ch. III. 19 in Heb.]

⁴ Or, with
⁵ Or, land
⁶ Or, do



APPENDIX.

The American Old Testament Revision Company, while recognizing the cordial acceptance given to many of their suggestions, present the following instances in which they differ from the English Company, as of sufficient importance to be appended to the Revision in accordance with the original agreement.

CLASSES OF PASSAGES.

- I. Substitute the Divine name "Jehovah" wherever it occurs in the Hebrew text, for "the LORD" and "GOD" and omit the marg. to "the LORD" at Gen. ii. 4, and "Heb. *Jehovah*" from the marg. at Ex. iii. 15; also substitute "Jehovah" for "the LORD" or "Jah" wherever the latter occurs in the Hebrew text, and retain or insert "Heb. *Jah*" in the marg.; where "Jehovah" immediately follows, viz. in Is. xii. 2, xvi. 4, read "Jehovah, even Jehovah" and omit "*Jehovah*" from the marg.
- II. Substitute "Sheol" wherever it occurs in the Hebrew text, for the renderings "the grave" "the pit" and "hell" and omit these renderings from the marg.
- III. Substitute "a" for "an", "my" for "mine" and "thy" for "thine" wherever followed by "h" *aspirated*.
- IV. Substitute "who" or "that" for "which" when used of persons.
- V. Substitute "are" for "be" in the present indicative, and omit "for" before infinitives.
- VI. Omit from the margin all renderings from the LXX., Vulgate, and other ancient Versions or "authorities"
- VII. The following substitutions are preferred, with the necessary inflectional variations:
 - "adder" for "basilisk"
 - "annul" for "disannul"
 - "ascend" for "going up" when used as a noun.
 - "astonished" for "astondied"
 - "a year old" for "of the first year"
 - "base man" for "man of Belial" or "son of B."; "base woman" for "daughter of Belial"; "base men" for "men of Belial" "sons of B." or "children of B."
 - "before" for "afore"; also for "or ever" except in Ps. xc. 2; Eccl. xii. 1, 2, 6.
 - "blow the trumpet" for "blow with (or, "blow up") the trumpet"
 - "boil" "boiled" for "seethe" "sod" "sodden"
 - "bonds" for "bands" in Job xxxix. 5, and elsewhere uniformly for the same Hebrew word.
 - "capital" for "chapter"
 - "chiefs" for "dukes"
 - "contend" for "plead" in Judg. vi. 31 (three times) and so wherever the latter rendering represents the same Hebrew verb unless followed by "cause", except in Is. i. 17. But substitute "enter into judgment" for "plead" in Jer. xxv. 31; Ezek. xvii. 20; xx. 35, 36 (twice).
 - "courses" for "rows" of timber or stone.
 - "devise" for "imagine" in Ps. x. 2; xxi. 11; cxi. 2; Hos. vii. 15; Nah. i. 9, 11; Zech. vii. 10; viii. 17.
 - "diminish" for "minish"
 - "encamp" for "camp"; also, for "pitch" when used intransitively.
 - "far be it from me" ("thee" etc.) for "God forbid", except in 1 Sam. xiv. 45; xx. 2, where substitute "Far from it"

- "find favour" for "find grace"
 "food" for "meat"
 "fortified" for "fenced" and "defenced"
 "frighten" for "fray"
 "grain" for "corn"
 "harlot" for "whore" and "whorish woman"; "play the harlot" for "go a whoring" and "commit whoredom"
 "helped" for "holpen"
 "know" and "knew" for "wot" and "wist"
 "knoweth how" for "can skill" in 1 Kings v. 6; 2 Chron. ii. 7, 8.
 "lain" for "lien"
 "lamp" for "candle"
 "lovingkindness" for "mercy" in Gen. xix. 19; for "favour" in Job x. 12; for "goodness" in Ps. cvii. 8; "lovingkindnesses" for "mercies" in 2 Chron. vi. 42. So substitute "lovingkindness" for either of these renderings wherever it stands for the same Hebrew word (*hesed*) when used of God; but substitute "kindness" for "mercy" in Ps. cix. 12, 16; for "favour" in Esth. ii. 17, and wherever either of these renderings stands for the same Hebrew word, when used of men in relation to each other. In Hos. vi. 4 retain "goodness" and make ver. 6 conform.
 "merciful" for "full of compassion"
 "mound" for "mount" (cast up by invaders)
 "new wine" for "wine" in Gen. xxvii. 28, and elsewhere uniformly for the same Hebrew word.
 "number" for "tell" in Gen. xv. 5 (twice); Ps. xlviii. 12; lvi. 8; Jer. xxxiii. 13; and "count" for "tell" in 1 Kings viii. 5; 2 Kings xii. 10; 2 Chron. v. 6; Ps. cxlvii. 4
 "oil" for "ointment"
 "olive oil" for "oil olive"
 "perfumer" for "apothecary" and "confectionary"
 "perverse" ("perverseness") for "froward" ("frowardness") except in 2 Sam. xxii. 27; Job v. 13; Ps. xviii. 26; "wayward" for "perverse" in Prov. ii. 15; for "froward" in iv. 24; xvii. 20, and "cunning" for "froward" in Job v. 13.
 "put to shame" for "ashamed"
 "refine" for "fine" (metal). So "refiner" for "finer"
 "scoffer" for "scorner" and "scoffing" for "scornful" and "scorning"
 "settings" for "ouches"
 "since" for "sith"
 "sitteth *above*" (the cherubim) for "sitteth upon" with marg. Or, *is enthroned*
 "skill" for "cunning" (noun) and "skilful" for "cunning" (adj.) when either relates to workman or work.
 "stench" for "stink", when used as a noun.
 "stronghold" for "hold", when used as a noun.
 "take refuge" for "trust" (Deut. xxxii. 37) for "put . . . trust" (Ps. ii. 12), and so uniformly as the rendering of the same Hebrew verb.
 "therewith" for "withal" in Ex. xxv. 29; xxx. 4; xxxvii. 16; Lev. xi. 21.
 "trespass offering" for "guilt offering"
 "uncover" for "discover" except in 1 Sam. xiv. 8, 11, and xxii. 6.
 "wall" for "howl" where it is used of persons.
 "wait for" for "wait on" in Ps. xxv. 3, and so uniformly as the rendering of the same Hebrew verb, except in Ps. lii. 9.
 "which" for "the which"
 "winnow" for "fan" (the verb)
 "wrath" for "fury" when it is attributed to God, except in Is. xlii. 25; lvi. 15, and "wrathful" for "furious"

VIII. The modern spelling is preferred for the following words;

- "basin" for "bason"
 "brazen" for "brasen"
 "caterpillar" for "caterpillier"
 "oiled" and "ceiling" for "cieled" and "cieeling"
 "chapped" for "chapt"
 "crookbacked" for "crookbackt"
 "drove" for "drave"
 "establish" for "stablish"
 "forego" for "forgo"

- "jubilee" for "jubile"
- "judgment" for "judgement"
- "plaster" for "plaister"
- "prancing" for "pransing"
- "prized" for "prised"
- "show" for "shew"
- "streaks" for "strakes" and "ring-streaked" for "ringstraked"
- "subtile" for "subtil"
- "thoroughly" for "throughly"
- "while" for "whiles"
- "winevat" for "winefat"

GENESIS.

- XII. 16 For "entreated Abram well" read "dealt well with Abram"
- XV. 2 For "Dammesek Elieser" read "Elieser of Damascus"
- XVIII. 19 For "justice and judgement" read "righteousness and justice" So in Prov. xxi. 3.
- XXIII. 6 Substitute the marg. ("*a prince of God*") for the text.
- XXVII. 15 For "raiment" read "garments"
- XXXII. 31 For "halted" read "went halting"
- XXXIII. 13 For "give suck" read "have their young"
- XXXIV. 30 For "to stink among" read "odious to"
- XXXV. 5 Substitute the marg. ("*a terror of God*") for the text.
- 16 For "way" read "distance" So in xlvi. 7, and in marg. of 2 Kings v. 19.
- XLIX. 3 For "excellency" read "pre-eminence" (twice) So in ver. 4
- 4 For "Unstable" read "Boiling over" and omit the marg.

EXODUS.

- I. 21 For "houses" read "households"
- V. 23, 23 For "evil entreated" read "dealt ill with" So in Deut. xxvi. 6.
- XV. 9 For "lust" read "desire"
- 15 For "amased" read "dismayed" So in Judg. xi. 41.
- XVII. 14 Add marg. to "a book" Or, *the book*
- XIX. 5 For "a peculiar treasure unto me" read "mine own possession" So for "a peculiar treasure" in Mal. iii. 17.
- XXI. 29 For "but that" read "but"
- XXIII. 5 Read "thou shalt forbear to leave him, thou shalt surely release *it* with him."
- 21 For "of him" read "before him"
- XXV. 38 For "tongs" read "snuffers" So in Num. iv. 9; 2 Chron. iv. 21.
- XXVII. 21 For "order it" read "keep it in order" So in Lev. xxiv. 3, 4.
- XXXIV. 6 For "plenteous" read "abundant" So in Num. xiv. 18; Neh. ix. 17; Ps. lxxvi. 5, 15; ciii. 8; Joel ii. 13; Jon. iv. 2.
- XXXVIII. 8 For "serving . . . served" read "ministering . . . ministered"

LEVITICUS.

- IX. 2 For "bull calf" read "calf of the herd"
- XVI. 8 Marg. ¹ For "*dismissal*" read "*removal*"
- XVIII. 18 For "woman" read "wife"

NUMBERS.

- V. 21, 22 For "belly" read "body" So in xxv. 8; Judg. iii. 21, 22; Prov. xviii. 8.
- VII. 13 For "charger" read "platter" So throughout the Chap. and in Ezra i. 9 (twice).
- XIX. 9, 13, 20, 21 For "of separation" read "for impurity" So in xxxi. 23.
- XXIII. 21 To "perverseness" add marg. Or, *trouble*

DEUTERONOMY.

- III. 25 To "mountain" add marg. Or, *hill country*
 IV. 29 Read "But from thence ye shall seek . . . and thou shalt find him when thou searchest" etc.
 34 Substitute the marg. ("*trials*") for the text. So in vii. 19; xxix. 3.
 VII. 6 For "a peculiar people unto himself" read "a people for his own possession" So in xiv. 2; xxvi. 18.
 IX. 1 For "possess" read "dispossess" So in xi. 23; xii. 2, 29; xviii. 14; xxxi. 3.
 XVII. 15 For "in any wise" read "surely" So in xxii. 7.
 XXIII. 16 For "liketh" read "pleaseth" So in Esth. viii. 8; Am. iv. 5.
 XXVI. 17 For "shouldest" read "wouldest"
 XXVIII. 53 For "straitness . . . straiten" read "distress . . . distress" So in verses 55, 57 and in Jer. xix. 9.
 67 For "Would God" read "Would"
 XXXI. 21 For "go about, even now" read "frame this day"
 XXXII. 27 For "misdeem" read "judge amiss"
 39 For "have wounded" read "wound"
 XXXIII. 3 For "peoples" read "people"
 6 For "Yet" read "Nor" and add marg. Or, *But*
 14 Add marg. to "moons" Or, *months*

JOSHUA.

- II. 9 For "your terror" read "the fear of you"
 IV. 24 For "they" read "ye" omitting marg. ¹
 V. 11 Substitute marg. ⁵ ("*produce*") for the text. So in ver. 12.
 14, 15 Substitute marg. ⁶ ("*prince*") for the text.
 VIII. 33 Let the marg. ("*commanded*" etc.) and the text exchange places.
 IX. 5 For "clouted" read "patched"
 XVI. 1 Read "And the lot came out for the children of Joseph"
 XVII. 2 For "And" read "So"
 XXII. 10 For "see to" read "look upon"
 22 Read "The Mighty One, God, Jehovah" and omit marg. ² So in Ps. l. 1.

JUDGES.

- III. 1 For "as many" read "as many of *Israel*"
 20 For "his summer parlour" read "the cool upper room" Omit marg. ⁴
 23 For "parlour" read "upper room" So in verses 24, 25.
 24 For "his summer" read "the upper"
 V. 13 Prefix to marg. upon "Then came down" etc. Or, *Then go down, O remnant, for the nobles . . . O Jehovah, go down for me against the mighty*
 26 Substitute marg. ¹² ("*tent-pin*") for the text.
 IX. 15 For "shadow" read "shade" So in Job xl. 22; Is. iv. 6; xvi. 3; xxv. 4, 5; xxxii. 2; xxxiv. 15; Ezek. xvii. 23; Jon. iv. 5, 6.
 33 For "set upon" read "rush upon"
 52 For "went hard" read "drew near"
 XI. 39 For "had known" read "knew"
 XIII. 12 Substitute the marg. ("*ordering*") for the text.
 Substitute the marg. ("*how shall we do unto him*") for text.
 XV. 15 For "new" read "fresh"
 XIX. 3 Omit marg. ⁸ "Another reading is" etc.

RUTH.

- II. 10 For "stranger" read "foreigner" So in 2 Sam. xv. 19.
 III. 11 For "virtuous" read "worthy" So in Prov. xii. 4; xxxi. 10

1 SAMUEL.

- II. 20 For "loan . . . lent to" read "petition . . . asked of"
 26 For "was in" read "increased in"

- III. 1 Substitute marg. ⁵ ("frequent") for the text.
 IX. 5 For "take thought" read "be anxious"
 14 For "against" read "toward"
 X. 2 For "the care of" read "off caring for"
 For "taketh thought" read "is anxious"
 24 For "God save" read "*Long live*"
 XIV. 24 For "but Saul" read "for Saul had"
 47 Substitute marg. ⁴ ("put them to the worse") for the text.
 XV. 32 Substitute marg. ⁶ ("*cheerfully*") for the text.
 XXIII. 7 Omit marg. ¹ to "delivered"
 XXIV. 11 For "soul" read "life"
 XXV. 13 For "stuff" read "baggage" So in xxx. 24.
 22 Omit margins.
 XXX. 13 For "agone" read "ago"

2 SAMUEL.

- V. 2 For "feed" read "be shepherd of" So in vii. 7; 1 Chron. xi. 2 and xvii. 6.
 X. 12 For "men" read "man"
 XIV. 5 For "widow woman" read "widow" So in 1 Kings xvii. 9, 10.
 26 Read "And when he cut the hair of... he cut it; because it was... he cut it:"

1 KINGS.

- V. 4 For "occurrent" read "occurrence"
 VI. 6 For "rebatelements" read "offsets"
 VII. 23, 29 Substitute marg. ⁴ ("*panels*") for the text.
 X. 15 For "chapmen" read "traders" So in 2 Chron. ix. 14.
 16 For "targets... target" read "bucklers... buckler" So in 2 Chron. ix. 15.
 17 For "pound" read "pounds"
 XIV. 3 For "cracknels" read "cakes"
 XVII. 12, 14, 16 For "barrel" read "jar" So read "jars" in xviii. 33.
 XVIII. 21 For "halt ye" read "go ye halting"
 XXII. 34 For "harness" read "armour" So in 2 Chron. xviii. 33.

2 KINGS.

- II. 23 Put marg. ⁸ ("*young lads*") in the text.
 24 For "children" read "lads"
 IX. 30 For "tired" read "attired"
 32 For "eunuchs" read "officers" putting the present text in the marg. and similarly for the same word in all other instances.
 XII. 9 Substitute marg. ¹ ("*threshold*") for the text, and so uniformly elsewhere with similar text and marg.
 XV. 5 For "several" read "separate" with marg. ⁵ Or, *infirmary* So in 2 Chron. xvi. 21.
 XVII. 6 For "in Habor, on the" read "on the Habor, the" So in xviii. 11.
 34 For "manners" read "manner"
 XIX. 4 For "reproach" read "defy" with corresponding change in verses 22, 23. So in Is. xxxvii. 4, 17, 23, 24.
 7 For "a rumour" read "tidings" So in Is. xxxvii. 7; Jer. x. 22; li. 46 (3 times).
 35 For "they... corpses" read "these... bodies" So in Is. xxxvii. 36.

1 CHRONICLES.

- IV. 43 For "dwelt" read "have dwelt"
 IX. 19 Substitute marg. ⁷ ("*Tent*") for the text. So in ver. 23.
 28 For "tale were they" read "count were these" (twice)
 XII. 15 For "overflown" read "overflowed"
 XX. 4, 6 Omit margins.
 XXI. 12 For "coasts" read "orders"
 13 For "now" read "I pray"
 XXVIII. 12 For "spirit" read "Spirit"

2 CHRONICLES.

- II. 9 For "wonderful great" read "great and wonderful"
 III. 17 Marg. ⁵ Omit "perhaps"
 XIII. 7 For "vain" read "worthless"
 XIV. 14 For "spoiled" read "made spoil of"
 XXII. 6 Omit marg. ¹⁸ except "So in 2 Kings viii. 29"
 XXX. 22 For "were well skilled" read "had good understanding"
 XXXIV. 12 For "could skill of" read "were skilful with"
 XXXVI. 3 For "amerced" read "fined"
 17 For "ancient" read "hoary headed"

EZRA.

- IV. 13 For "endamage" read "be hurtful unto"
 IX. 3 For "mantle" read "robe" So in ver. 5; also in Job i. 20; ii. 12; Ps. cix. 29; and "mantle" for "cloke" in Is. lix. 17.

NEHEMIAH.

- IV. 4 For "to spoiling" read "for a spoil"

ESTHER.

- II. 17 For "grace and favour" read "favour and kindness"

JOB.

- I. 1 For "eschewed" read "turned away from"
 6 For "there was a day . . . and Satan" read "it came to pass on the day when . . . that Satan" So in ii. 1.
 8 For "escheweth" read "turneth away from" So in ii. 3.
 22 For "with foolishness" read "foolishly", and add marg. Or, *attributed folly to God*
 III. 4 For "regard it from above" read "from above seek for it"
 11 For "when I" etc., read "when my mother bare me?"
 19 For "great" read "the great"
 24 For "roarings" read "groanings" and add marg. "Heb. *roarings*" and make corresponding change in Ps. xxiii. 1; xxxii. 3.
 IV. 4 For "confirmed" read "made firm"
 6 Read "*And the integrity of thy ways thy hope?*"
 VI. 2 Read in the 2d line "And all my calamity laid in the balances!"
 10 Read "And be it still my consolation,
 Yea, let me exult in pain that spareth not," etc.
 3d line. Substitute the marg. ("*That*") for the text.
 13 For "effectual working" read "wisdom" and omit marg. ¹⁴ So in xii. 16.
 25 Read "But your reproof, what doth it reprove?"
 26 For "imagine" read "think"
 VII. 4 Substitute marg. ⁵ ("*When shall I arise, and the night be gone?*") for the text.
 7 For "wind" read "a breath"
 17 For "thine heart" read "thy mind"
 VIII. 17 For "heap" read "stone-heap"
 IX. 19 Substitute marg. ¹⁸ ("*If we speak of strength, lo, he is mighty!*") for the text.
 For "who will appoint me a time?" read "who, *saieth he*, will summon me?"
 X. 22 1st line; read "The land dark as midnight;"
 2d line; for "*A land*" read "*The land*"
 3d line; for "darkness" read "midnight" and add marg. Heb. *thick darkness*
 XI. 6 For "That it" read "For he"
 For "effectual working" read "understanding" and omit marg.

- XII. 4 2d line; read "I who called upon God and he answered:"
 23 For "destroyeth" read "he destroyeth"
 2d line; read "He enlargeth the nations, and he leadeth them *captive*" and omit marg.⁷
 24 For "the heart of" read "understanding from"
- XIII. 8 For "respect his person" read "show partiality to him" and omit marg.¹⁰
 10 For "respect persons" read "show partiality" and omit marg.¹²
 11 For "excellency" read "majesty" So in xxxi. 23.
 15 Read "Behold, he will slay me; I have no hope" and substitute the present text for marg.¹⁴
 16 Substitute marg.¹⁸ ("That") for the text, substituting a comma for the preceding semicolon.
 18 For "ordered my cause" read "set my cause in order" So in xxxii. 4.
 27 For "drawest thee a line about" read "settest a bound to"
- XIV. 10 For "wasteth away" read "is laid low"
 11 For "decayeth" read "wasteth"
 19 For "And" read "So"
- XV. 8 For "restrain" read "limit"
 11 2d line; read "Even the word that is gentle toward thee"
 12 For "wink" read "flash"
 27 For "made collops of fat on his flanks" read "gathered fat upon his loins"
 29 Let marg.⁷ ("their possessions" etc.) and the text exchange places.
- XVII. 2 For "abideth in" read "dwelleth upon"
 6 For "He hath made me also" read "But he hath made me"
 For "And I am become an open abhorring" read "And they spit in my face" and omit marg.⁸
- XVIII. 12 Let marg.¹⁴ ("at his side") and the text exchange places.
 13 Read "The members of his body shall be devoured"
- XIX. 17 For "children of my mother's womb" read "children of mine own mother"
 25, 26 Read
 (25) "But as for me, I know that my redeemer liveth,
 And at last he shall stand up upon the earth;
 (26) And after my skin, *even* this *body*, is destroyed,
 Then without my flesh shall I see God:"
 and put the present text of ver. 26 in the marg.
 27 For "Whom I" read "Whom I, even I,"
 Let marg.¹² ("on my side") and the text exchange places.
 Substitute marg.¹⁴ ("as a stranger") for the text.
 28 Substitute marg.¹⁵ ("And that") for the text.
- XXI. 14 For "Yet they said" read "And they say"
 21 Omit "in the midst"
 32 For "And shall keep" read "And men shall keep"
- XXII. 14 Substitute marg.¹¹ ("on the vault") for the text.
- XXIV. 4 For "hide themselves together" read "all hide themselves"
 10 For "an-hungred" read "hungry"
 12 For "imputeth it not for folly" read "regardeth not the folly"
- XXVIII. 4 Omit "that passeth by"
 17 For "the exchange thereof be" read "it be exchanged for"
- XXIX. 6 For "rivers" read "streams" So in Ps. cxix. 136; Prov. v. 16; Is. xxxii. 2; Lam. iii. 48.
- XXXI. 2 For "of God from above" read "from God above"
 2 For "of the Almighty from on high" read "from the Almighty on high"
 18 For "I have been her guide" read "her have I guided"
 31 For "satisfied" read "filled" So in Ps. civ. 13.
 For "flesh" read "meat" Omit marg.⁶
- XXXII. 19 For "belly" read "breast" and omit marg.¹
- XXXIV. 29 Transpose "alike" to the beginning of the line.
- XXXV. 6 1st line; for "doest" read "effectest"
- XXXVI. 18 Read "For let not wrath stir thee up against chastisements" and put the present text in the marg.
- XXXVII. 1 For "At this also" read "Yea, at this"
 2 For "Hearken ye unto" read "Hear, oh, hear"

- XXXVII. 21 For "cleanseth" read "clearth"
 XXXVIII. 10 For "prescribed for it my decree" read "marked out for it my bound" and omit marg. 19
 18 For "the breadth of the earth" read "the earth in its breadth"
 30 Read "hide themselves and become like stone"
 41 For "food" read "prey"
 XXXIX. 5 2d line; For "wild ass" read "swift ass"
 13 For "wing . . . rejoiceth" read "wings . . . wave proudly"
 2d line, read "But are they the pinions and plumage of love?" with marg. to "love"
 Or, a stork
 16 Let marg. 16 ("dealeth hardly with") and the text exchange places.
 28 Read "On the cliff she dwelleth and maketh her home,
 Upon the point of the cliff," etc.
 XL. 15 For "with" read "as well as" and add marg. Heb. *with*
 19 For "can make his sword to approach unto him" read "giveth him his sword" and omit marg. 1
 XLI. 12 For "comely proportion" read "goodly frame"
 18 For "neesings" read "sneezings"

THE PSALMS.

- II. 1 For "imagine" read "meditate" and omit marg. 4 So in xxxviii. 12.
 V. 7 For "multitude" read "abundance" So in lxix. 13; Ezek. xxviii. 16; Hos. ix. 7.
 x. 1
 8 For "plain" read "straight" and add marg. Or, *level*
 IX. 17 For "return to" read "be turned back unto"
 X. 14 Read "to requite it with thy hand" and put the present text in the marg.
 XII. 2 For "vanity" read "falsehood"
 5 For "for" read "because of" (twice)
 XVI. 2 For "I have said" read "O my soul, thou hast said"
 4 Substitute the marg. ("gives gifts for") for the text.
 10 Add to marg. 16 "Another reading is, *holy ones*"
 XVII. 7 Restore the rendering of the Auth. Vers.
 9 For "spoil" read "oppress"
 15 For "with thy likeness" read "with beholding thy form" and omit "Heb. form" from marg. 1
 XVIII. 7 For "moved" read "quaked"
 XXI. 3 For "preventest" read "meetest"
 XXII. 8 2d line; for "deliver" read "rescue"
 10 Read "Thou art my God since my mother bare me."
 16 For marg. 11 substitute "Or, *Like a lion*"
 20 Add in marg. "Or, *dear life*" So in xxxv. 17.
 XXIV. 6 Substitute marg. 6 ("even Jacob") for the text.
 XXVI. 4 For "vain persons" read "men of falsehood"
 XXVIII. 9 For "Feed them" read "Be their shepherd"
 XXX. 4 Read "to his holy memorial name" and omit marg. 9 except "See Ex. iii. 15." So and with the same margin in xvii. 12, and in Hos. xii. 5.
 5 Let marg. 10 ("His favour is for a life time") and the text exchange places.
 XXXIII. 5 For "judgement" read "justice" So in lxxxix. 14; xcvii. 2; xcix. 4 (twice); Prov. i. 3; if. 8, 9; xxi. 7, 15; Is. i. 27; v. 7; x. 2; xxviii. 17; xxxii. 1, 16; xxxiii. 5; lix. 8, 9, 11, 14, 15; lxi. 8; Jer. iv. 2; ix. 24.
 XXXV. 15 For "when I halted" read "in mine adversity" and add marg. Heb. *my limping*
 XXXVII. 3 Read "feed on his faithfulness" and put in marg. "Or, *verily thou shalt be fed*"
 20 Let the marg. ("the fat of lambs") and the text exchange places.
 37 Read "there is a happy end to the man of peace" and omit marg. 11
 38 For "The latter end" read "The end"
 XXXVIII. 8 For "roared" read "groaned" and add marg. Heb. *roared*
 17 For "halt" read "fall" So for "halting" in Jer. xx. 10.

- XLI. 6 Substitute marg.¹¹ ("*falsehood*") for the text.
 XLII. 5 For "health" read "help" So in ver. 11 and in xliii. 5.
 XLIV. 2 Read "but them thou didst plant;"
 "but them thou didst spread abroad." Omit marg.⁶
 XLVII. 4 For "excoellency" read "glory"
 XLIX. 8 For "soul" read "life"
 For "And must be let alone" read "And it falleth"
 10 For "together" read "alike"
 12 Substitute the marg. ("*being in honour abideth not*") for the text.
 L. 23 For "conversation" read "way"
 LI. 11 For "spirit" read "Spirit"
 12 Substitute marg.¹⁶ ("*willing*") for the text.
 LII. 9 For "wait on" read "hope in"
 LVI. 4 Read "In God, (I will praise his word)," So in ver. 10.
 10 2d line; read "In Jehovah, (I will praise his word),"
 LVIII. 2 For "Yea" read "Nay"
 9 For marg. on "He shall take" substitute Or, *Wrath shall take them away while living as with a whirlwind*
 LIX. 9 Read "*Because of his strength*"
 10 Read "My God with his lovingkindness shall meet me"
 LXII. 1 For "only upon God" read "in silence for God only" So in ver. 5.
 3 For "bowing" read "leaning"
 4 For "excoellency" read "dignity"
 LXIII. 1 For "early" read "earnestly" and omit marg.¹⁴ So in Is. xvi. 9.
 LXV. 3 For "purge them away" read "forgive them" and add marg. "Or, *expiate*" So in lxxix. 9 read "forgive our sins" with the same marg.
 4 For "The holy place of thy temple" read "Thy holy temple"
 LXVII. 2 For "saving health" read "salvation"
 LXVIII. 1 Add marg. to "Let God arise" "Or, *God ariseth*: and so throughout verses 1, 2, 3."
 8 For "*Eens yon Sinai*" read "That Sinai"
 13 Read "When ye lie among the sheepfolds, *It is as the wings*" etc., and substitute the present text for marg.⁹
 18 For "led *thy* captivity captive" read "led away captives"
 20 Read "belongeth escape from death"
 23 Read "That thou mayest crush *them, dipping*"
 33 For "heavens of heavens" read "heaven of heavens"
 LXXIII. 10 For "wrung out" read "drained" and omit marg.⁹
 27 For "from thee" read "*departing from thee*"
 LXXIV. 6 Omit "together"
 LXXV. 8 For "wring them out" read "drain them" and omit marg.⁴
 LXXVI. 5 For "spoiled" read "become a spoil"
 LXXVII. 10 Marg.¹¹ For "*That the*" read "*This is my grief that the*"
 LXXIX. 8 For "prevent" read "meet"
 LXXXIX. 37 Omit all after "*for ever*" in marg.³
 XC. 9 Substitute "sigh" from marg.⁴ for "*tale that is told*"
 17 For "beauty" read "favour" and put the present text in the margin.
 XCII. 13 Read "They are . . . Jehovah;" and for "Shall" read "They shall"
 XCIII. 1 For "apparelled" read "clothed" (twice) and read in the second line, "Jehovah is clothed with strength; he hath girded himself therewith"
 XCVII. 5 For "hills" read "mountains"
 CII. 12 For "memorial" read "memorial *name*" and add marg. "See Ex. iii. 15." So in cxxxv. 13.
 CIII. 5 For "mouth" read "desire"
 CIV. 4 2nd line; read "Flames of fire his ministers:"
 8 Read "(The mountains rose, the valleys sank:)" substituting the present text for marg.³
 16 For "satisfied" read "*filled with moisture*" and omit marg.⁶
 25 For "Yonder" read "There"
 CV. 34 For "cankerworm" read "grasshopper"
 CVII. 30 Read "their desired haven." and omit marg.²
 CX. 2 Add marg. to "rod" Or, *sceptre*

- CX. 3 Read "in the day of thy power, in holy attire; out of the womb" etc. and omit marg.¹ and marg.²
- CXI. 10 For "thereafter" read "*his commandments*"
- CXVI. 1 For "hath heard" read "heareth"
- CXIX. 38 For "thy word unto thy servant" read "unto thy servant thy word"
For "*belongeth*" read "*is in order*"
- 121 For "judgement and justice" read "justice and righteousness"
- 147, 148 For "prevented" read "anticipated"
- 158 Omit "dealers"
- CXXII. 4 For "a testimony unto Israel" read "an ordinance for Israel" and add marg. Heb. *testimony*
- CXXVI. 1 Substitute marg.² ("*brought back*" etc.) for the text,
- CXXX. 6 For "*looketh*" read "*waiteth*"
2nd line; for "*watchmen look*" read "*watchmen wait*"
- CXXXV. 4 For "his peculiar treasure" read "his own possession"
- CXXXIX. 13 For "hast possessed" read "didst form" and omit marg.³
For "hast covered" read "didst cover"
- 16 For "unperfect" read "unformed"
- 22 For "I count them" read "They are become"
- CXLIII. 2 Read "no man living is righteous."
- CXLIV. 7 For "strangers" read "aliens" So in ver. 11.
8 For "vanity" read "deceit" So in ver. 11.

THE PROVERBS.

- IV. 7 For "thou hast gotten" read "thy getting" and put the present text in the marg.
18 For "shining" read "dawning" and omit marg.²
- VII. 9 For "blackness of night and the" read "middle of the night and in the"
22 For "as fetters" read "*as one in fetters*" Omit marg.¹²
- IX. 7 For "shame" read "reviling"
- X. 7 For "just" read "righteous" So in xx. 7.
- XI. 16 For "retaineth . . . retain" read "obtaineth . . . obtain"
- XIX. 22 Substitute marg.¹⁸ ("*That which maketh a man to be desired is his kindness*") for the text.
26 For "spoil" read "despoil"
- XX. 20 For "the blackest darkness" read "blackness of darkness"
- XXI. 28 Substitute marg.¹¹ ("*so as to endure*") for the text.
- XXII. 13 Substitute the marg. ("*slain*") for the text.
- XXIII. 7 For "reckoneth" read "thinketh"
32 Omit marg.²⁸ "Or, a *basilisk*"
- XXIV. 13 For "Spoil" read "Despoil" So Jer. xlvii. 4.
- XXV. 11 For "baskets" read "network" and omit marg.
- XXVI. 8 Read "As one that bindeth a stone in a sling"
- XXVII. 4 For "outrageous" read "overwhelming"
- XXIX. 21 Omit marg. to "a son"
- XXXI. 29 For "virtuously" read "worthily"
30 For "Favour" read "Grace"

ECCLESIASTES.

- I. 1 Omit "Or, *the great orator*" from marg.¹
- II. 8 Let the former part of marg.¹⁴ and the text exchange places, and omit the remainder of the marg.
- III. 11 Let marg.⁷ ("*eternity*") and the text exchange places.
19 Omit marg. "Or, *the sons of men are*" etc.
- V. 7 Read "For in the multitude of dreams there are vanities, and in many words:" from margin.

- VI. 10 For "that it is man" read "what man is"
 VII. 15 For "the days of my vanity" read "my days of vanity"
 X. 1 For "a stinking savour" read "an evil odour"
 XI. 10 For "prime" read "dawn"
 XII. 1 For "or ever" read "while" So in verses 2 and 6.
 For "come, and" read "come not, nor"
 2 Read "the sun is not darkened, nor the light, nor the moon, nor the stars, and... return not"
 5 Let marg. ¹⁴ ("desire") and the text exchange places.
 6 Read "is not loosed, nor... nor... nor" etc. and for "be broken" read "broken" (twice)

THE SONG OF SONGS.

- II. 7 For "love" read "*my love*" and for "it" read "he" with marg. Or, *it* Or, *she* So in iii. 5, and viii. 4.
 V. 3 For "coat" read "garment"
 VI. 4 For "Terrible" read "Overpowering" and put the present text in the margin. So in ver. 10.
 VII. 1 For "The joints of thy" read "Thy rounded" from margin.
 2 For "navel" read "body"
 For "belly" read "waist"
 7 For "clusters of grapes." read "its clusters."

ISAIAH.

- I. 14 For "to bear" read "of bearing"
 II. 4 Substitute marg. ⁵ ("decide concerning") for the text. So in Mic. iv. 3.
 III. 2 For "ancient" read "elder" from margin. So in ix. 15.
 3 For "cunning" read "expert"
 5 For "ancient" read "old man"
 18 For "bravery" read "beauty"
 24 For "stomacher" read "robe"
 VI. 7 For "purged" read "forgiven" with marg. Or, *expiated* So in xxvii. 9 and so for "purged from" in xxi. 14.
 VII. 15 Add marg. to "when he knoweth" Or, *till he know*
 21 For "nourish" read "keep alive"
 22 Read "that because of the abundance of milk which they"
 VIII. 6 In marg. ¹³ for "them" read "they"
 21 For "hardly bested" read "sore distressed"
 IX. 5 Omit "even"
 10 For "change" etc. read "put cedars in their place"
 18 For "thick clouds" read "a column"
 X. 13 For "am prudent" read "have understanding"
 15 For "shaketh... shake" read "wieldeth... wield"
 20 For "stay" read "lean" (twice) So in xxx. 12.
 22 Substitute marg. ³ ("thy people, O Israel") for the text.
 27 Substitute marg. ¹¹ ("by reason of fatness") for the text.
 30 Omit marg. "Or, as otherwise read" etc.
 31 For "gather themselves to flee" read "flee for safety"
 33 Omit "ones"
 XI. 8 Substitute the marg. ("decide") for the text. So in ver. 4.
 15 For "shake" read "wave"
 XIII. 21 For "satyr" read "wild goats" and omit margin. So in xxxiv. 14
 XIV. 23 Omit the space after this verse.
 XVI. 1 Substitute marg. ("to") for the text.
 3 For "bewray" read "betray"

- XVII. 10 Omit marg. "Or, *plantings of Adonis*"
- XIX. 6 For "stink" read "become foul"
- XXI. 4 For "panteth" read "fluttereth"
- 13 For "travelling companies" read "caravans"
- XXIII. 8 Read "Tyre that bestoweth crowns"
- 10 For "girdle about thee" read "restraint" and add marg. Heb. *girdle*
- 13 Read "this people was not; the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness" and put the present text in the marg.
- XXIV. 20 To "hut" add marg. Or, *hammock*
- XXVI. 2 For "truth" read "faith"
- 8 Read "name, even to thy memorial name" and add marg. "See Ex. iii. 15."
- XXVII. 1 For "dragon" read "monster" So in li. 9; Jer. li. 34.
- XXVIII. 7 Read "And even these reel with wine and stagger with strong drink; the priest and the prophet reel with . . . they stagger with strong drink;" and omit margins "and"
- 24 Read "Doth he that ploweth to sow plow continually?"
- For "break the clods of" read "harrow"
- 25 For "made plain" read "levelled"
- XXIX. 16 For "framed" read "formed" (twice)
- 21 Add marg. to "in a cause" Or, *for a word*
- 24 For "learn doctrine" read "receive instruction"
- XXX. 1 For "cover with a covering" read "make a league" from margin.
- Substitute for marg. "Or, *pour out a drink-offering*"
- 2 For "walk" read "set out"
- 4 For "his" read "their" (twice)
- 5 For "of" read "because of"
- 6 For "bunches" read "humps"
- 14 Omit "withal"
- 17 Marg. ¹ For "*mast*" read "*pole*"
- 20 Substitute for marg. ² "And then will the Lord give you bread in adversity and water in affliction, and thy teachers shall not"
- 23 For "rain of thy seed, that . . . withal" read "rain for thy seed wherewith thou shalt sow the ground;"
- 25 For "rivers" read "brooks"
- XXXI. 1 For "stay" read "rely" So in l. 10
- 5 For "flying" read "hovering"
- XXXII. 5 Substitute the renderings of the marg. "*fool . . . noble*" for the text.
- 6 Substitute the renderings of the marg. "*fool . . . folly*" for the text.
- XXXIII. 4 For "they leap" read "men leap"
- 14 For "surprised" read "seized"
- For "shall" read "can" (twice)
- 19 For "perceive" read "comprehend"
- XXXIV. 8 Read "For Jehovah hath a day of vengeance, a year of recompence for the cause of Zion."
- XXXV. 8 Omit the second alternative rendering from marg.
- XXXVII. 33 For "cast" read "cast up"
- XXXVIII. 12 For "Mine age" read "My dwelling" and omit marg. ³
- 14 For "mourn" read "moan" So in lix. 11.
- XL. 19 Omit "graven" So in xlv. 10 read "an image"
- For "melted" read "hath cast"
- XXI. 27 Read "*I am the first that saith*"
- XXII. 15 For "make waste" read "lay waste"
- 17 For "greatly ashamed" read "utterly put to shame" So in Jer. xx. 11.
- 25 For "fury" read "fierceness" So in lvi. 15.
- XXIII. 13 For "let" read "hinder" and omit marg. ⁷
- 23 For "made . . . to serve" read "burdened . . ." So in 24.
- XXIV. 7 For "appointed" read "established"
- 28 For "and to" read "and of"
- XLV. 3 Read in last clause "that it is I Jehovah who call thee"
- 24 For "unto me, is" read "I have I"
- In marg. ⁷ for "of" read "*say of me, is*"
- XLVI. 3 For "the belly" read "their birth"

- XLVII. 3 For "accept" read "spare"
Omit "*make truce with*" from marg.
- 5 For "lady" read "mistress" So for "a lady" in ver. 7.
- LI. 4 For "make my judgement to rest" read "establish my judgment"
- LII. 2 For "sit thee down" read "*sit on thy throne*"
- 10 For "shall see" read "have seen"
- LIII. 1 For "report" read "message"
- 7 For "yet he humbled himself and" read "yet when he was afflicted he"
For "; yea," read ", so"
- 8 Substitute the rendering of marg. ¹⁸ carrying forward the interrogation: ("*cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due?*")
- 9 For "the rich" read "a rich man" Omit marg. ¹⁹
- 11 For "by his knowledge" read "by the knowledge of himself" and put the present text in the marg.
Omit marg. ²⁴ "Or, *He shall see*" etc.
- LIV. 12 For "pleasant" read "precious" So in Joel iii. 5.
- LVI. 4 For "draw out" read "put out"
- 8 To "where thou sawest it." add marg. Or, *thou providest room for it.*
- 17 For "frowardly" read "backsliding"
- LX. 6 Read "all they from Sheba shall come"
- LXI. 2 For "acceptable year of the LORD" read "year of Jehovah's favour" and omit marg.
- 7 For "For" read "Instead of" (twice)
For "confusion" read "dishonour"
- LXIV. 5 Omit textual remark from marg. ⁴
- 11 For "things" read "places"
- LXVI. 5 Last clause, read "but it is they that shall be put to shame"
- 16 For "plead, . . . , with" read "execute judgment, . . . , upon" So in Joel iii. 2.
- 20 For "offering" read "oblation" (twice)

JEREMIAH.

- I. 6 For "cannot" read "know not how to"
- II. 25 For "There is no hope" read "It is in vain"
- 34 For "I have not found" etc., read "thou didst not find them breaking in: but it is because of all these things:" Substitute for marg. ¹⁴ "Or, *I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these.*"
- 37 For "From him" read "From thence"
- III. 21 For "for that" read "because"
- IV. 1 For "unto me shalt thou return:" read "if thou wilt return unto me;"
- 10 For "soul" read "life"
- 13 For "spoiled" read "despoiled;" So in ver. 30; ix. 19; x. 20.
- 20 For "spoiled" read "laid waste" (twice) So in xlix. 3; Zech. xi. 2, 3 (twice)
- 29 For "The whole city" read "Every city"
- V. 6 For "over" read "against"
- VI. 14 For "lightly" read "slightly" So in viii. 11.
- 27 Let marg. ⁶ ("*trier*") and the text exchange places.
- VII. 24 Add marg. to "went backward" Or, *turned their back and not their face*
- VIII. 14 Add marg. to "gall" Or, *poison* So in ix. 15; xxiii. 15.
- IX. 26 For "polled" read "cut off" So in xxv. 23; xlix. 32.
- X. 5 Omit marg. ⁵ except "Or, *pillar*"
- 8 Marg. ⁶ For "it is" read "*the stock is*"
- 24 For "with judgement" read "in measure" Add marg. Heb. *judgment* So in xxx. 11; xli. 23.
- XI. 20 For "let me see" read "I shall see"
- XIII. 13 For "know" read "certainly know"
- 21 Read "when he shall set over thee as head those whom thou hast thyself taught to be friends to thee"

- XIV. 3 For "pits" read "cisterns"
 12 For "oblation" read "meal offering" from margin. So read "meal offerings" in xvi. 28; xxxiii. 18; xli. 5.
- XVI. 4 For "die of" read "die"
- XVII. 11 Substitute marg. 7 ("sitteth on eggs which she hath not laid") for the text.
- XVIII. 15 For "caused them" read "been made"
 17 Substitute the marg. ("show them the back and not the face") for the text.
- XX. 5 For "which shall spoil them" read "and they shall make them a prey"
 7 For "deceived" read "persuaded" (twice)
 10 For "enticed" read "persuaded"
- XXI. 5 For "wrath" read "indignation" So in xxxii. 37.
- XXII. 17 For "to shed" read "shedding"
- XXIII. 15 For "profaneness" read "ungodliness"
- XXVI. 2 For "keep not back" read "diminish not"
 18 For "Micaiah" read "Micah" Add marg. Heb. *Micaiah*
 19 Omit "at all"
- XXVIII. 13 For "shalt make" read "hast made"
- XXXI. 20 For "pleasant" read "darling"
 For "are troubled" read "yearn"
- XXXIII. 6 For marg. "Or, *healing*" read "Heb. *a bandage*"
- XXXVIII. 11 For "cast" read "cast off" So in ver. 12.
- XL. 5 For "certain" read "men"
 14 For "cast about and returned" read "turned about and came back"
- XLVI. 3 For "Order" read "Prepare"
 8 For "the city" read "cities"
 17 Add margin to "but" etc., Or, *destroyed*
- XLVIII. 3 For "spolling" read "laying waste"
 28 For "in the sides of the hole's mouth" read "over the mouth of the abyss"
 30 For "dismaying" read "terror"
- XLIX. 5 For "wandereth" read "fleeth"
 10 For "spoiled" read "made a prey"
 39 Add marg. to "bring again" Or, *return to* So in Ezek. xxix. 14; Hos vi. 11; Joel iii. 1; Am. ix. 14; Zeph. iii. 20.
- L. 7 For "offend not" read "are not guilty"
 10 For "spoil... spoil" read "prey... prey upon"
- LII. 5 Add margin to "forsaken" Or, *widowed*
 14 Add margin to "Surely" Or, *Though I have filled*
 Add margin to "and" Or, *yet*
 34 For "delicates" read "delicacies"
 55 For "spoileth Babylon" read "layeth Babylon waste"
- LII. 23 Marg. 10 for "*four*" read "four"

LAMENTATIONS

- I. 12 For "done unto" read "brought upon"
 II. 19 For "top" read "head" So in iv. 1; Nah. iii. 10.

EZEKIEL.

- I. 4 For "colour" read "look" So in verses 7, 16, 22, 27; viii. 2; x. 9.
 For "amber" read "glowing metal" So in 27; viii. 2. Substitute "Or, *amber*" for marg.⁴
 18 For "rings" read "rims" (twice)
- V. 13 For "satisfy my fury" read "cause my wrath to rest" and omit the marg. So in xvi. 42, xxi. 17; xxiv. 13.
- VI. 9 For "whorish" read "lewd"

- VII. 26 For "ancients" read "elders"
 IX. 6 For "ancient" read "old"
 X. 21 Omit "apiece"
 XIII. 5 For "made up the fence" read "built up the wall" So alter "make up the fence" in xxii. 30.
 6 For "and the LORD" read "but Jehovah"
 10 Add margin to "untempered mortar" Or, *whitewash* So in xxii. 28.
 XIV. 15 For "noisome" read "evil"
 XVI. 7 For "the bud of" read "that which groweth in"
 43 For "fretted" read "raged against"
 XVII. 9 For "even without" etc., read "and not by a strong arm or much people can it be raised from the roots thereof"
 XX. 3 For "Are ye come" etc. read "Is it to enquire of me that ye are come?"
 XXIII. 3 For "bruised" read "handled" So in ver. 8, and "handling" in ver. 21.
 For "teats" read "bosom" So in verses 8, 21.
 XXIV. 13 For "purged" read "cleansed" (3 times)
 XXVII. 9 For "ancients" read "old men"
 For "occupy" read "deal in"
 27 For "occupiers of" read "dealers in"
 XXVIII. 3 For "they can hide" read "is hidden"
 XXIX. 5 For "leave thee *thrown*" read "cast thee forth"
 18 For "peeled" read "worn"
 XXX. 3 For "near, a day" etc. read "near; it shall be a day of clouds, a time" etc.
 XXXVIII. 22 Read ": and with pestilence and with blood will I enter into judgment with him"
 XLII. 12 For "in the head" read "at the head"
 XLIII. 14 Substitute marg. ¹ ("ledge") for the text. So in ver. 20 and xlv. 19.
 XLV. 15 Put marg. ² ("well watered") in the text.

DANIEL.

- IX. 25, 26 Substitute for marg. to "the anointed one" Heb. *Messiah*
 25 Read "seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: it shall be" etc. from marg. ¹⁶, and put text in margin.
 26 Substitute marg. ¹⁸ ("the end thereof") for the text.
 27 Substitute marg. ¹⁹ ("in the midst of") and marg. ²⁰ ("desolate") for the text.

HOSEA.

- VIII. 11 For "to sin" read "for sinning" (twice)
 12 Substitute marg. ¹⁷ ("I wrote for him the ten thousand things of my law, but they" etc.) for the text.

OBADIAH.

- 20 For "captivity" read "captives" (twice)

MICAH.

- I. 4 For "molten" read "melted"
 16 For "poll thee" read "cut off thy hair"
 II. 11 Transpose text and margin ¹².
 IV. 6 For "halteth" read "is lame" So in Zeph. iii. 19.
 7 For "halted" read "was lame"
 13 For "thou shalt" read "I shall" and omit marg.

NAHUM.

- I. 10 Read "For entangled like thorns and drunken as with their drink they are consumed"
- II. 1 For "munition" read "fortress"
- 4 For "jostle one against another" read "rush to and fro"
- 7 Let marg.¹ ("And it is decreed; *she is*" etc.) and the text exchange places.
For "tabering" read "beating"
- 9 For "pleasant" read "goodly"
- III. 2 For "jumping" read "bounding"
- 19 For "bruit" read "report"

ZECHARIAH.

- II. 8 For "spoiled you" read "made you a spoil"
- III. 5 For "fair" read "clean" (twice)
- IV. 7 For "head" read "top"
- 14 For "sons of oil" read "anointed ones"
- V 3 For "purged out" read "cut off" (twice)
- XIV. 10 For "Arabah" read "plain"
- 21 Omit marg. "Or, trafficker"

MALACHI.

- II. 3 For "sacrifices" read "solemn feasts" and omit margin.
- III. 3 For "purge" read "refine"
- 15 For "are delivered" read "escape"

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PREFACE.

THE English Version of the New Testament here presented to the reader is a Revision of the Translation published in the year of Our Lord 1611, and commonly known by the name of the Authorised Version.

That Translation was the work of many hands and of several generations. The foundation was laid by William Tyndale. His translation of the New Testament was the true primary Version. The Versions that followed were either substantially reproductions of Tyndale's translation in its final shape, or revisions of Versions that had been themselves almost entirely based on it. Three successive stages may be recognised in this continuous work of authoritative revision: first, the publication of the Great Bible of 1539-41 in the reign of Henry VIII; next, the publication of the Bishops' Bible of 1568 and 1572 in the reign of Elizabeth; and lastly, the publication of the King's Bible of 1611 in the reign of James I. Besides these, the Genevan Version of 1560, itself founded on Tyndale's translation, must here be named; which, though not put forth by authority, was widely circulated in this country, and largely used by King James' Translators. Thus the form in which the English New Testament has now been read for 270 years was the result of various revisions made between 1525 and 1611; and the present Revision is an attempt, after a long interval, to follow the example set by a succession of honoured predecessors.

I. Of the many points of interest connected with the Translation of 1611, two require special notice; first, the Greek Text which it appears to have represented; and secondly, the character of the Translation itself.

1. With regard to the Greek Text, it would appear that, if to some extent the Translators exercised an independent judgement, it was mainly in choosing amongst readings contained in the principal editions of the Greek Text that had appeared in the sixteenth century. Wherever they seem to have followed a reading which is not found in any of those editions, their rendering may probably be traced to the Latin Vulgate. Their chief guides appear to have been the later editions of Stephanus and of Beza, and also, to a certain extent, the Complutensian Polyglott. All these were founded for the most part on manuscripts of late date, few in number, and used with little critical skill. But in those days it could hardly have been otherwise. Nearly all the more ancient of the documentary authorities have become known only within the last two centuries; some of the most important of them, indeed, within the last few years. Their publication has called forth not only improved editions of the Greek Text, but a succession of instructive discussions on the variations which have been brought to light, and on the best modes of distinguishing original readings from changes introduced in the course of transcription. While therefore it has long been the opinion of all scholars that the commonly

received text needed thorough revision, it is but recently that materials have been acquired for executing such a work with even approximate completeness.

2. The character of the Translation itself will be best estimated by considering the leading rules under which it was made, and the extent to which these rules appear to have been observed.

The primary and fundamental rule was expressed in the following terms:—‘The ordinary Bible read in the Church, commonly called the Bishops’ Bible, to be followed, and as little altered as the truth of the Original will permit.’ There was, however, this subsequent provision:—‘These translations to be used, when they agree better with the text than the Bishops’ Bible: Tindale’s, Matthew’s, Coverdale’s, Whitchurch’s, Geneva.’ The first of these rules, which was substantially the same as that laid down at the revision of the Great Bible in the reign of Elizabeth, was strictly observed. The other rule was but partially followed. The Translators made much use of the Genevan Version. They do not however appear to have frequently returned to the renderings of the other Versions named in the rule, where those Versions differed from the Bishops’ Bible. On the other hand, their work shews evident traces of the influence of a Version not specified in the rules, the Rhemish, made from the Latin Vulgate, but by scholars conversant with the Greek Original.

Another rule, on which it is stated that those in authority laid great stress, related to the rendering of words that admitted of different interpretations. It was as follows:—‘When a word hath divers significations, that to be kept which hath been most commonly used by the most of the ancient fathers, being agreeable to the propriety of the place and the analogy of the faith.’ With this rule was associated the following, on which equal stress appears to have been laid:—‘The old ecclesiastical words to be kept, viz. the word *Charot* not to be translated *Congregation*, &c.’ This latter rule was for the most part carefully observed; but it may be doubted whether, in the case of words that admitted of different meanings, the instructions were at all closely followed. In dealing with the more difficult words of this class, the Translators appear to have paid much regard to traditional interpretations, and especially to the authority of the Vulgate; but, as to the large residue of words which might properly fall under the rule, they used considerable freedom. Moreover they profess in their Preface to have studiously adopted a variety of expression which would now be deemed hardly consistent with the requirements of faithful translation. They seem to have been guided by the feeling that their Version would secure for the words they used a lasting place in the language; and they express a fear lest they should ‘be charged (by scoffers) with some unequal dealing towards a great number of good English words,’ which, without this liberty on their part, would not have a place in the pages of the English Bible. Still it cannot be doubted that they carried this liberty too far, and that the studied avoidance of uniformity in the rendering of the same words, even when occurring in the same context, is one of the blemishes in their work.

A third leading rule was of a negative character, but was rendered necessary by the experience derived from former Versions. The words of the rule are as follows:—‘No marginal notes at all to be affixed, but only for the explanation of the Hebrew or Greek words which cannot without some circumlocution so briefly and fitly be expressed in the text.’ Here again the Translators used some liberty in their application of the rule. Out of more than 760 marginal notes originally appended to the Authorised Version of the New Testament, only a seventh part consists of explanations or literal renderings; the great majority of the notes being devoted to the useful and indeed necessary purpose of placing before the reader alternative renderings which it was judged that the passage or the words would fairly admit. The notes referring to variations in the Greek Text amount to about thirty-five.

Of the remaining rules it may be sufficient to notice one, which was for the most part consistently followed:—‘The names of the prophets and the holy writers, with the other names of the text, to be retained, as nigh as may be, accordingly as they were vulgarly used.’ The Translators had also the liberty, in ‘any place of special obscurity,’ to consult those who might be qualified to give an opinion.

Passing from these fundamental rules, which should be borne in mind by any one who would rightly understand the nature and character of the Authorised Version, we must call attention to the manner in which the actual work of the translation was carried on. The New Testament was assigned to two separate Companies, the one consisting of eight members, sitting at Oxford, the other consisting of seven members, sitting at Westminster. There is no reason to believe that these Companies ever sat together. They communicated to each other, and likewise to the four Companies to which the Old Testament and the Apocrypha had been committed, the results of their labours; and perhaps afterwards reconsidered them: but the fact that the New Testament was divided between two separate bodies of men involved a grave inconvenience, and was beyond all doubt the cause of many inconsistencies. These probably would have been much more serious, had it not been provided that there should be a final supervision of the whole Bible, by selected members from Oxford, Cambridge, and Westminster, the three centres at which the work had been carried on. These supervisors are said by one authority to have been six in number, and by another twelve. When it is remembered that this supervision was completed in nine months, we may wonder that the incongruities which remain are not more numerous.

The Companies appear to have been occupied in the actual business of revision about two years and three quarters.

Such, so far as can be gathered from the rules and modes of procedure, is the character of the time-honoured Version which we have been called upon to revise. We have had to study this great Version carefully and minutely, line by line; and the longer we have been engaged upon it the more we have learned to admire its simplicity, its dignity, its power, its happy turns of expression, its general accuracy, and, we must not fail to add, the music of its cadences, and the felicities of its rhythm. To render a work that had reached this high standard of excellence still more excellent, to increase its fidelity without destroying its charm, was the task committed to us. Of that task, and of the conditions under which we have attempted its fulfilment, it will now be necessary for us to speak.

II. The present Revision had its origin in action taken by the Convocation of the Province of Canterbury in February 1870, and it has been conducted throughout on the plan laid down in Resolutions of both Houses of the Province, and, more particularly, in accordance with Principles and Rules drawn up by a special Committee of Convocation in the following May. Two Companies, the one for the revision of the Authorised Version of the Old Testament, and the other for the revision of the same Version of the New Testament, were formed in the manner specified in the Resolutions, and the work was commenced on the twenty-second day of June 1870. Shortly afterwards, steps were taken, under a resolution passed by both Houses of Convocation, for inviting the co-operation of American scholars; and eventually two Committees were formed in America, for the purpose of acting with the two English Companies, on the basis of the Principles and Rules drawn up by the Committee of Convocation.

The fundamental Resolutions adopted by the Convocation of Canterbury on the third and fifth days of May 1870 were as follows:—

'1. That it is desirable that a revision of the Authorised Version of the Holy Scriptures be undertaken.

'2. That the revision be so conducted as to comprise both marginal renderings and such emendations as it may be found necessary to insert in the text of the Authorised Version.

'3. That in the above resolutions we do not contemplate any new translation of the Bible, or any alteration of the language, except where in the judgement of the most competent scholars such change is necessary.

'4. That in such necessary changes, the style of the language employed in the existing Version be closely followed.

'5. That it is desirable that Convocation should nominate a body of its own members to undertake the work of revision, who shall be at liberty to invite the co-operation of any eminent for scholarship, to whatever nation or religious body they may belong.'

The Principles and Rules agreed to by the Committee of Convocation on the twenty-fifth day of May 1870 were as follows:—

'1. To introduce as few alterations as possible into the Text of the Authorised Version consistently with faithfulness.

'2. To limit, as far as possible, the expression of such alterations to the language of the Authorised and earlier English Versions.

'3. Each Company to go twice over the portion to be revised, once provisionally, the second time finally, and on principles of voting as hereinafter is provided.

'4. That the Text to be adopted be that for which the evidence is decidedly preponderating; and that when the Text so adopted differs from that from which the Authorised Version was made, the alteration be indicated in the margin.

'5. To make or retain no change in the Text on the second final revision by each Company, except *two thirds* of those present approve of the same, but on the first revision to decide by simple majorities.

'6. In every case of proposed alteration that may have given rise to discussion, to defer the voting thereupon till the next Meeting, whensoever the same shall be required by one third of those present at the Meeting, such intended vote to be announced in the notice for the next Meeting.

'7. To revise the headings of chapters and pages, paragraphs, italics, and punctuation.

'8. To refer, on the part of each Company, when considered desirable, to Divines, Scholars, and Literary Men, whether at home or abroad, for their opinions.'

These rules it has been our endeavour faithfully and consistently to follow. One only of them we found ourselves unable to observe in all particulars. In accordance with the seventh rule, we have carefully revised the paragraphs, italics, and punctuation. But the revision of the headings of chapters and pages would have involved so much of indirect, and indeed frequently of direct interpretation, that we judged it best to omit them altogether.

Our communications with the American Committee have been of the following nature. We transmitted to them from time to time each several portion of our First Revision, and received from them in return their criticisms and suggestions. These we considered with much care and attention during the time we were engaged on our Second Revision. We then sent over to them the various portions of the Second Revision as they were completed, and received further suggestions, which, like the former, were closely and carefully considered. Last of all, we forwarded to them the Revised Version in its final form; and a list of those passages in which they desire to place on record their preference of other readings and renderings will be found at the end of the volume. We gratefully acknowledge their

care, vigilance, and accuracy; and we humbly pray that their labours and our own, thus happily united, may be permitted to bear a blessing to both countries, and to all English-speaking people throughout the world.

The whole time devoted to the work has been ten years and a half. The First Revision occupied about six years; the Second, about two years and a half. The remaining time has been spent in the consideration of the suggestions from America on the Second Revision, and of many details and reserved questions arising out of our own labours. As a rule, a session of four days has been held every month (with the exception of August and September) in each year from the commencement of the work in June 1870. The average attendance for the whole time has been sixteen each day; the whole Company consisting at first of twenty-seven, but for the greater part of the time of twenty-four members, many of them residing at great distances from London. Of the original number four have been removed from us by death.

At an early stage in our labours, we entered into an agreement with the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge for the conveyance to them of our copyright in the work. This arrangement provided for the necessary expenses of the undertaking; and procured for the Revised Version the advantage of being published by Bodies long connected with the publication of the Authorised Version.

III. We now pass onward to give a brief account of the particulars of the present work. This we propose to do under the four heads of Text, Translation, Language, and Marginal Notes.

1. A revision of the Greek text was the necessary foundation of our work; but it did not fall within our province to construct a continuous and complete Greek text. In many cases the English rendering was considered to represent correctly either of two competing readings in the Greek, and then the question of the text was usually not raised. A sufficiently laborious task remained in deciding between the rival claims of various readings which might properly affect the translation. When these were adjusted, our deviations from the text presumed to underlie the Authorised Version had next to be indicated, in accordance with the fourth rule; but it proved inconvenient to record them in the margin. A better mode however of giving them publicity has been found, as the University Presses have undertaken to print them in connexion with complete Greek texts of the New Testament.

In regard of the readings thus approved, it may be observed that the fourth rule, by requiring that 'the text to be adopted' should be 'that for which the evidence is decidedly preponderating,' was in effect an instruction to follow the authority of documentary evidence without deference to any printed text of modern times, and therefore to employ the best resources of criticism for estimating the value of evidence. Textual criticism, as applied to the Greek New Testament, forms a special study of much intricacy and difficulty, and even now leaves room for considerable variety of opinion among competent critics. Different schools of criticism have been represented among us, and have together contributed to the final result. In the early part of the work every various reading requiring consideration was discussed and voted on by the Company. After a time the precedents thus established enabled the process to be safely shortened; but it was still at the option of every one to raise a full discussion on any particular reading, and the option was freely used. On the first revision, in accordance with the fifth rule, the decisions were arrived at by simple majorities. On the second revision, at which a majority of two thirds was required to retain or introduce a reading at variance with the reading presumed to underlie the Authorised Version, many readings previously adopted were brought again into debate, and either re-affirmed or set aside.

Many places still remain in which, for the present, it would not be safe to accept one reading to the absolute exclusion of others. In these cases we have given alternative readings in the margin, wherever they seem to be of sufficient importance or interest to deserve notice. In the introductory formula, the phrases 'many ancient authorities,' 'some ancient authorities,' are used with some latitude to denote a greater or lesser proportion of those authorities which have a distinctive right to be called ancient. These ancient authorities comprise not only Greek manuscripts, some of which were written in the fourth and fifth centuries, but versions of a still earlier date in different languages, and also quotations by Christian writers of the second and following centuries.

2. We pass now from the Text to the Translation. The character of the Revision was determined for us from the outset by the first rule, 'to introduce as few alterations as possible, consistently with faithfulness.' Our task was revision, not re-translation.

In the application however of this principle to the many and intricate details of our work, we have found ourselves constrained by faithfulness to introduce changes which might not at first sight appear to be included under the rule.

The alterations which we have made in the Authorised Version may be roughly grouped in five principal classes. First, alterations positively required by change of reading in the Greek Text. Secondly, alterations made where the Authorised Version appeared either to be incorrect, or to have chosen the less probable of two possible renderings. Thirdly, alterations of obscure or ambiguous renderings into such as are clear and express in their import. For it has been our principle not to leave any translation, or any arrangement of words, which could adapt itself to one or other of two interpretations, but rather to express as plainly as was possible that interpretation which seemed best to deserve a place in the text, and to put the other in the margin.

There remain yet two other classes of alterations which we have felt to be required by the same principle of faithfulness. These are,—Fourthly, alterations of the Authorised Version in cases where it was inconsistent with itself in the rendering of two or more passages confessedly alike or parallel. Fifthly, alterations rendered necessary *by consequence*, that is, arising out of changes already made, though not in themselves required by the general rule of faithfulness. Both these classes of alterations call for some further explanation.

The frequent inconsistencies in the Authorised Version have caused us much embarrassment from the fact already referred to, namely, that a studied variety of rendering, even in the same chapter and context, was a kind of principle with our predecessors, and was defended by them on grounds that have been mentioned above. The problem we had to solve was to discriminate between varieties of rendering which were compatible with fidelity to the true meaning of the text, and varieties which involved inconsistency, and were suggestive of differences that had no existence in the Greek. This problem we have solved to the best of our power, and for the most part in the following way.

Where there was a doubt as to the exact shade of meaning, we have looked to the context for guidance. If the meaning was fairly expressed by the word or phrase that was before us in the Authorised Version, we made no change, even where rigid adherence to the rule of translating, as far as possible, the same Greek word by the same English word might have prescribed some modification.

There are however numerous passages in the Authorised Version in which, whether regard be had to the recurrence (as in the first three Gospels) of identical clauses and sentences, to the repetition of the same word in the same passage, or to the characteristic use of particular words by the same

writer, the studied variety adopted by the Translators of 1611 has produced a degree of inconsistency that cannot be reconciled with the principle of faithfulness. In such cases we have not hesitated to introduce alterations, even though the sense might not seem to the general reader to be materially affected.

The last class of alterations is that which we have described as rendered necessary *by consequence*; that is, by reason of some foregoing alteration. The cases in which these consequential changes have been found necessary are numerous and of very different kinds. Sometimes the change has been made to avoid tautology; sometimes to obviate an unpleasing alliteration or some other infelicity of sound; sometimes, in the case of smaller words, to preserve the familiar rhythm; sometimes for a convergence of reasons which, when explained, would at once be accepted, but until so explained might never be surmised even by intelligent readers.

This may be made plain by an example. When a particular word is found to recur with characteristic frequency in any one of the Sacred Writers, it is obviously desirable to adopt for it some uniform rendering. Again, where, as in the case of the first three Evangelists, precisely the same clauses or sentences are found in more than one of the Gospels, it is no less necessary to translate them in every place in the same way. These two principles may be illustrated by reference to a word that perpetually recurs in St. Mark's Gospel, and that may be translated either 'straightway,' 'forthwith,' or 'immediately.' Let it be supposed that the first rendering is chosen, and that the word, in accordance with the first of the above principles, is in that Gospel uniformly translated 'straightway.' Let it be further supposed that one of the passages of St. Mark in which it is so translated is found, word for word, in one of the other Gospels, but that there the rendering of the Authorised Version happens to be 'forthwith' or 'immediately.' That rendering must be changed on the second of the above principles; and yet such a change would not have been made but for this concurrence of two sound principles, and the consequent necessity of making a change on grounds extraneous to the passage itself.

This is but one of many instances of consequential alterations which might at first sight appear unnecessary, but which nevertheless have been deliberately made, and are not at variance with the rule of introducing as few changes in the Authorised Version as faithfulness would allow.

There are some other points of detail which it may be here convenient to notice. One of these, and perhaps the most important, is the rendering of the Greek aorist. There are numerous cases, especially in connexion with particles ordinarily expressive of present time, in which the use of the indefinite past tense in Greek and English is altogether different; and in such instances we have not attempted to violate the idiom of our language by forms of expression which it could not bear. But we have often ventured to represent the Greek aorist by the English preterite, even where the reader may find some passing difficulty in such a rendering, because we have felt convinced that the true meaning of the original was obscured by the presence of the familiar auxiliary. A remarkable illustration may be found in the seventeenth chapter of St. John's Gospel, where the combination of the aorist and the perfect shews, beyond all reasonable doubt, that different relations of time were intended to be expressed.

Changes of translation will also be found in connexion with the aorist participle, arising from the fact that the usual periphrasis of this participle in the Vulgate, which was rendered necessary by Latin idiom, has been largely reproduced in the Authorised Version by 'when' with the past tense (as for example in the second chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel), even where the ordinary participial rendering would have been easier and more natural in English.

In reference to the perfect and the imperfect tenses but little needs to be said. The correct translation of the former has been for the most part, though with some striking exceptions, maintained in the Authorised Version: while with regard to the imperfect, clear as its meaning may be in the Greek, the power of expressing it is so limited in English, that we have been frequently compelled to leave the force of the tense to be inferred from the context. In a few instances, where faithfulness imperatively required it, and especially where, in the Greek, the significance of the imperfect tense seemed to be additionally marked by the use of the participle with the auxiliary verb, we have introduced the corresponding form in English. Still, in the great majority of cases we have been obliged to retain the English preterite, and to rely either on slight changes in the order of the words, or on prominence given to the accompanying temporal particles, for the indication of the meaning which, in the Greek, the imperfect tense was designed to convey.

On other points of grammar it may be sufficient to speak more briefly.

Many changes, as might be anticipated, have been made in the case of the definite article. Here again it was necessary to consider the peculiarities of English idiom, as well as the general tenor of each passage. Sometimes we have felt it enough to prefix the article to the first of a series of words to all of which it is prefixed in the Greek, and thus, as it were, to impart the idea of definiteness to the whole series, without running the risk of overloading the sentence. Sometimes, conversely, we have had to tolerate the presence of the definite article in our Version, when it is absent from the Greek, and perhaps not even grammatically latent; simply because English idiom would not allow the noun to stand alone, and because the introduction of the indefinite article might have introduced an idea of oneness or individuality, which was not in any degree traceable in the original. In a word, we have been careful to observe the use of the article wherever it seemed to be idiomatically possible: where it did not seem to be possible, we have yielded to necessity.

As to the pronouns and the place they occupy in the sentence, a subject often overlooked by our predecessors, we have been particularly careful; but here again we have frequently been baffled by structural or idiomatic peculiarities of the English language which precluded changes otherwise desirable.

In the case of the particles we have met with less difficulty, and have been able to maintain a reasonable amount of consistency. The particles in the Greek Testament are, as is well known, comparatively few, and they are commonly used with precision. It has therefore been the more necessary here to preserve a general uniformity of rendering, especially in the case of the particles of causality and inference, so far as English idiom would allow.

Lastly, many changes have been introduced in the rendering of the prepositions, especially where ideas of instrumentality or of mediate agency, distinctly marked in the original, had been confused or obscured in the translation. We have however borne in mind the comprehensive character of such prepositions as 'of' and 'by,' the one in reference to agency and the other in reference to means, especially in the English of the seventeenth century; and have rarely made any change where the true meaning of the original as expressed in the Authorised Version would be apparent to a reader of ordinary intelligence.

3. We now come to the subject of Language.

The second of the rules, by which the work has been governed, prescribed that the alterations to be introduced should be expressed, as far as possible, in the language of the Authorised Version or of the Versions that preceded it.

To this rule we have faithfully adhered. We have habitually consulted the earlier Versions; and in our sparing introduction of words not found in them or in the Authorised Version we have usually satisfied ourselves that such words were employed by standard writers of nearly the same date, and

had also that general hue which justified their introduction into a Version which has held the highest place in the classical literature of our language. We have never removed any archaisms, whether in structure or in words, except where we were persuaded either that the meaning of the words was not generally understood, or that the nature of the expression led to some misconception of the true sense of the passage. The frequent inversions of the strict order of the words, which add much to the strength and variety of the Authorised Version, and give an archaic colour to many felicities of diction, have been seldom modified. Indeed, we have often adopted the same arrangement in our own alterations; and in this, as in other particulars, we have sought to assimilate the new work to the old.

In a few exceptional cases we have failed to find any word in the older stratum of our language that appeared to convey the precise meaning of the original. There, and there only, we have used words of a later date; but not without having first assured ourselves that they are to be found in the writings of the best authors of the period to which they belong.

In regard of Proper Names no rule was prescribed to us. In the case of names of frequent occurrence we have deemed it best to follow generally the rule laid down for our predecessors. That rule, it may be remembered, was to this effect, 'The names of the prophets and the holy writers, with the other names of the text, to be retained, as nigh as may be, accordingly as they were vulgarly used.' Some difficulty has been felt in dealing with names less familiarly known. Here our general practice has been to follow the Greek form of names, except in the case of persons and places mentioned in the Old Testament: in this case we have followed the Hebrew.

4. The subject of the Marginal Notes deserves special attention. They represent the results of a large amount of careful and elaborate discussion, and will, perhaps, by their very presence, indicate to some extent the intricacy of many of the questions that have almost daily come before us for decision. These Notes fall into four main groups: first, notes specifying such differences of reading as were judged to be of sufficient importance to require a particular notice; secondly, notes indicating the exact rendering of words to which, for the sake of English idiom, we were obliged to give a less exact rendering in the text; thirdly, notes, very few in number, affording some explanation which the original appeared to require; fourthly, alternative renderings in difficult or debateable passages. The notes of this last group are numerous, and largely in excess of those which were admitted by our predecessors. In the 270 years that have passed away since their labours were concluded, the Sacred Text has been minutely examined, discussed in every detail, and analysed with a grammatical precision unknown in the days of the last Revision. There has thus been accumulated a large amount of materials that have prepared the way for different renderings, which necessarily came under discussion. We have therefore placed before the reader in the margin other renderings than those which were adopted in the text, wherever such renderings seemed to deserve consideration. The rendering in the text, where it agrees with the Authorised Version, was supported by at least one third, and, where it differs from the Authorised Version, by at least two thirds of those who were present at the second revision of the passage in question.

A few supplementary matters have yet to be mentioned. These may be thus enumerated,—the use of *Italics*, the arrangement in Paragraphs, the mode of printing Quotations from the Poetical Books of the Old Testament, the Punctuation, and, last of all, the Titles of the different Books that make up the New Testament,—all of them particulars on which it seems desirable to add a few explanatory remarks.

(a) The determination, in each place, of the words to be printed in *italics*

has not been by any means easy; nor can we hope to be found in all cases perfectly consistent. In the earliest editions of the Authorised Version the use of a different type to indicate supplementary words not contained in the original was not very frequent, and cannot easily be reconciled with any settled principle. A review of the words so printed was made, after a lapse of some years, for the editions of the Authorised Version published at Cambridge in 1629 and 1638. Further, though slight, modifications were introduced at intervals between 1638 and the more systematic revisions undertaken respectively by Dr. Paris in the Cambridge Edition of 1762, and by Dr. Blayney in the Oxford Edition of 1769. None of them however rest on any higher authority than that of the persons who from time to time superintended the publication. The last attempt to bring the use of italics into uniformity and consistency was made by Dr. Scrivener in the Paragraph Bible published at Cambridge in 1870-73. In succeeding to these labours, we have acted on the general principle of printing in italics words which did not appear to be necessarily involved in the Greek. Our tendency has been to diminish rather than to increase the amount of italic printing; though, in the case of difference of readings, we have usually marked the absence of any words in the original which the sense might nevertheless require to be present in the Version; and again, in the case of inserted pronouns, where the reference did not appear to be perfectly certain, we have similarly had recourse to italics. Some of these cases, especially when there are slight differences of reading, are of singular intricacy, and make it impossible to maintain rigid uniformity.

(b) We have arranged the Sacred Text in paragraphs, after the precedent of the earliest English Versions, so as to assist the general reader in following the current of narrative or argument. The present arrangement will be found, we trust, to have preserved the due mean between a system of long portions which must often include several separate topics, and a system of frequent breaks which, though they may correctly indicate the separate movements of thought in the writer, often seriously impede a just perception of the true continuity of the passage. The traditional division into chapters, which the Authorised Version inherited from Latin Bibles of the later middle ages, is an illustration of the former method. These paragraphs, for such in fact they are, frequently include several distinct subjects. Moreover they sometimes, though rarely, end where there is no sufficient break in the sense. The division of chapters into verses, which was introduced into the New Testament for the first time in 1551, is an exaggeration of the latter method, with its accompanying inconveniences. The serious obstacles to the right understanding of Holy Scripture, which are interposed by minute subdivision, are often overlooked; but if any one will consider for a moment the injurious effect that would be produced by breaking up a portion of some great standard work into separate verses, he will at once perceive how necessary has been an alteration in this particular. The arrangement by chapters and verses undoubtedly affords facilities for reference: but this advantage we have been able to retain by placing the numerals on the inside margin of each page.

(c) A few words will suffice as to the mode of printing quotations from the Poetical Books of the Old Testament. Wherever the quotation extends to two or more lines, our practice has been to recognise the parallelism of their structure by arranging the lines in a manner that appears to agree with the metrical divisions of the Hebrew original. Such an arrangement will be found helpful to the reader; not only as directing his attention to the poetical character of the quotation, but as also tending to make its force and pertinence more fully felt. We have treated in the same way the hymns in the first two chapters of the Gospel according to St. Luke.

(d) Great care has been bestowed on the punctuation. Our practice has been to maintain what is sometimes called the heavier system of stopping, or,

in other words, that system which, especially for convenience in reading aloud, suggests such pauses as will best ensure a clear and intelligent setting forth of the true meaning of the words. This course has rendered necessary, especially in the Epistles, a larger use of colons and semicolons than is customary in modern English printing.

(e) We may in the last place notice one particular to which we were not expressly directed to extend our revision, namely, the titles of the Books of the New Testament. These titles are no part of the original text; and the titles found in the most ancient manuscripts are of too short a form to be convenient for use. Under these circumstances, we have deemed it best to leave unchanged the titles which are given in the Authorised Version as printed in 1611.

We now conclude, humbly commending our labours to Almighty God, and praying that his favour and blessing may be vouchsafed to that which has been done in his name. We recognised from the first the responsibility of the undertaking; and through our manifold experience of its abounding difficulties we have felt more and more, as we went onward, that such a work can never be accomplished by organised efforts of scholarship and criticism, unless assisted by Divine help.

We know full well that defects must have their place in a work so long and so arduous as this which has now come to an end. Blemishes and imperfections there are in the noble Translation which we have been called upon to revise; blemishes and imperfections will assuredly be found in our own Revision. All endeavours to translate the Holy Scriptures into another tongue must fall short of their aim, when the obligation is imposed of producing a Version that shall be alike literal and idiomatic, faithful to each thought of the original, and yet, in the expression of it, harmonious and free. While we dare to hope that in places not a few of the New Testament the introduction of slight changes has cast a new light upon much that was difficult and obscure, we cannot forget how often we have failed in expressing some finer shade of meaning which we recognised in the original, how often idiom has stood in the way of a perfect rendering, and how often the attempt to preserve a familiar form of words, or even a familiar cadence, has only added another perplexity to those which already beset us.

Thus, in the review of the work which we have been permitted to complete, our closing words must be words of mingled thanksgiving, humility, and prayer. Of thanksgiving, for the many blessings vouchsafed to us throughout the unbroken progress of our corporate labours; of humility, for our failings and imperfections in the fulfilment of our task; and of prayer to Almighty God, that the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ may be more clearly and more freshly shewn forth to all who shall be readers of this Book.

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THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO

S. MATTHEW.

- ¹ Or. The genealogy of Jesus Christ in ver. 18.
- ³ Gr. Aram.
- ⁴ Gr. Asaph.
- ⁵ Gr. Amos.
- ⁶ Or. removal to Babylon.
- ⁷ Gr. Sathiel.
- ⁸ Or. generation: as in ver. 1.
- ⁹ Some ancient authorities read of the Christ.
- ¹⁰ Or. Holy Spirit: and so throughout out this book.
- 1 THE book of the ²generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.
- 2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judah and 3 his brethren; and Judah begat Perez and Zerah of Tamar; and Perez begat 4 Hezron; and Hezron begat ⁵Ram; and ⁶Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon; and Nahshon 5 begat Salmon; and Salmon begat Boaz of Rahab; and Boaz begat Obed of 6 Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; and Jesse begat David the king.
- And David begat Solomon of her that 7 had been the wife of Uriah; and Solomon begat Rehoboam; and Rehoboam begat Abijah; and Abijah begat ⁸Asa; and ⁸Asa begat Jehoshaphat; and Jehoshaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Uzziah; and Uzziah begat Jotham; and Jotham begat Ahaz; and Ahaz 10 begat Hezekiah; and Hezekiah begat Manasseh; and Manasseh begat ⁶Amon; and ⁶Amon begat Josiah; and Josiah begat Jechoniah and his brethren, at the time of the ⁶carrying away to Babylon.
- 12 And after the ⁶carrying away to Babylon, Jechoniah begat ⁷Shealtiel; and ⁷Shealtiel begat Zerubbabel; and Zerubbabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat 14 Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor; and Azor begat Sadoe; and Sadoe begat 15 Achim; and Achim begat Eliud; and Eliud begat Eleazar; and Eleazar begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.
- 17 So all the generations from Abraham unto David are fourteen generations; and from David unto the ⁶carrying away to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the ⁶carrying away to Babylon unto the Christ fourteen generations.
- 18 Now the ⁸birth ⁹of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with 19 child of the ¹⁰Holy Ghost. And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away 20 privily. But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is ¹¹conceived in her is of the 21 Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son; and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for it is he that shall save his 22 people from their sins. Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,
- 23 Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, And they shall call his name ¹²Immanuel;
- which is, being interpreted, God with 24 us. And Joseph arose from his sleep, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his 25 wife; and knew her not till she had brought forth a son: and he called his name Jesus.
- 2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judæa in the days of Herod the king, behold, ¹³wise men from the east 2 came to Jerusalem, saying, ¹⁴Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star in the east, and are 3 come to worship him. And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and 4 all Jerusalem with him. And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where 5 the Christ should be born. And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judæa: for thus it is written ¹⁵by the prophet,
- 6 And thou Bethlehem, land of Judah, Art in no wise least among the princes of Judah:
- For out of thee shall come forth a governor, Which shall be shepherd of my people Israel.
- 7 Then Herod privily called the ¹³wise men, and learned of them carefully 8 ¹⁶what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search out carefully concerning the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word, that I also may 9 come and worship him. And they, having heard the king, went their way; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was.
- 10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and
- ¹¹ Gr. begotten.
- ¹² Gr. Emmanuel.
- ¹³ Gr. Magi. Compare Esther i. 13; Dan. ii. 12.
- ¹⁴ Or. Where is the King of the Jews that is born?
- ¹⁵ Or. through.
- ¹⁶ Or. the time of the star that appeared.

12 frankincense and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 Now when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell thee: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. And he arose and took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt; and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying,

16 Out of Egypt did I call my son. Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the ¹wise men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had carefully learned of the ¹wise men.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken ²by Jeremiah the prophet, saying,

18 A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; And she would not be comforted, because they are not.

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream ²⁰to Joseph in Egypt, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead that sought the young child's ²¹life. And he arose and took the young child and his mother, and came into ²²the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither; and being warned of God in a dream, he withdrew into the parts of Galilee, and came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken ³by the prophets, that he should be called a Nazarene.

3 And in those days cometh John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness ²of Judaea, saying, Repent ye; for the ³kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of ³by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight.

4 Now John himself had his raiment of camel's hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out unto him Jerusalem, and all Judaea, and all the region round about Jordan; and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

¹ Gr.
Magt.

² Or,
through

7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said unto them, Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruit worthy of ⁸repentance: and think not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And even now is the axe laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

11 I indeed baptize you ⁴with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not ⁵worthy to bear: he shall baptize you ⁴with the Holy Ghost and ¹²with fire: whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly cleanse his threshing-floor; and he will gather his wheat into the garner, but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.

18 Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to the Jordan unto John, to be baptized ¹⁴of him. But John would have hindered him, saying, I have need to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me?

15 But Jesus answering said unto him, Suffer ⁶it now: for thus it becometh us to fulfil all righteousness. Then he was baptized, went up straightway from the water: and lo, the heavens were opened ⁷unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a ¹⁷dove, and coming upon him; and lo, a voice out of the heavens, saying, ⁸This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

4 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of ²the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered. And the tempter came and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become ⁹bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

5 Then the devil taketh him into the holy city; and he set him on the ¹⁰ pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written,

He shall give his angels charge concerning thee:
And on their hands they shall bear thee up,
Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, Again it is written, Thou shalt not tempt the ⁸Lord thy God. Again, the devil taketh him unto an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the

³ Or,
your re-
pentance

⁴ Or, in

⁵ Or, my
fellowship

⁶ Or, me

⁷ Some
ancient
authorities
omit
unto
him.

⁸ Or, This
is my
Son; my
beloved
in whom
I am well
pleased.
See ch.
xii. 28.

⁹ Or,
loaves.

¹⁰ Or,
summit.

9 glory of them; and he said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt
10 fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou
11 serve. Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

12 Now when he heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali:

14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken ¹ by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

15 The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,

² Toward the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the ³ Gentiles,

16 The people which sat in darkness saw a great light, And to them which sat in the region and shadow of death,
To them did light spring up.

17 From that time began Jesus to preach, and to say, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

18 And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brethren, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishers.

19 And he saith unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men.

20 And they straightway left the nets, and followed him. And going on from thence

he saw other two brethren, ⁴ James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called

22 them. And they straightway left the boat and their father, and followed him.

23 And ⁵ Jesus went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the ⁶ gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness among the

24 people. And the report of him went forth into all Syria; and they brought unto him all that were sick, holden with divers diseases and torments, ⁷ possessed with devils, and epileptic, and palsied; and he healed them. And there followed him great multitudes from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judaea and from beyond Jordan.

5 And seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him: 2 and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

3 Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 ⁸ Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they

shall be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.

10 Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

12 Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

13 Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men. Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot

15 be hid. Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

17 Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets: I came not to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass away from the law, till all things be ac-

19 complished. Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, shall be called least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, he shall be called great in the kingdom

20 of heaven. For I say unto you, that except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgement: but I say unto you, that every one who is angry with his brother ⁹ shall be in danger of the judgement; and whosoever shall say to his brother, ¹⁰ Raca, shall be in danger of the council; and whosoever shall say,

¹¹ Thou fool, shall be in danger ¹² of the hell of fire. If therefore thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath sought

24 against thee, leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way, first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come

25 and offer thy gift. Agree with thine adversary quickly, while thou art with him in the way; lest haply the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast

26 into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou

¹ Or, through

² Gr. The way of the sea.
³ Gr. nations: and so elsewhere.

⁴ Or, Jacob; and so elsewhere.

⁵ Some ancient authorities read he.
⁶ Or, good tidings; and so elsewhere.

⁷ Or, demones

⁸ Some ancient authorities transpose ver. 4 and 5.

⁹ Many ancient authorities insert without cause.
¹⁰ An expression of contempt.
¹¹ Or, Moreh, a Hebrew expression of condemnation.
¹² Gr. unto or into.
¹³ Or, Gehenna of fire.
¹⁴ Some ancient authorities omit deliver thee.

shalt by no means come out thence, till thou have paid the last farthing.

27 Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt not commit adultery: but I say unto you, that every one that looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart. And if thy right eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not 30 thy whole body be cast into ¹hell. And if thy right hand causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not thy 31 whole body go into ¹hell. It was said also, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorce-ment: but I say unto you, that every one that putteth away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, maketh her an adulteress: and whosoever shall marry her when she is put away committeth adultery.

33 Again, ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not forswear thyself, but shalt perform unto 34 the Lord thine oaths: but I say unto you, Swear not at all; neither by the 35 heaven, for it is the throne of God; nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of his feet; nor ²by Jerusalem, for it is the city 36 of the great King. Neither shalt thou swear by thy head, for thou canst not 37 make one hair white or black. ³But let your speech be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: and whatsoever is more than these is of ⁴the evil one.

38 Ye have heard that it was said, An eye 39 for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: but I say unto you, Resist not ⁵him that is evil: but whosoever smiteth thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also.

40 And if any man would go to law with thee, and take away thy coat, let him 41 have thy cloak also. And whosoever shall ⁶compel thee to go one mile, 42 go with him twain. Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it was said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and 44 hate thine enemy: but I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for 45 them that persecute you; that ye may be sons of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the un- 46 just. For if ye love them that love you, what reward have ye? do not

47 even the ⁷publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more ⁸than others? do not even the 48 Gentiles the same? Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

6 Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them: else ye have no reward with your Father which is in heaven.

2 When therefore thou doest alms, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have 3 received their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know 4 what thy right hand doeth: that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall recompense thee.

5 And when ye pray, ye shall not be as the hypocrites: for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They 6 have received their reward. But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret, and thy Father which seeth in

7 secret shall recompense thee. And in praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

8 Be not therefore like unto them: for ⁹your Father knoweth what things ye 9 have need of, before ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed 10 be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth.

11 Give us this day ¹⁰our daily bread. And 12 forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from 14 ¹⁰the evil one. ¹¹For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen of men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have received their re- 17 ward. But thou, when thou fastest, a- 18 noint thy head, and wash thy face; that thou be not seen of men to fast, but of thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall recompense thee.

19 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust doth consume, and where thieves ¹²break 20 through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not ¹³break through 21 nor steal: for where thy treasure is, 22 there will thy heart be also. The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be 23 full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If

⁹ Some ancient authorities read God your Father.

¹⁰ Or, our bread for the coming day

¹¹ Or, and ¹² Many authorities, the same ancient, but with variations, add, For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen.

¹³ Or, dig through.

¹ Or, Gehennæ.

² Or, toward

³ Some ancient authorities read But your speech shall be.

⁴ Or, evil; as in ver. 26; v. 13. ⁵ Or, evil

⁶ Or, improve.

⁷ That is, collectors or receivers of Roman taxes; and so elsewhere.

therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God

25 and mammon. Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than the food, and

26 the body than the raiment? Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not ye of much more

27 value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit

28 unto his stature? And why are ye anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

29 yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed

30 like one of these. But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast in-

31 to the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Be

32 not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be

33 clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have

34 need of all these things. But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

7 Judge not, that ye be not judged.

2 For with what judgement ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured

3 unto you. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in

4 thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me cast out the mote out of thine eye; and lo,

5 the beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest haply they trample them under their feet, and turn and rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it

9 shall be opened. Or what man is there

of you, who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone;

10 or if he shall ask for a fish, will

11 give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good

12 gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in

13 heaven give good things to them that ask him? All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto

14 you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

15 Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way,

16 that leadeth to destruction, and many be they that enter in thereby. ⁸ For narrow

17 is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few be they that

18 find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly

16 are ravening wolves. By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes

17 of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good

18 fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth

19 evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that

20 bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Therefore

21 by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord,

22 Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my

23 Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name, and by thy

24 name cast out devils, and by thy name do many mighty works? And then will I profess unto them, I never

25 knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. Every one therefore which

26 heareth these words of mine, and doeth them, shall be likened unto a wise man,

27 which built his house upon the rock: and the rain descended, and the floods came,

28 and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded

29 upon the rock. And every one that heareth these words of mine, and doeth them

30 not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:

31 and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote

32 upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall thereof.

28 And it came to pass, when Jesus ended these words, the multitudes were as-

29 tonished at his teaching: for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

8 And when he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed

2 him. And behold, there came to him a leper and worshipped him, saying,

Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he stretched forth

his hand, and touched him, saying, I

⁸ Some ancient authorities omit *is the gate*.

⁹ Many ancient authorities read *How narrow is the gate, &c.*

⁴ Gr. *demons*.
⁵ Gr. *powers*.

will; be thou made clean. And straight-
4 way his leprosy was cleansed. And Je-
sus saith unto him, See thou tell no man;
but go thy way, shew thyself to the
priest, and offer the gift that Moses
commanded, for a testimony unto
them.

5 And when he was entered into Ca-
pernaum, there came unto him a cen-
6 turion, beseeching him, and saying,
Lord, my ¹servant lieth in the house
sick of the palsy, grievously tor-

7 mented. And he saith unto him, I
8 will come and heal him. And the cen-
turion answered and said, Lord, I

am not ³worthy that thou shouldst
come under my roof: but only say

³the word, and my ¹servant shall be

9 healed. For I also am a man ⁴under
authority, having under myself sol-
diers: and I say to this one, Go, and
he goeth; and to another, Come, and
he cometh; and to my ⁵servant, Do

10 this, and he doeth it. And when Jesus
heard it, he marvelled, and said to

them that followed, Verily I say unto
you, ⁶I have not found so great faith,

11 no, not in Israel. And I say unto you,
that many shall come from the east

and the west, and shall ⁷sit down
with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob,

12 in the kingdom of heaven: but the
sons of the kingdom shall be cast forth

into the outer darkness: there shall be
13 the weeping and gnashing of teeth. And

Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy
way; as thou hast believed, so be it done
unto thee. And the ¹servant was heal-
ed in that hour.

14 And when Jesus was come into Peter's
house, he saw his wife's mother lying

15 sick of a fever. And he touched her hand,
and the fever left her; and she arose,

16 and ministered unto him. And when
even was come, they brought unto

him many ⁸possessed with devils: and
he cast out the spirits with a word,

17 and healed all that were sick: that it
might be fulfilled which was spoken

⁹by Isaiah the prophet, saying, Him-
self took our infirmities, and bare our

diseases.
18 Now when Jesus saw great multitudes
about him, he gave commandment to de-

19 part unto the other side. And there came
¹⁰a scribe, and said unto him, ¹¹Master,

I will follow thee whithersoever thou
20 goest. And Jesus saith unto him, The

foxes have holes, and the birds of the
heaven ¹²have nests; but the Son of man

21 hath not where to lay his head. And
another of the disciples said unto him,

Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my
22 father. But Jesus saith unto him, Fol-
low me; and leave the dead to bury their

own dead.
23 And when he was entered into a boat,
24 his disciples followed him. And behold,
there arose a great tempest in the sea,

insomuch that the boat was covered
25 with the waves: but he was asleep. And

they came to him, and awoke him, say-
26 ing, Save, Lord; we perish. And he

saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O
ye of little faith? Then he arose, and

rebuked the winds and the sea; and
27 there was a great calm. And the men

marvelled, saying, What manner of man
is this, that even the winds and the sea

obey him?
28 And when he was come to the other side

into the country of the Gadarenes, there
met him two ¹³possessed with devils,

coming forth out of the tombs, exceed-
ing fierce, so that no man could pass by

29 that way. And behold, they cried out,
saying, What have we to do with thee,

thou Son of God? art thou come hither
30 to torment us before the time? Now

there was afar off from them a herd of
31 many swine feeding. And the ¹⁴devils

besought him, saying, If thou cast us
out, send us away into the herd of

32 swine. And he said unto them, Go.
And they came out, and went into the

swine: and behold, the whole herd
rushed down the steep into the sea,

33 and perished in the waters. And they
that fed them fled, and went away into

the city, and told everything, and what
was befallen to them that were ¹⁵pos-

34 sessed with devils. And behold, all the
city came out to meet Jesus: and when

they saw him, they besought him that
he would depart from their borders.

35 And he entered into a boat, and crossed
2 over, and came into his own city. And

behold, they brought to him a man sick
of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus

seeing their faith said unto the sick of
the palsy, ¹⁶Son, be of good cheer; thy

3 sins are forgiven. And behold, certain
of the scribes said within themselves,

4 This man blasphemeth. And Jesus
¹⁷knowing their thoughts said, Where-

5 fore think ye evil in your hearts? For
whether is easier, to say, Thy sins are

6 forgiven; or to say, Arise, and walk?
But that ye may know that the Son of

man hath ¹⁸power on earth to forgive
sins (then saith he to the sick of the

palsy), Arise, and take up thy bed, and
7 go unto thy house. And he arose, and

8 departed to his house. But when the
multitudes saw it, they were afraid, and

glorified God, which had given such
¹⁹power unto men.

9 And as Jesus passed by from thence,
he saw a man, called Matthew, sitting at

the place of toll: and he saith unto him,
Follow me. And he arose, and followed
him.

10 And it came to pass, as he ¹⁷sat
at meat in the house, behold, many
publicans and sinners came and sat
down with Jesus and his disciples.

11 And when the Pharisees saw it,
they said unto his disciples, Why

¹ Or, boy

² Or, suff-
cured.

³ Or, with
a word.

⁴ Some
ancient
authori-
ties in-
sert set:
as in
Luke vii.
2.

⁵ Or, bond-
servant.

⁶ Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
With no
man in
Israel
have I
found so
great
faith.

⁷ Or,
redline.

⁸ Or, de-
moniacs

⁹ Or,
through

¹⁰ Or, one
scribe.

¹¹ Or,
Teacher

¹² Or,
lodging-
places.

¹³ Or,
demons

¹⁴ Or,
Child

¹⁵ Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
seeing

¹⁶ Or,
antho-
rity

¹⁷ Or,
reclined
and so
always

¹ Or, Teacher

² Or, strong.

³ Some ancient authorities omit oft.

⁴ That is, skins used as bottles.

⁵ Or, one ruler.

⁶ Or, spread

⁷ Or, spread these

⁸ Or, this fame.

⁹ Or, sternly

eateth your ¹Master with the publicans
 12 and sinners? But when he heard it, he
 said, They that are ²whole have no need
 of a physician, but they that are sick.
 13 But go ye and learn what *this* meaneth,
 I desire mercy, and not sacrifice: for I
 came not to call the righteous, but sin-
 ners.
 14 Then come to him the disciples of
 John, saying, Why do we and the
 Pharisees fast ³oft, but thy disciples
 15 fast not? And Jesus said unto them,
 Can the sons of the bride-chamber
 mourn, as long as the bridegroom is
 with them? but the days will come,
 when the bridegroom shall be taken
 away from them, and then will they
 16 fast. And no man putteth a piece of
 undressed cloth upon an old garment;
 for that which should fill it up taketh
 from the garment, and a worse rent is
 17 made. Neither do men put new wine
 into old ⁴wine-skins: else the skins
 burst, and the wine is spilled, and the
 skins perish: but they put new wine
 into fresh wine-skins, and both
 are preserved.
 18 While he spake these things unto
 them, behold, there came ⁵a ruler, and
 worshipped him, saying, My daughter
 is even now dead: but come and
 lay thy hand upon her, and she shall
 19 live. And Jesus arose, and followed
 20 him, and *so did* his disciples. And
 behold, a woman, who had an issue of
 blood twelve years, came behind him,
 and touched the border of his gar-
 21 ment: for she said within herself, If
 I do but touch his garment, I shall be
 22 ⁶made whole. But Jesus turning and
 seeing her said, Daughter, be of good
 cheer; thy faith hath ⁷made thee
 whole. And the woman was ⁸made
 23 whole from that hour. And when Je-
 sus came into the ruler's house, and
 saw the flute-players, and the crowd
 24 making a tumult, he said, Give place:
 for the damsel is not dead, but sleep-
 eth. And they laughed him to scorn.
 25 But when the crowd was put forth,
 he entered in, and took her by the
 26 hand; and the damsel arose. And
⁹the fame hereof went forth into all
 that land.
 27 And as Jesus passed by from thence,
 two blind men followed him, crying
 out, and saying, Have mercy on us,
 28 thou son of David. And when he was
 come into the house, the blind men
 came to him: and Jesus saith unto
 them, Believe ye that I am able to
 do this? They say unto him, Yea,
 29 Lord. Then touched he their eyes,
 saying, According to your faith be it
 30 done unto you. And their eyes were
 opened. And Jesus ⁹strictly charged
 them, saying, See that no man know it.
 31 But they went forth, and spread abroad
 his fame in all that land.

32 And as they went forth, behold, there
 was brought to him a dumb man pos-
 33 sessed with a ¹⁰devil. And when the
¹⁰devil was cast out, the dumb man
 spake: and the multitudes marvelled,
 saying, It was never so seen in Israel.
 34 But the Pharisees said, ¹¹By the prince
 of the ¹²devils casteth he out ¹²devils.
 35 And Jesus went about all the cities
 and the villages, teaching in their syna-
 gogues, and preaching the gospel of the
 kingdom, and healing all manner of dis-
 36 ease and all manner of sickness. But
 when he saw the multitudes, he was mov-
 ed with compassion for them, because
 they were distressed and scattered, as
 37 sheep not having a shepherd. Then saith
 he unto his disciples, The harvest truly
 is plenteous, but the labourers are few.
 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the har-
 vest, that he send forth labourers into
 10 his harvest. And he called unto him
 his twelve disciples, and gave them au-
 thority over unclean spirits, to cast
 them out, and to heal all manner of dis-
 ease and all manner of sickness.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles
 are these: The first, Simon, who is called
 Peter, and Andrew his brother; James
 the son of Zebedee, and John his bro-
 3 ther; Philip, and Bartholomew; Tho-
 mas, and Matthew the publican; James
 4 the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddæus; Si-
 mon the ¹³Cananean, and Judas Is-
 5 cariot, who also ¹⁴betrayed him. These
 twelve Jesus sent forth, and charged
 them, saying,

Go not into any way of the Gentiles,
 and enter not into any city of the Sa-
 6 maritans: but go rather to the lost sheep
 7 of the house of Israel. And as ye go,
 preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven
 8 is at hand. Heal the sick, raise the dead,
 cleanse the lepers, cast out ¹²devils: free-
 9 ly ye received, freely give. Get you
 no gold, nor silver, nor brass in your
 10 ¹⁵purses; no wallet for your journey,
 neither two coats, nor shoes, nor staff:
 for the labourer is worthy of his food.
 11 And into whatsoever city or village ye
 shall enter, search out who in it is wor-
 12 thy; and there abide till ye go forth. And
 13 as ye enter into the house, salute it. And
 if the house be worthy, let your peace
 come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let
 14 your peace return to you. And whoso-
 ever shall not receive you, nor hear your
 words, as ye go forth out of that house
 or that city, shake off the dust of your
 15 feet. Verily I say unto you, It shall be
 more tolerable for the land of Sodom and
 Gomorrah in the day of judgement, than
 for that city.

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the
 midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as
 17 serpents, and ¹⁶harmless as doves. But
 beware of men: for they will deliver you
 up to councils, and in their synagogues
 18 they will scourge you; yea and before

¹⁰ Or, demon.

¹¹ Or, *in*

¹² Or, demons.

¹³ Or, Zealot. See Luke vi. 16.

¹⁴ Or, delivered him up: and so always.

¹⁵ Or, girdles.

¹⁶ Or, simple

governors and kings shall ye be brought for my sake, for a testimony to them
 19 and to the Gentiles. But when they deliver you up, be not anxious how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that hour what ye
 20 shall speak. For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father
 21 that speaketh in you. And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child: and children shall rise up against parents, and
 22 cause them to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.
 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone through the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.
 24 A disciple is not above his ²master, nor a ³servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be as his ²master, and the ³servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house ⁴Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of
 26 his household! Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. What I tell you in the darkness, speak ye in the light: and what ye hear in the ear, proclaim upon the housetops. And be not afraid of them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body
 29 in ⁵hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your
 30 Father: but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore; ye are of more value than many
 32 sparrows. Every one therefore who shall confess ⁶me before men, ⁷him will I also confess before my Father which
 33 is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.
 34 Think not that I came to ⁸send peace on the earth: I came not to ⁸send peace, but a sword. For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law: and a man's
 36 foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.
 38 And he that doth not take his cross and follow after me, is not worthy of me.
 39 He that ⁹findeth his ¹⁰life shall lose it; and he that ¹¹loseth his ¹⁰life for my sake shall find it.
 40 He that receiveth you receiveth me,

and he that receiveth me receiveth him
 41 that sent me. He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.
 11 And it came to pass, when Jesus had made an end of commanding his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and preach in their cities.
 2 Now when John heard in the prison the works of the Christ, he sent by his
 3 disciples, and said unto him, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?
 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Go your way and tell John the things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have ¹²good tidings preached to them.
 6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall find none occasion of stumbling in me. And as these went their way, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to behold? a reed shaken with
 8 the wind? But what went ye out for to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft raiment are in
 9 kings' houses. ¹³But wherefore went ye out? to see a prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
 Who shall prepare thy way before thee.
 11 Verily I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist: yet he that is ¹⁴but little in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and men of violence take it by force.
 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. And if ye are willing to receive ¹⁵it, this is Elijah, which is to come. He that hath ears ¹⁶to hear, let him hear. But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the marketplaces, which call unto their fellows, and say, Wepiped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did not ¹⁷mourn. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a ¹⁸devil. The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! And wisdom ¹⁹is justified by her ²⁰works.
 20 Then began he to upbraid the

1 Or, put them to death

2 Or, teacher
 3 Gr. bondservant.

4 Gr. Beelzebub: and so elsewhere.

5 Gr. Gehennae.

6 Gr. in me.
 7 Gr. in him.

8 Gr. east.

9 Or, found
 10 Or, soul
 11 Or, lost

12 Or, the gospel

13 Many ancient authorities read that whosoever shall give to one of these little ones a cup of cold water...

14 Gr. lesser.

15 Or, him
 16 Some ancient authorities read that whosoever shall give to one of these little ones a cup of cold water...

17 Gr. mourn the loss
 18 Or, demon.
 19 Or, man
 20 Many ancient authorities read that whosoever shall give to one of these little ones a cup of cold water...

¹ Gr.
journey.

cities wherein most of his ¹ mighty works were done, because they repented not.

21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the ¹ mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and

22 ashes. Howbeit I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgement, than for you.

23 And thou, Capernaum, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? thou shalt ² go down unto Hades: for if the ¹ mighty works had been done in Sodom which were done in thee, it would have remained

24 until this day. Howbeit I say unto you, that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgement, than for thee.

25 At that season Jesus answered and said, I ³ thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto

26 babes: yea, Father, ⁴ for so it was well-pleasing in thy sight. All things have been delivered unto me of my

27 Father: and no one knoweth the Son, save the Father; neither doth any know the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth

28 to reveal him. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke

upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls.

30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

12 At that season Jesus went on the sabbath day through the cornfields; and his disciples were an hungred, and began to pluck ears of corn, and to eat.

2 But the Pharisees, when they saw it, said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which it is not lawful to do upon

3 the sabbath. But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was an hungred, and they that were

4 with him; how he entered into the house of God, and ⁵ did eat the shewbread, which it was not lawful for him to eat,

5 neither for them that were with him, but only for the priests? Or have ye

6 not read in the law, how that on the sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the sabbath, and are

7 guiltless? But I say unto you, that ⁸ one greater than the temple is here.

8 But if ye had known what this meaneth, I desire mercy, and not sacrifice, ye would not have condemned the

9 guiltless. For the Son of man is lord of the sabbath.

10 And he departed thence, and went into their synagogue: and behold, a man having a withered hand. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal

² Many ancient authorities read he brought down.

³ Or, praise

⁴ Or, that

⁵ Some ancient authorities read they did eat.

⁸ Gr. a greater thing.

11 accuse him. And he said unto them, What man shall there be of you, that shall have one sheep, and if this fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out?

12 How much then is a man of more value than a sheep! Wherefore it is lawful

13 to do good on the sabbath day. Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole, as the

14 other. But the Pharisees went out, and took counsel against him, how they might destroy him. And Jesus

15 perceiving it withdrew from thence: and many followed him; and he healed 16 them all, and charged them that they

17 should not make him known: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken ⁷ by Isaiah the prophet, saying,

18 Behold, my servant whom I have chosen;

My beloved in whom my soul is well pleased:

I will put my Spirit upon him, And he shall declare judgement to the Gentiles.

19 He shall not strive, nor cry aloud; Neither shall any one hear his voice in the streets.

20 A bruised reed shall he not break, And smoking flax shall he not quench, Till he send forth judgement unto victory.

21 And in his name shall the Gentiles hope.

22 Then was brought unto him ⁸ one possessed with a devil, blind and dumb: and he healed him, inasmuch that the

23 dumb man spake and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed, and said, Is

24 this the son of David? But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This man doth not cast out ⁹ devils, but ¹⁰ by Beel-

25 zebub the prince of the ⁹ devils. And knowing their thoughts he said unto them, Every kingdom divided against

itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall

26 not stand: and if Satan casteth out Satan, he is divided against himself; how

27 then shall his kingdom stand? And if I ¹⁰ by Beelzebub cast out ⁹ devils, ¹⁰ by whom do your sons cast them out?

28 Therefore shall they be your judges. But if I ¹⁰ by the Spirit of God cast out ⁹ devils, then is the kingdom of God come

29 upon you. Or how can one enter into the house of the strong man, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong

30 man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scat-

31 tereth. Therefore I say unto you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven ¹¹ unto men; but the blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven. And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven

⁷ Or, through

⁸ Or, a demoniac

⁹ Gr. demons.
¹⁰ Or, in

¹¹ Some ancient authorities read unto you men.

1 Or, age

him; but whosoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this¹ world, nor in that³³ which is to come. Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt: for³⁴ the tree is known by its fruit. Ye offspring of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.³⁵ The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgement. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

2 Or, Teacher

³⁶ Then certain of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, ² Master, we would see a sign from thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet: ⁴⁰ for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the ³ whale; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

3 Or, sea-monster.

⁴¹ The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgement with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, ⁴² a greater than Jonah is here. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgement with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, ⁴³ a greater than Solomon is here.

1 Or, more than.

⁴⁴ But the unclean spirit, when ⁵ he is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest, and findeth it not. Then ⁶ he saith, I will return into my house whence I came out; and when ⁵ he is come, ⁶ he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth ⁵ he, and taketh with ⁶ himself seven other spirits more evil than ⁶ himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man cometh worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this evil generation.

5 Or, it

6 Or, itself

⁴⁶ While he was yet speaking to the multitudes, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, seeking to speak to him. ⁷ And one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, seeking to speak to thee. ⁴⁸ But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples, and said, Behold, my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.

7 Some ancient authorities omit ver. 47.

¹³ On that day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And there were gathered unto him great multitudes, so that he entered into a boat, and sat; and all the multitude stood on the beach. And he spake to them many things in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went forth to sow; ⁴ and as he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured them: and others fell upon the rocky places, where they had not much earth: and straightway they sprang up, because they had no deepness of earth: ⁶ and when the sun was risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, ⁷ they withered away. And others fell upon the thorns; and the thorns grew up, and choked them: and others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some ⁹ thirty. He that hath ears⁸, let him hear.

8 Some ancient authorities omit here, and in ver. 6 to hear: as in Mark iv. 9: Let vs

¹⁰ And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? And he answered and said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath. Therefore speak I to them in parables; because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand. And unto them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith,

By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand;
And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:

¹⁵ For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes,
And hear with their ears,
And understand with their heart,
And should turn again,
And I should heal them.

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes, for they see; ¹⁷ and your ears, for they hear. For verily I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see the things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear, and heard them not. Hear then ye the parable of the sower. When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the evil one, and snatcheth away that which hath been sown in his heart. This is he that was sown by the way side. ²⁰ And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth

because of the word, straightway he
22 stumpleth. And he that was sown a-
mong the thorns, this is he that heareth
the word; and the care of the ¹world,
and the deceitfulness of riches, choke
the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

23 And he that was sown upon the good
ground, this is he that heareth the
word, and understandeth it; who veri-
ly beareth fruit, and bringeth forth,
some a hundredfold, some sixty, some
thirty.

24 Another parable set he before them,
saying, The kingdom of heaven is
likened unto a man that sowed good
seed in his field: but while men slept,
his enemy came and sowed ²tares
also among the wheat, and went away.

26 But when the blade sprang up, and
brought forth fruit, then appeared
27 the tares also. And the ³servants
of the householder came and said
unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow
good seed in thy field? whence then

28 hath it tares? And he said unto them,
An enemy hath done this. And the
⁴servants say unto him, Wilt thou then
29 that we go and gather them up? But he
saith, Nay; lest haply while ye gather
up the tares, ye root up the wheat with

30 them. Let both grow together until the
harvest: and in the time of the harvest
I will say to the reapers, Gather up first
the tares, and bind them in bundles to
burn them: but gather the wheat into
my barn.

31 Another parable set he before them,
saying, The kingdom of heaven is like
unto a grain of mustard seed, which a
32 man took, and sowed in his field: which
indeed is less than all seeds; but when
it is grown, it is greater than the herbs,
and becometh a tree, so that the birds
of the heaven come and lodge in the
branches thereof.

33 Another parable spake he unto them;
The kingdom of heaven is like unto
leaven, which a woman took, and hid
in three ⁵measures of meal, till it was
all leavened.

34 All these things spake Jesus in para-
bles unto the multitudes; and without
a parable spake he nothing unto them:
35 that it might be fulfilled which was
spoken ⁶by the prophet, saying,

I will open my mouth in parables;
I will utter things hidden from the
foundation ⁷of the world.

36 Then he left the multitudes, and went
into the house: and his disciples came
unto him, saying, Explain unto us the

37 parable of the tares of the field. And
he answered and said, He that soweth
38 the good seed is the Son of man; and
the field is the world; and the good seed,
these are the sons of the kingdom; and
the tares are the sons of the evil one;
39 and the enemy that sowed them is the
devil: and the harvest is ⁸the end of the

40 world; and the reapers are angels. As
therefore the tares are gathered up and
burned with fire; so shall it be in ⁹the
41 end of the world. The Son of man shall
send forth his angels, and they shall ga-
ther out of his kingdom all things that
cause stumbling, and them that do in-
42 quity, and shall cast them into the fur-
nace of fire: there shall be the weeping
43 and gnashing of teeth. Then shall the
righteous shine forth as the sun in the
kingdom of their Father. He that hath
ears, let him hear.

44 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a
treasure hidden in the field; which a
man found, and hid; and ¹⁰in his joy he
goeth and selleth all that he hath, and
buyeth that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
unto a man that is a merchant seeking
46 goodly pearls: and having found one
pearl of great price, he went and sold
all that he had, and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like
unto a ¹¹net, that was cast into the sea,
48 and gathered of every kind: which,
when it was filled, they drew up on the
beach; and they sat down, and gathered
the good into vessels, but the bad they
49 cast away. So shall it be in ¹²the end of
the world: the angels shall come forth,
and sever the wicked from among the
50 righteous, and shall cast them into the
furnace of fire: there shall be the weep-
ing and gnashing of teeth.

51 Have ye understood all these things?
52 They say unto him, Yes. And he said
unto them, Therefore every scribe who
hath been made a disciple to the king-
dom of heaven is like unto a man that
is a householder, which bringeth forth
out of his treasure things new and old.

53 And it came to pass, when Jesus had
finished these parables, he departed
54 thence. And coming into his own coun-
try he taught them in their synagogue,
insomuch that they were astonished,
and said, Whence hath this man this
55 wisdom, and these ¹³mighty works? Is
not this the carpenter's son? is not his
mother called Mary? and his brethren,
James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Ju-
56 das? And his sisters, are they not all
with us? Whence then hath this man

57 all these things? And they were ¹⁴of-
fended in him. But Jesus said unto
them, A prophet is not without hon-
our, save in his own country, and in
58 his own house. And he did not many
¹⁵mighty works there because of their
unbelief.

14 At that season Herod the tetrarch
2 heard the report concerning Jesus, and
said unto his servants, This is John the
Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and
therefore do these powers work in him.
3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and
bound him, and put him in prison for
the sake of Herodias, his brother Phi-

¹ Or, age

² Or, darnel

³ Or, bondser-
vants

⁴ Gr. A
man that
is an
enemy.

⁵ The
word
in the
Greek
denotes
the
Hebrew
seah, a
measure
contain-
ing near-
ly a peck
and a
half.

⁶ Or,
through
⁷ Many
ancient
authori-
ties omit
of the
world.

⁸ Or, the
consumm-
ation
of the
age

⁹ Or,
for any
thereof

¹⁰ Gr.
dr-¹⁰
net.

¹¹ Gr.
powers.

¹² Gr.
caused to
stumble.

4 lip's wife. For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst, and pleased Herod. Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she should ask. And she, being put forward by her mother, saith, Give me here in a charger the head of John the Baptist. And the king was grieved; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them which sat at meat with him, he commanded it to be given; and he sent, and beheaded John in the prison. And his head was brought in a charger, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. And his disciples came, and took up the corpse, and buried him; and they went and told Jesus.

18 Now when Jesus heard it, he withdrew from thence in a boat, to a desert place apart: and when the multitudes heard thereof, they followed him ¹on foot from the cities. And he came forth, and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. And when even was come, the disciples came to him, saying, The place is desert, and the time is already past; send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves food. But Jesus said unto them, They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. And he said, Bring them hither to me. And he commanded the multitudes to sit down on the grass; and he took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake and gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up that which remained over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And they that did eat were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

22 And straightway he constrained the disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before him unto the other side, till he should send the multitudes away. And after he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into the mountain apart to pray: and when even was come, he was there alone. But the boat ²was now in the midst of the sea, distressed by the waves; for the wind was contrary. And in the fourth watch of the night he came unto them, walking upon the sea. And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is an apparition; and they cried out for fear. But straightway Jesus spake unto

them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; ye be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee upon the waters. And he said, Come. And Peter went down from the boat, and walked upon the waters, to come to Jesus. But when he saw the wind ³, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and took hold of him, and saith unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? And when they were gone up into the boat, the wind ceased. And they that were in the boat worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

34 And when they had crossed over, they came to the land, unto Gennesaret. And when the men of that place knew him, they sent into all that region round about, and brought unto him all that were sick; and they besought him that they might only touch the border of his garment: and as many as touched were made whole.

15 Then there come to Jesus from Jerusalem Pharisees and scribes, saying, Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. And he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? For God said, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, He that speaketh evil of father or mother, let him die the death. But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is given to God; he shall not honour his father? And ye have made void the word of God because of your tradition. Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying,

8 This people honoureth me with their lips; But their heart is far from me.

9 But in vain do they worship me, Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.

10 And he called to him the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: Not that which entereth into the mouth defileth the man; but that which proceedeth out of the mouth, this defileth the man. Then came the disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying? But he answered and said, Every plant which my heavenly Father planted not, shall be rooted up. Let them alone: they are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit. And Peter answered and said unto him, Declare unto us the parable. And he said, Are ye also even yet without understanding? Per-

¹ Or, by land

² Gr. recline.

³ Some ancient authorities read was many furlongs distant from the land.

⁴ Some ancient authorities read and came.

⁵ Many ancient authorities add strong.

⁶ Or, surely die

⁷ Some ancient authorities add or his mother.

⁸ Some ancient authorities read less.

⁹ Or, command to command to Gr. plant-ing.

ceive ye not, that whatsoever goeth into the mouth passeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But the things which proceed out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: these are the things which defile the man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not the man.

21 And Jesus went out thence, and withdrew into the parts of Tyre and Sidon.

22 And behold, a Canaanitish woman came out from those borders, and cried, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a¹ devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said, I was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. But she came and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. And he answered and said, It is not meet to take the children's² bread and cast it to the dogs. But she said, Yes, Lord: for even the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table. Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it done unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was healed from that hour.

29 And Jesus departed thence, and came nigh unto the sea of Galilee; and he went up into the mountain, and sat there. And there came unto him great multitudes, having with them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and they cast them down at his feet; and he healed them: inasmuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb speaking, the maimed whole, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing: and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 And Jesus called unto him his disciples, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat: and I would not send them away fasting, lest haply they faint in the way.

33 And the disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so many loaves in a desert place, as to fill so great a multitude?

34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few small fishes. And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves and the fishes; and he gave thanks and brake, and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up that which remained over of the broken pieces, 38 seven baskets full. And they that did

¹ Gr. demon.

² Or, loaf.

eat were four thousand men, beside 39 women and children. And he sent away the multitudes, and entered into the boat, and came into the borders of Magadan.

16 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and tempting him asked him to shew them a sign from heaven. But he answered and said unto them, ³ When it is evening, ye say, *It will be fair weather*: for the heaven is red. And in the morning, *It will be foul weather to-day*: for the heaven is red and lowering. Ye know how to discern the face of the heaven; but ye cannot discern the signs of the times. An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of Jonah. And he left them, and departed.

5 And the disciples came to the other side and forgot to take bread. And Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, ⁶ We took no bread. And Jesus perceiving it said, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have no bread?

9 Do ye not yet perceive, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many ⁶ baskets ye took up? 10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many ⁶ baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not perceive that I spake not to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

13 Now when Jesus came into the parts of Cæsarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say⁷ that the Son of man is? And they said, Some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah: and others, Jeremiah, or one of the 15 prophets. He saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, 17 the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. 18 And I also say unto thee, that thou art ⁸ Peter, and upon this⁹ rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Then charged he the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Christ.

21 From that time began ¹⁰ Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he

³ The following words, to the end of ver. 3, are omitted by some of the most ancient and other important authorities.

⁴ Gr. loaves.

⁵ Or, It is because we took no bread.

⁶ Basket in ver. 9 and 10 represents different Greek words.

⁷ Many ancient authorities read that the Son of man am. See Mark vii. 37; Luke ix. 18.

⁸ Gr. Petros.
⁹ Gr. petra.

¹⁰ Some ancient authorities read Jesus Christ.

1 Or, God
were
mercies on
these

2 Or, soul

3 Or,
doing.

4 Or,
booths

must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and
22 the third day be raised up. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, ¹Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall
23 never be unto thee. But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art a stumblingblock unto me: for thou mindest not the things of
24 God, but the things of men. Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow
25 me. For whosoever would save his ²life shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose
26 his ³life for my sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his
27 ⁴life? or what shall a man give in exchange for his ⁵life? For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he render unto every man according
28 to his ⁶deeds. Verily I say unto you, There be some of them that stand here, which shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

17 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and he was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his garments became white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and
4 Elijah talking with him. And Peter answered, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, I will make here three ⁷tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for
5 Elijah. While he was yet speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.
6 And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid.
7 And Jesus came and touched them, and said, Arise, and be not afraid. And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, save Jesus only.
9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen from the dead.
10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah
11 must first come? And he answered and said, Elijah indeed cometh, and
12 shall restore all things: but I say unto you, that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but did unto him whatsoever they listed. Even so shall the Son of man also
13 suffer of them. Then understood the disciples that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a man, kneeling to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is epileptic, and suffereth grievously: for oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft-times into
16 the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him.
17 And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him hither to me.
18 And Jesus rebuked him; and the ⁸devil went out from him: and the boy was
19 cured from that hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why
20 could not we cast it out? And he saith unto them, Because of your little faith: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.⁹

22 And while they ⁷abode in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be delivered up into the hands of
23 men; and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised up. And they were exceeding sorry.

24 And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received the ⁶half-shekel came to Peter, and said, Doth not
25 your ⁹master pay the ⁶half-shekel? He saith, Yea. And when he came into the house, Jesus spake first to him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? the kings of the earth, from whom do they receive toll or tribute? from their sons, or from
26 strangers? And when he said, From strangers, Jesus said unto him, There-
27 fore the sons are free. But, lest we cause them to stumble, go thou to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a ¹⁰shekel: that take, and give unto them for me and thee.

18 In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is ¹¹greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And he called to him a little child, and set him in the
3 midst of them, and said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter
4 into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the ¹¹greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child
6 in my name receiveth me: but whoso shall cause one of these little ones which believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that ¹²a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the
7 depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! for it must needs be that the oc-

8 Or,
demon.

6 Many
authorities
then, some
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ver. 24
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gave a
gold coin
and not
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proper
and for
imp. ver.
Mark ix.
24.

7 Some
ancient
authorities
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casations come; but woe to that man through whom the occasion cometh!
 8 And if thy hand or thy foot causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed or halt, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the
 9 eternal fire. And if thine eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the¹ hell of
 10 fire. See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.²
 12 How think ye? if any man have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and go unto the mountains, and
 13 seek that which goeth astray? And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety and nine which
 14 have not gone astray. Even so it is not³ the will of⁴ your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.
 15 And if thy brother sin⁵ against thee, go, shew him his fault between thee and him alone: if he hear thee, thou hast
 16 gained thy brother. But if he hear thee not, take with thee one or two more, that at the mouth of two witnesses or three
 17 every word may be established. And if he refuse to hear them, tell it unto the⁶ church: and if he refuse to hear the⁶ church also, let him be unto thee as the Gentile and the publican.
 18 Verily I say unto you, What things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and what things soever ye shall loose on earth shall
 19 be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my
 20 Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.
 21 Then came Peter, and said to him, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until
 22 seven times? Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until⁷ seventy times seven. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would make
 24 a reckoning with his⁸ servants. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten
 25 thousand⁹ talents. But forasmuch as he had not¹⁰ wherewith to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and
 26 payment to be made. The¹⁰ servant therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with
 27 me, and I will pay thee all. And the lord

of that¹⁰ servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him
 28 the¹¹ debt. But that¹⁰ servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, which owed him a hundred¹² pence; and he laid hold on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay what thou owest.
 29 So his fellow-servant fell down and besought him, saying, Have patience with
 30 me, and I will pay thee. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay that which was due.
 31 So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were exceeding sorry, and came and told unto their lord all
 32 that was done. Then his lord called him unto him, and saith to him, Thou wicked¹⁰ servant, I forgave thee all that debt,
 33 because thou besoughtest me: shouldst not thou also have had mercy on thy fellow-servant, even as I had mercy on
 34 thee? And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he
 35 should pay all that was due. So shall also my heavenly Father do unto you, if ye forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.
 19 And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee, and came into the borders of
 2 Jndæa beyond Jordan; and great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.
 3 And there came unto him¹³ Pharisees, tempting him, and saying, Is it lawful
 4 for a man to put away his wife for every
 4 cause? And he answered and said, Have ye not read, that he which¹⁴ made them from the beginning made them
 5 male and female, and said, For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and
 6 the twain shall become one flesh? So that they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined
 7 together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why then did Moses command to give a bill of divorcement, and
 8 to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses for your hardness of heart suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it hath not been so.
 9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife,¹⁵ except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: ¹⁶and he that marrieth her when she is put away committeth
 10 adultery. The disciples say unto him, If the case of the man is so with his wife,
 11 it is not expedient to marry. But he said unto them, All men cannot receive this saying, but they to whom it is given.
 12 For there are eunuchs, which were so born from their mother's womb: and there are eunuchs, which were made eunuchs by men: and there are eunuchs, which made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven's sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

1 Gr. Gehenna of fire.

2 Many authorities, some ancient, insert ver. 11. For the Son of man came to save that which was lost. See Luke xix. 10.

3 Gr. a thing which should be done for your Father.

4 Some ancient authorities read me.

5 Some ancient authorities omit against thee.

6 Gr. congregation.

7 Or, seventy times and seven.
8 Gr. bond-servants.

9 This talent was probably worth about £100.
10 Gr. bound-servant.

11 Gr. loan.

12 The word in the Greek denotes a coin worth about eight pence half-penny.

13 Many authorities, some ancient, insert the.

14 Some ancient authorities read created.

15 Some ancient authorities read saving for the cause of fornication, which is her adultery: as in ch. v. 32.

16 The following words, to the end of the verse, are omitted by some ancient authorities.

13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should lay his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

16 And behold, one came to him and said, ¹³ Master, what good thing shall I do,

17 that I may have eternal life? And he said unto him, ³ Why askest thou me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but if thou wouldst enter into life, keep the command-

18 ments. He saith unto him, Which? And Jesus said, Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false wit-

19 ness, Honour thy father and thy mother: and, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. The young man saith unto him, All these things have I observed: what

21 lack I yet? Jesus said unto him, If thou wouldest be perfect, go, sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, 22 follow me. But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions.

23 And Jesus said unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, It is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of

24 heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to

25 enter into the kingdom of God. And when the disciples heard it, they were astonished exceedingly, saying, Who

26 then can be saved? And Jesus looking upon them said to them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things

27 are possible. Then answered Peter and said unto him, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee; what then shall we

28 have? And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye which have followed me, in the regeneration

when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve

29 tribes of Israel. And every one that hath left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother,⁴ or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive

⁵ a hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life. But many shall be last that

30 are first; and first that are last. For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, which went out early in the morning to hire la-

31 bourers into his vineyard. And when he had agreed with the labourers for a ⁶penny a day, he sent them into his

32 vineyard. And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing in the marketplace idle; and to them he

said, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and

33 did likewise. And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing; and he saith unto them, Why

34 stand ye here all the day idle? They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the

35 vineyard. And when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the labourers, and pay them their hire, beginning from the last

36 unto the first. And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they

37 received every man a ⁶penny. And when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise

38 received every man a ⁶penny. And when they received it, they murmured against the householder, saying, These last have

39 spent but one hour, and thou hast made them equal unto us, which have borne the burden of the day and the ⁷scorch-

40 ing heat. But he answered and said to one of them, Friend, I do thee no wrong: didst not thou agree with me for a

41 ⁶penny? Take up that which is thine, and go thy way; it is my will to give unto this last, even as unto thee. Is it not

42 lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? or is thine eye evil, because 16 I am good? So the last shall be first, and the first last.

17 And as Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples apart, and in the way he said unto them, Be-

18 hold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and scribes; and they shall

19 condemn him to death, and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify: and the third day he shall be raised up.

20 Then came to him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons, worshipping him, and asking a certain thing of

21 him. And he said unto her, What wouldst thou? She saith unto him, Command that these my two sons may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand,

22 in thy kingdom. But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? They say unto him, We are

23 able. He saith unto them, My cup indeed ye shall drink: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give, but it is for them for whom it

24 hath been prepared of my Father. And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation concerning the two

25 brethren. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over

26 them. Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great among

¹ Or, Teacher

² Some ancient authorities read Good Master.

See Mark x. 17.

³ Some ancient authorities read Why reatest thou me good?

⁴ None is good save one, even God. See Mark x. 18; Luke xviii. 19.

⁵ Many ancient authorities add or wife: as in Luke xviii. 29.

⁶ Some ancient authorities read manifold.

⁷ See marginal note on ch. xviii. 28.

⁸ Or, but stand

¹ Or,
servant

² Or,
bond-
servant.

27 you shall be your ¹minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall
28 be your ²servant: even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

29 And as they went out from Jericho,
30 a great multitude followed him. And behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, Lord, have mercy on us, thou son of
31 David. And the multitude rebuked them, that they should hold their peace: but they cried out the more, saying, Lord, have mercy on us, thou
32 son of David. And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What will
33 ye that I should do unto you? They say unto him, Lord, that our eyes may
34 be opened. And Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes: and straightway they received their sight, and followed him.

21 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and came unto Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then Jesus sent
2 two disciples, saying unto them, Go into the village that is over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them,
8 and bring them unto me. And if any one say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straight-
4 way he will send them. Now this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken ³by the prophet, saying,

³ Or,
through

5 Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, Meek, and riding upon an ass, And upon a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did even as
7 Jesus appointed them, and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their
8 garments; and he sat thereon. And the most part of the multitude spread their garments in the way; and others cut branches from the trees, and spread
9 them in the way. And the multitudes that went before him, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the
10 highest. And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying,
11 Who is this? And the multitudes said, This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.

⁴ Many
ancient
authorities omit
of God.

12 And Jesus entered into the temple ⁴of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the
13 seats of them that sold the doves; and he saith unto them, It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer:
14 but ye make it a den of robbers. And the blind and the lame came to him in
15 the temple: and he healed them. But

when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children that were crying in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were moved
16 with indignation, and said unto him, Hearest thou what these are saying? And Jesus saith unto them, Yea: did ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? And he left them, and went forth out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there.

18 Now in the morning as he returned to
19 the city, he hungered. And seeing ⁵a fig tree by the way side, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only; and he saith unto it, Let there be no fruit from thee henceforward for ever. And immediately the fig tree withered
20 away. And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How did the fig
21 tree immediately wither away? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea, it shall
22 be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

⁵ Or,
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23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee

24 this authority? And Jesus answered and said unto them, I also will ask you one ⁶question, which if ye tell me, I likewise will tell you by what authority

⁶ Or,
word.

25 I do these things. The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven or from men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say unto us, Why then
26 did ye not believe him? But if we shall say, From men; we fear the multitude;
27 for all hold John as a prophet. And they answered Jesus, and said, We know not. He also said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I
28 do these things. But what think ye? A man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, ⁷Son, go work to-day in

⁷ Or,
Child.

29 the vineyard. And he answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented himself, and went. And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and
31 went not. Whether of the twain did the will of his father? They say, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before
32 you. For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye

saw it, did not even repent yourselves afterward, that ye might believe him.

- 33 Hear another parable: There was a man that was a householder, which planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country.
- 34 try. And when the season of the fruits drew near, he sent his ¹servants to the
- 35 husbandmen, to receive ²his fruits. And the husbandmen took his ¹servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned
- 36 another. Again, he sent other ¹servants more than the first: and they did unto
- 37 them in like manner. But afterward he sent unto them his son, saying, They
- 38 will reverence my son. But the husbandmen, when they saw the son, said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance.
- 39 And they took him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him. When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do unto those husbandmen?
- 41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will let out the vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the
- 42 fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures,

The stone which the builders rejected,

The same was made the head of the corner:

This was from the Lord,

And it is marvellous in our eyes?

- 43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. ³And he that falleth on this stone shall be broken to pieces: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust. And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he
- 46 spake of them. And when they sought to lay hold on him, they feared the multitudes, because they took him for a prophet.

- 22 And Jesus answered and spake again in parables unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a certain king, which made a marriage feast for his son, and sent forth his ¹servants to call them that were bidden to the marriage feast: and they would not come.
- 4 Again he sent forth other ¹servants, saying, Tell them that are bidden, Behold, I have made ready my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come to the marriage feast. But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his own farm, another to his merchandise: and the rest laid hold on his ¹servants, and entreated them shamefully, and killed

- 7 them. But the king was wroth; and he sent his armies, and destroyed those
- 8 murderers, and burned their city. Then saith he to his ¹servants, The wedding is ready, but they that were bidden were
- 9 not worthy. Go ye therefore unto the partings of the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage
- 10 feast. And those ¹servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was filled with
- 11 guests. But when the king came in to behold the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding-garment:
- 12 and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding-garment? And he was speech-
- 13 less. Then the king said to the ⁴servants, Bind him hand and foot, and cast him out into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few chosen.

- 15 Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might ensnare him in
- 16 his talk. And they send to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, ⁵Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, and carest not for any one: for thou rejectest not the person of men. Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or
- 18 not? But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? Shew me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a ⁶penny.
- 20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's. And when they heard it, they marvelled, and left him, and went their way.

- 23 On that day there came to him Sadducees, ⁷which say that there is no resurrection: and they asked him, saying, ⁸Master, Moses said, If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first married and deceased, and having no seed left his wife unto his brother: in like manner the second also, and the third, unto the
- 27 ⁹seventh. And after them all the woman died. In the resurrection therefore whose wife shall she be of the seven? For they all had her. But Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
- 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels ¹⁰in heaven. But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying,

¹ Gr. bond-servants.

² Or, the fruits of it

³ Some ancient authorities omit ver. 44.

⁴ Or, men-servants

⁵ Or, Teacher

⁶ See margin, note on ch. xiii. 25.

⁷ Or, scribes.

⁸ Gr. shall perform the duty of a brother's brother, or his wife. Compare Matt. xxi. 3.

¹⁰ Many ancient authorities add of God.

32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not *the God* of the dead, but 33 of the living. And when the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

34 But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, 35 gathered themselves together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question,

36 tempting him, ¹Master, which is the 37 great commandment in the law? And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

38 This is the great and first command- 39 ment. ²And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thy- 40 self. On these two commandments hangeth the whole law, and the proph- et.

41 Now while the Pharisees were gather- ed together, Jesus asked them a ques- 42 tion, saying, What think ye of the Christ? whose son is he? They say 43 unto him, *The son of David*. He saith unto them, How then doth David in the Spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Till I put thine enemies underneath thy feet?

45 If David then calleth him Lord, how is 46 he his son? And no one was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

23 Then spake Jesus to the multitudes 2 and to his disciples, saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat: 3 all things therefore whatsoever they bid you, *these* do and observe: but do not ye after their works; for they say,

4 and do not. Yea, they bind heavy burdens ³and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with 5 their finger. But all their works they do for to be seen of men: for they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge 6 the borders of their garments, and love the chief place at feasts, and the chief 7 seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the marketplaces, and to be 8 called of men, Rabbi. But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your teacher,

9 and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father on the earth: for one is your 10 Father, ⁴which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your 11 master, *even* the Christ. But he that is ⁵greatest among you shall be your 12 ⁶servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye shut the kingdom of heaven ⁷against men: for ye enter not in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering in to enter.⁸

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is become so, ye make him twofold more a son of ⁹hell than yourselves.

16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the ¹⁰temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the ¹⁰temple, 17 he is ¹¹a debtor. Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the ¹⁰temple that hath sanctified the gold?

18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gift that is upon it, he is 19 ¹¹a debtor. Ye blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanc- 20 tifieth the gift? He therefore that sweareth by the altar, sweareth by it, 21 and by all things thereon. And he that sweareth by the ¹⁰temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein.

22 And he that sweareth by the heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and ¹²anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, judgement, and mercy, and faith: but these ye ought to have done, and not to have 24 left the other undone. Ye blind guides, which strain out the gnat, and swallow the camel.

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full from extortion and excess.

26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the platter, that the outside thereof may become clean also.

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of 30 the righteous, and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we should not have been partakers with them in 31 the blood of the prophets. Wherefore ye witness to yourselves, that ye are sons of them that slew the prophets.

32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fa- 33 thers. Ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers, how shall ye escape the judgement 34 of ⁹hell? Therefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: some of them shall ye kill and cru-

⁸ Some authorities insert here, or after ver. 12, ver. 14 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, even while for a pretence ye make long prayers: therefore ye shall receive greater condemnation. See Mark xii. 40: Luke xi. 47.

⁹ Gr. Gehennai, i.e. Cr. sanctuary: as in ver. 35.

¹⁰ Gr. Gehennai, i.e. Cr. sanctuary: as in ver. 35.

¹¹ Or, sound by his oath is Or, dull

¹² Or, sound by his oath is Or, dull

¹ Or, Teacher

² Or, And a second is like unto it, Thou shalt love &c.

³ Many ancient authorities omit and grievous to be borne.

⁴ Gr. the heaven-ly.

⁵ Gr. greater. ⁶ Or, minister

⁷ Gr. before.

cify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute from city to city: that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous unto the blood of Zachariah son of Barachiah, whom ye slew between the sanctuary and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! Behold, your house is left unto you ¹desolate. For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

24 And Jesus went out from the temple, and was going on his way; and his disciples came to him to slay him the 2 buildings of the temple. But he answered and said unto them, See ye not all these things? verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat on the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy ²coming, and of ³the end of the world?

4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and 6 shall lead many astray. And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for these things must needs come to pass; but the end 7 is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines and earthquakes in divers places. But all these things are the beginning of travail.

9 Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all the nations for my 10 name's sake. And then shall many stumble, and shall deliver up one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall arise, and 12 shall lead many astray. And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of 13 the many shall wax cold. But he that endureth to the end, the same shall be 14 saved. And ⁴this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole ⁵world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end come.

15 When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of ⁶by Daniel the prophet, standing in ⁷the holy place (let him that readeth 16 understand), then let them that are in

17 Judea flee unto the mountains: let him that is on the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his 18 house: and let him that is in the field 19 not return back to take his cloke. But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! 20 And pray ye that your flight be not in 21 the winter, neither on a sabbath: for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be. 22 And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall 23 be shortened. Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or 24 Here; believe ⁸it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the 25 elect. Behold, I have told you before- 26 hand. If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the wilderness; go not forth: Behold, he is in the inner 27 chambers; believe ⁹it not. For as the lightning cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the coming of the Son 28 of man. Wheresoever the carcass is, there will the ¹⁰eagles be gathered together.

29 But immediately, after the tribulation of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall 30 be shaken: and then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven 31 with power and great glory. And he shall send forth his angels ¹¹with ¹²a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now from the fig tree learn her parable: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye 33 know that the summer is nigh; even so ye also, when ye see all these things, know ye that ¹³he is nigh, even at the 34 doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all 35 these things be accomplished. Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words 36 shall not pass away. But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, ¹⁴neither the Son, but 37 the Father only. And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the ²coming 38 of the Son of man. For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day 39 that Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not until the flood came, and

¹ Some ancient authorities omit desolate.

² Or, presence.
³ Or, the consummation of the age

⁴ Or, these good tidings
⁵ Or, inhabited earth.

⁶ Or, through
⁷ Or, a holy place

⁸ Or, him

⁹ Or, them

¹⁰ Or, eagles

¹¹ Many ancient authorities read with a great trumpet, and they shall go forth to meet him
¹² Or, a trumpet of great sound

¹³ Or, it

¹⁴ Many authorities omit, neither the Son, but the Father only.

1 Gr.
presence.

took them all away; so shall be the
40¹ coming of the Son of man. Then shall
two men be in the field; one is taken,
41 and one is left: two women *shall be*
grinding at the mill; one is taken, and
42 one is left. Watch therefore: for ye
know not on what day your Lord com-
43 eth. ² But know this, that if the master
of the house had known in what watch
the thief was coming, he would have
watched, and would not have suffered
his house to be ³ broken through.
44 Therefore be ye also ready: for in an
hour that ye think not the Son of man
45 cometh. Who then is the faithful and
wise ⁴ servant, whom his lord hath set
over his household, to give them their
46 food in due season? Blessed is that
⁴ servant, whom his lord when he com-
47 eth shall find so doing. Verily I say
unto you, that he will set him over all
48 that he hath. But if that evil ⁵ servant
shall say in his heart, My lord tarrieth;
49 and shall begin to beat his fellow-ser-
vants, and shall eat and drink with the
50 drunken; the lord of that ⁶ servant shall
come in a day when he expecteth not,
and in an hour when he knoweth not,
51 and shall ⁷ cut him asunder, and ap-
point his portion with the hypocrites:
there shall be the weeping and gnash-
ing of teeth.

5 Or,
severely
scourge
him

6 Or,
torches

25 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be
likened unto ten virgins, which took
their ⁸ lamps, and went forth to meet
2 the bridegroom. And five of them were
3 foolish, and five were wise. For the
foolish, when they took their ⁹ lamps,
4 took no oil with them: but the wise
took oil in their vessels with their
5 lamps. Now while the bridegroom
tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
6 But at midnight there is a cry, Behold,
the bridegroom! Come ye forth to meet
7 him. Then all those virgins arose, and
8 trimmed their ¹⁰ lamps. And the foolish
said unto the wise, Give us of your
9 oil; for our ¹¹ lamps are going out. But
the wise answered, saying, Peradventure
there will not be enough for us
and you: go ye rather to them that
10 sell, and buy for yourselves. And
while they went away to buy, the
bridegroom came; and they that were
ready went in with him to the mar-
riage feast: and the door was shut.
11 Afterward come also the other virgins,
12 saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But
he answered and said, Verily I say
13 unto you, I know you not. Watch
therefore, for ye know not the day nor
the hour.

7 Gr.
bond-
servants.

14 For it is as when a man, going into
another country, called his own ¹² ser-
vants, and delivered unto them his
15 goods. And unto one he gave five
talents, to another two, to another one;
to each according to his several ability;
16 and he went on his journey. Straight-

way he that received the five talents
went and traded with them, and made
17 other five talents. In like manner he
also that *received* the two gained other
18 two. But he that received the one went
away and digged in the earth, and hid
19 his lord's money. Now after a long time
the lord of those ¹³ servants cometh, and
20 maketh a reckoning with them. And
he that received the five talents came
and brought other five talents, saying,
Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five
talents: lo, I have gained other five
21 talents. His lord said unto him, Well
done, good and faithful ¹⁴ servant: thou
hast been faithful over a few things, I
will set thee over many things: enter
22 thou into the joy of thy lord. And he
also that *received* the two talents came
and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto
me two talents: lo, I have gained other
23 two talents. His lord said unto him,
Well done, good and faithful ¹⁵ servant;
thou hast been faithful over a few
things, I will set thee over many things:
24 enter thou into the joy of thy lord. And
he also that had received the one talent
came and said, Lord, I knew thee that
thou art a hard man, reaping where
thou didst not sow, and gathering where
25 thou didst not scatter: and I was afraid,
and went away and hid thy talent in the
26 earth: lo, thou hast thine own. But his
lord answered and said unto him, Thou
wicked and slothful ¹⁶ servant, thou
knewest that I reap where I sowed not,
and gather where I did not scatter;
27 thou oughtest therefore to have put my
money to the bankers, and at my com-
ing I should have received back mine
28 own with interest. Take ye away there-
fore the talent from him, and give it
unto him that hath the ten talents.
29 For unto every one that hath shall be
given, and he shall have abundance:
but from him that hath not, even that
which he hath shall be taken away.
30 And cast ye out the unprofitable ¹⁷ ser-
vant into the outer darkness: there
shall be the weeping and gnashing of
teeth.

31 But when the Son of man shall come
in his glory, and all the angels with
him, then shall he sit on the throne of
32 his glory: and before him shall be
gathered all the nations: and he shall
separate them one from another, as the
shepherd separateth the sheep from the
33 ¹⁸ goats: and he shall set the sheep on
his right hand, but the ¹⁹ goats on the
34 left. Then shall the King say unto them
on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of
my Father, inherit the kingdom pre-
pared for you from the foundation of
35 the world: for I was an hungred, and
ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and
ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and
36 ye took me in; naked, and ye clothed
me: I was sick, and ye visited me:

8 Gr.
kidd.

I was in prison, and ye came unto me.
 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or athirst, and
 38 gave thee drink? And when saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or
 39 naked, and clothed thee? And when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and
 40 came unto thee? And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, *even*
 41 these least, ye did it unto me. Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, ¹Depart from me, ye cursed, into the eternal fire which is prepared
 42 for the devil and his angels: for I was an hungred, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no
 43 drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me not in; naked, and ye clothed me not; sick, and in prison, and ye visited me
 44 not. Then shall they also answer, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto me.
 46 And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life.
 26 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these words, he said unto his 2 disciples, Ye know that after two days the passover cometh, and the Son of man is delivered up to be crucified.
 3 Then were gathered together the chief priests, and the elders of the people, unto the court of the high priest, who was 4 called Caiaphas; and they took counsel together that they might take Jesus by 5 subtilty, and kill him. But they said, Not during the feast, lest a tumult arise among the people.
 6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in 7 the house of Simon the leper, there came unto him a woman having ²an alabaster cruse of exceeding precious ointment, and she poured it upon his head, as he 8 sat at meat. But when the disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To 9 what purpose is this waste? For this ointment might have been sold for much, 10 and given to the poor. But Jesus perceiving it said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought 11 a good work upon me. For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have 12 not always. For in that she ³poured this ointment upon my body, she did 13 it to prepare me for burial. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever ⁴this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.
 14 Then one of the twelve, who was call-

ed Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief 15 priests, and said, What are ye willing to give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they weighed unto him 16 thirty pieces of silver. And from that time he sought opportunity to deliver him unto them.
 17 Now on the first day of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Where wilt thou that we make ready 18 for thee to eat the passover? And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The ⁵Master saith, My time is at hand; I keep the passover at 19 thy house with my disciples. And the disciples did as Jesus appointed them; 20 and they made ready the passover. Now when even was come, he was sitting at 21 meat with the twelve disciples; and as they were eating, he said, Verily I say unto you, that one of you shall betray 22 me. And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began to say unto him every 23 one, Is it I, Lord? And he answered and said, He that dipped his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray 24 me. The Son of man goeth, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it ⁷for that man 25 if he had not been born. And Judas, which betrayed him, answered and said, Is it I, Rabbi? He saith unto him, Thou 26 hast said. And as they were eating, Jesus took ⁸bread, and blessed, and brake it; and he gave to the disciples, and 27 said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took ⁹a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all of 28 it; for this is my blood of ¹⁰the ¹¹covenant, which is shed for many unto remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.
 30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives.
 31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be ¹²offended in me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. But after I am raised up, 33 I will go before you into Galilee. But Peter answered and said unto him, If all shall be ¹³offended in thee, I will never 34 be ¹⁴offended. Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny 35 me thrice. Peter saith unto him, Even if I must die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.
 36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto ¹⁵a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I go 37 yonder and pray. And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and sore

¹ Or, Depart from me under a curse

² Or, a flask

³ Gr. cast.

⁴ Or, these good tidings

⁵ Or, Paschal

⁶ Many ancient authorities omit the disciples

⁷ Gr. for him that man

⁸ Or, a loaf

⁹ Some ancient authorities read the cup

¹⁰ Or, the testament

¹¹ Many ancient authorities here insert more

¹² Or, tempted to stumble

¹⁵ Or, an enclosed place of ground

38 troubled. Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: abide ye here, and watch with me. And he went forward a little, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt. And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? ¹ Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. Again a second time he went away, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cannot pass away, except I drink it, thy will be done. And he came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. And he left them again, and went away, and prayed a third time, saying again the same words. Then cometh he to the disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed unto the hands of sinners. Arise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that betrayeth me. And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he: take him. And straightway he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Rabbi: and ² kissed him. And Jesus said unto him, Friend, do that for which thou art come. Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. And behold, one of them that were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and smote the ³ servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear. Then saith Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Or thinkest thou that I cannot beseech my Father, and he shall even now send me more than twelve legions of angels? How then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? In that hour said Jesus to the multitudes, Are ye come out as against a robber with swords and staves to seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and ye took me not. But all this is come to pass, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples left him, and fled. And they that had taken Jesus led him away to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. But Peter followed him afar off, unto the court of the high priest, and entered in, and sat with the officers, to see the end. Now the

chief priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death; and they found it not, though many false witnesses came. But afterward came two, and said, This man said, I am able to destroy the temple of God, and to build it in three days. And the high priest stood up, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God. Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said: nevertheless I say unto you, Henceforth ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming on the clouds of heaven. Then the high priest rent his garments, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy: what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? They answered and said, He is ⁴ worthy of death. Then did they spit in his face and buffet him: and some smote him ⁵ with the palms of their hands, saying, Prophecy unto us, thou Christ: who is he that struck thee? Now Peter was sitting without in the court: and a maid came unto him, saying, Thou also wast with Jesus the Galilean. But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and saith unto them that were there, This man was also with Jesus the Nazarene. And again he denied with an oath, I know not the man. And after a little while they that stood by came and said to Peter, Of a truth thou also art one of them; for thy speech bewrayeth thee. Then began he to curse and to swear, I know not the man. And straightway the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly. Now when morning was come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: and they bound him, and led him away, and delivered him up to Pilate the governor. Then Judas, which betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned in that I betrayed innocent blood. But they said, What is that to us? see thou to it. And he cast down the pieces of silver into the sanctuary, and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. And the chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, It is

¹ Or, Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not

⁴ Or, necessary: as in ch. xxiii. 35; xxvii. 5

⁵ Gr. liable to.

⁶ Or, with rods

² Gr. kissed him much.

³ Gr. bond-servant.

⁷ Many ancient authorities read right away.

1 Gr. *corbana*, that is, sacred treasury. Compare Mark vii. 11.

2 Or, *through*

3 Or, *I took*

4 Or, *whom they priced on the part of the sons of Israel*

5 Some ancient authorities read *I gave*.

6 Or, *a feast*

7 Some ancient authorities read of this blood: see *ye* &c.

8 Gr. *Protorium*. See Mark x. 16.

9 Or, *cohort*

10 Some ancient authorities read *clothes*.

not lawful to put them into the ¹ treasury, since it is the price of blood. And they took counsel, and bought with them the potter's field, to bury strangers in. Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. Then was fulfilled that which was spoken ² by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, And ³ they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was priced, ⁴ whom certain of the children of Israel did price; and ⁵ they gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord appointed me.

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And 12 Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. Then saith Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? And he gave him no answer, not even to one word: inasmuch that the 15 governor marvelled greatly. Now at ⁶ the feast the governor was wont to release unto the multitude one prisoner, 16 whom they would. And they had then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. 17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus which is called Christ? 18 For he knew that for envy they had 19 delivered him up. And while he was sitting on the judgement-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that righteous man: for I have suffered many things this day 20 in a dream because of him. Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for 21 Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. But the governor answered and said unto them, Whether of the twain will ye that I release unto you? And they said, Barabbas. 22 Pilate saith unto them, What then shall I do unto Jesus which is called Christ? They all say, Let him be crucified. And he said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out exceedingly, saying, Let him be crucified. 24 So when Pilate saw that he prevailed nothing, but rather that a tumult was arising, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent ⁷ of the blood of this righteous man: see ye to it. And all the people answered and said, His blood be 26 on us, and on our children. Then released he unto them Barabbas: but Jesus he scourged and delivered to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the ⁸ palace, and gathered 28 unto him the whole ⁹ band. And they ¹⁰ stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. And they plaited a crown of thorns and put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they kneeled

down before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! And they spat upon him, and took the reed and ¹¹ smote him on the head. And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the robe, and put on him his garments, and led him away to crucify him.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they ¹² compelled to go with them, that 33 he might bear his cross. And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, The place of a skull, they gave him wine to drink mingled with gall: and when he had 35 tasted it, he would not drink. And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots: 36 and they sat and watched him there. 37 And they set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE 38 KING OF THE JEWS. Then are there crucified with him two robbers, one on the right hand, and one on the left. 39 And they that passed by rallied on him. 40 wagging their heads, and saying, Thou that destroyest the ¹³ temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself: if thou art the Son of God, come down 41 from the cross. In like manner also the chief priests mocking him, with 42 the scribes and elders, said, He saved others; ¹⁴ himself he cannot save. He is the King of Israel; let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on him. He trusteth on God; let him deliver him now, if he desireth him: 44 for he said, I am the Son of God. And the robbers also that were crucified with him cast upon him the same reproach.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the ¹⁵ land until the 46 ninth hour. And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, ¹⁶ why hast thou forsaken me? And some of them that stood there, when they heard it, said, This 48 man calleth Elijah. And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a 49 reed, and gave him to drink. And the rest said, Let be; let us see whether 50 Elijah cometh to save him. ¹⁷ And Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and 51 yielded up his spirit. And behold, the veil of the ¹⁸ temple was rent in twain from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake; and the rocks were 52 rent; and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints that had 53 fallen asleep were raised; and coming forth out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered into the holy city 54 and appeared unto many. Now the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jesus, when they saw

11 Gr. *compelled*

13 Or, *temple*

14 Or, *can he save himself?*

15 Or, *earth*

16 Or, *why didst thou forsake me?*

17 Many ancient authorities add, And another took a sponge and pierced his side, and there came out water and blood. See John xix. 34.

the earthquake, and the things that were done, feared exceedingly, saying, 55 Truly this was ¹the Son of God. And many women were there beholding from afar, which had followed Jesus from 56 Galilee, ministering unto him: among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 And when even was come, there came a rich man from Arimathæa, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus' 58 disciple: this man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given up. 59 And Joseph took the body, and wrapped 60 it in a clean linen cloth, and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and 61 departed. And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now on the morrow, which is *the day* after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together unto Pilate, saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I 64 rise again. Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest haply his disciples come and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: and the last error will be worse than the 65 first. Pilate said unto them, ²Ye have a guard: go your way, ³make it as sure 66 as ye can. So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, the guard being with them.

28 Now late on the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.

2 And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it.

3 His appearance was as lightning, and 4 his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the watchers did quake, and

5 became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek 6 Jesus, which hath been crucified. He is not here; for he is risen, even as he said. Come, see the place ⁴where the 7 Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples, He is risen from the dead; and lo, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have 8 told you. And they departed quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and ran to bring his disciples word. 9 And behold, Jesus met them, saying, All hail. And they came and took hold of his feet, and worshipped him. 10 Then saith Jesus unto them, Fear not: go tell my brethren that they depart into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city, and told unto the chief priests all the 12 things that were come to pass. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave large money unto the soldiers, 13 saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we 14 slept. And if this ⁵come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, 15 and rid you of care. So they took the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying was spread abroad among the Jews, and continueth until this day.

16 But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus 17 had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him: but 18 some doubted. And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in 19 heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy 20 Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you ⁶always, even unto ⁷the end of the world.

¹ Or, a son of God

² Or, Take a guard
³ Or, make it sure, as ye know.

⁴ Many ancient authorities read where he lay.

⁵ Or, come to a hearing before the governor

⁶ Or, all the days.
⁷ Or, the consummation of the age

THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO

S. MARK.

¹ Some ancient authorities omit the Son of God.
² Some ancient authorities read in the prophets.

³ Gr. self-scient.
⁴ Or, in

⁵ Or, Holy Spirit: and so throughout this book.
⁶ Gr. into.

- 1 THE beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, ¹the Son of God.
- 2 Even as it is written ²in Isaiah the prophet,
Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
Who shall prepare thy way;
- 3 The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight;
- 4 John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the country of Judæa, and all they of Jerusalem; and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.
- 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and *had* a leathern girdle about his loins, and did eat locusts and wild honey. And he preached, saying, There cometh after me he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not ³worthy to stoop down and
- 8 unloose. I baptized you ⁴with water; but he shall baptize you ⁴with the ⁵Holy Ghost.
- 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John ⁶in the Jordan. And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending upon him: and a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased.
- 12 And straightway the Spirit driveth him forth into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him.
- 14 Now after that John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the gospel.
- 16 And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea: for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they left the nets, and followed him. And going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending the nets.
- 20 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the

- boat with the hired servants, and went after him.
- 21 And they go into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught.
- 22 And they were astonished at his teaching: for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes. And straightway there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit;
- 24 and he cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy
- 25 One of God. And Jesus rebuked ⁷him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out
- 26 of him. And the unclean spirit, ⁸tearing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, inasmuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What is this? a new teaching! with authority he commandeth even the unclean spirits,
- 28 and they obey him. And the report of him went out straightway everywhere into all the region of Galilee round about.
- 29 And straightway, ⁹when they were come out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew,
- 30 with James and John. Now Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever; and
- 31 straightway they tell him of her: and he came and took her by the hand, and raised her up; and the fever left her, and she ministered unto them.
- 32 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick, and them that were ¹⁰possessed
- 33 with devils. And all the city was gathered together at the door. And he healed many that were sick with divers diseases, and cast out many ¹¹devils; and he suffered not the ¹¹devils to speak, because they knew him ¹².
- 35 And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose up and went out, and departed into a desert place, and there
- 36 prayed. And Simon and they that were with him followed after him; and they found him, and say unto him, All are seeking thee. And he saith unto them, Let us go elsewhere into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for
- 39 to this end came I forth. And he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out ¹¹devils.
- 40 And there cometh to him a leper, beseeching him, ¹³and kneeling down to him, and saying unto him, If thou wilt, thou canst make me

7 Or, &

⁸ Or, exorcising

⁹ Some ancient authorities read when he was come out of the synagogue, he came in.

¹⁰ Or, & possessed

¹¹ Gr. demons

¹² Many ancient authorities then add to the Gospel See Luke 11. 41.

¹³ Some ancient authorities then add and kneeling down to him.

41 clean. And being moved with compassion, he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, and saith unto him, I 42 will; be thou made clean. And straightway the leprosy departed from him, and 43 he was made clean. And he ¹ strictly charged him, and straightway sent him 44 out, and saith unto him, See thou say nothing to any man: but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing the things which Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. 45 But he went out, and began to publish it much, and to spread abroad the ² matter, inasmuch that ³ Jesus could no more openly enter into ⁴ a city, but was wonted in desert places: and they came to him from every quarter.

2 And when he entered again into Capernaum after some days, it was noised 2 that he was ⁵ in the house. And many were gathered together, so that there was no longer room for *them*, no, not even about the door: and he spake the 3 word unto them. And they come, bringing unto him a man sick of the palsy, 4 borne of four. And when they could not ⁶ come nigh unto him for the crowd, they uncovered the roof where he was: and when they had broken it up, they let down the bed whereon the sick of the 5 palsy lay. And Jesus seeing their faith saith unto the sick of the palsy, ⁷ Son,

6 thy sins are forgiven. But there were certain of the scribes sitting there, and 7 reasoning in their hearts, Why doth this man thus speak? he blasphemeth: who can forgive sins but one, *even* God? 8 And straightway Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they so reasoned within themselves, saith unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?

9 Whether is easier, to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and 10 walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath ⁸ power on earth to forgive sins (he saith to the sick of the 11 palsy), I say unto thee, Arise, take up

12 thy bed, and go unto thy house. And he arose, and straightway took up the bed, and went forth before them all; inasmuch that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, We never saw it on this fashion.

13 And he went forth again by the sea side; and all the multitude resorted 14 unto him, and he taught them. And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the place of toll, and he saith unto him, Follow me. And 15 he arose and followed him. And it came to pass, that he was sitting at meat in his house, and many ⁹ publicans and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many,

16 and they followed him. And the scribes ¹⁰ of the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and

publicans, said unto his disciples, ¹¹ He eateth ¹² and drinketh with publicans 17 and sinners. And when Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are ¹³ whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

18 And John's disciples and the Pharisees were fasting: and they come and say unto him, Why do John's disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but 19 thy disciples fast not? And Jesus said unto them, Can the sons of the bride-chamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.

20 But the days will come, when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, 21 and then will they fast in that day. No man seweth a piece of undressed cloth on an old garment: else that which should fill it up taketh from it, the new from the old, and a worse rent is made.

22 And no man putteth new wine into old ¹⁴ wine-skins: else the wine will burst the skins, and the wine perisheth, and the skins: but they put new wine into fresh wine-skins.

23 And it came to pass, that he was going on the sabbath day through the cornfields; and his disciples ¹⁵ began, as they went, to pluck the ears of corn.

24 And the Pharisees said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day 25 that which is not lawful? And he said unto them, Did ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was an hungred, he, and they that were with

26 him? How he entered into the house of God ¹⁶ when Abiathar was high priest, and did eat the shewbread, which it is not lawful to eat save for the priests, and gave also to them that were with 27 him? And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man 28 for the sabbath: so that the Son of man is lord even of the sabbath.

29 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there 2 which had his hand withered. And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they 3 might accuse him. And he saith unto the man that had his hand withered,

4 Stand forth. And he saith unto them, Is it lawful on the sabbath day to do good, or to do harm? to save a life, or 5 to kill? But they held their peace. And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their heart, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth: and his hand

6 was restored. And the Pharisees went out, and straightway with the Herodians took counsel against him, how they might destroy him. 7 And Jesus with his disciples withdrew to the sea: and a great mul-

¹¹ Or, How is it that he eateth ... sinners?

¹³ Some ancient authorities omit and drinketh.

¹² Gr. strong.

¹⁴ That is, skins used as bottles.

¹⁵ Gr. began to make their very plucking.

¹⁶ Some ancient authorities read in the days of Abiathar the high priest.

¹⁷ Gr. Arise into the midst.

¹ Or, strictly

² Gr. word.

³ Gr. he.

⁴ Or, the city

⁵ Or, at home

⁶ Many ancient authorities read bring him unto him.

⁷ Gr. Child.

⁸ Or, authority

⁹ See marginal note on Matt. v. 46

¹⁰ Some ancient authorities read and the Pharisees.

¹ Or, *all the things that he did*

² Gr. *scourged*.
³ Gr. *fell*.

⁴ Some ancient authorities add *whom also he named apostles*. See Luke vi. 13.

⁵ Gr. *demons*.
⁶ Some ancient authorities insert *and he appointed twelve*.

⁷ Or, *Evangelist*. See Luke vi. 15.
⁸ Or, *house*.

⁹ Or, *in*.

titude from Galilee followed: and from 8 Judaea, and from Jerusalem, and from Idumaea, and beyond Jordan, and about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, hearing ¹ what great things he did, came un- 9 to him. And he spake to his disciples, that a little boat should wait on him because of the crowd, lest they should 10 throng him: for he had healed many; insomuch that as many as had ² plagues ³ pressed upon him that they might touch 11 him. And the unclean spirits, whensoever they beheld him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son 12 of God. And he charged them much that they should not make him known. 13 And he goeth up into the mountain, and calleth unto him whom he himself 14 would: and they went unto him. And he appointed twelve, ⁴ that they might be with him, and that he might send 15 them forth to preach, and to have authority to cast out ⁵ devils: ⁶ and Simon 17 he surnamed Peter; and James the son of Zebedee, and John the brother of James; and them he surnamed Boanerges, which is, Sons of thunder: and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddæus, and 19 Simon the ⁷ Cananean, and Judas Iscariot, which also betrayed him. 20 And he cometh ⁸ into a house. And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. 21 And when his friends heard it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He 22 is beside himself. And the scribes which came down from Jerusalem said, He hath Beelzebub, and, ⁹ By the prince of the ⁵ devils casteth he out the ⁵ devils. 23 And he called them unto him, and said unto them in parables, How can Satan 24 cast out Satan? And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house be divided against itself, that house will not be able 26 to stand. And if Satan hath risen up against himself, and is divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end. But no one can enter into the house of the strong man, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man; and then he will 28 spoil his house. Verily I say unto you, All their sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and their blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: but whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin: 30 because they said, He hath an unclean spirit. 31 And there come his mother and his brethren; and, standing without, they 32 sent unto him, calling him. And a multitude was sitting about him; and they say unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren without seek for thee. 33 And he answereth them, and saith,

Who is my mother and my brethren? 34 And looking round on them which sat round about him, he saith, Behold, my 35 mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

4 And again he began to teach by the sea side. And there is gathered unto him a very great multitude, so that he entered into a boat, and sat in the sea; and all the multitude were by the sea on 2 the land. And he taught them many things in parables, and said unto them 3 in his teaching, Hearken: Behold, the 4 sower went forth to sow: and it came to pass, as he sowed, some seed fell by the way side, and the birds came and 5 devoured it. And other fell on the rocky ground, where it had not much earth; and straightway it sprang up, because 6 it had no deepness of earth: and when the sun was risen, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. And other fell among the thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, 8 and it yielded no fruit. And others fell into the good ground, and yielded fruit, growing up and increasing; and brought forth, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a 9 hundredfold. And he said, Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

10 And when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him 11 the parables. And he said unto them, Unto you is given the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all things are done in parables: that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest haply they should turn again, and it should 13 be forgiven them. And he saith unto them, Know ye not this parable? and how shall ye know all the parables? 14 The sower soweth the word. And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; and when they have heard, straightway cometh Satan, and taketh away the word which hath been 16 sown in them. And these in like manner are they that are sown upon the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, straightway receive it with 17 joy; and they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway they 18 stumble. And others are they that are sown among the thorns; these are they 19 that have heard the word, and the cares of the ¹⁰ world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it be- 20 cometh unfruitful. And these are they that were sown upon the good ground; such as hear the word, and accept it, and bear fruit, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.

¹⁰ Or, *air*.

21 And he said unto them, Is the lamp brought to be put under the bushel, or under the bed, and not to be put on the stand? For there is nothing hid, save that it should be manifested; neither was anything made secret, but that it should come to light. If any man hath ears to hear, let him hear. And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete it shall be measured unto you: and more shall be given unto you. For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath.

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how. The earth beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is ripe, straightway he putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 And he said, How shall we liken the kingdom of God? or in what parable shall we set it forth? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown upon the earth, though it be less than all the seeds that are upon the earth, yet when it is sown, groweth up, and becometh greater than all the herbes, and putteth out great branches; so that the birds of the heaven can lodge under the shadow thereof.

33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it: and without a parable spake he not unto them: but privately to his own disciples he expounded all things. 35 And on that day, when even was come, he saith unto them, Let us go over unto the other side. And leaving the multitude, they take him with them, even as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him. And there ariseth a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the boat, insomuch that the boat was now filling. And he himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?

39 And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye fearful? have ye not yet faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

5 And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the Gerasenes. 2 And when he was come out of the boat, straightway there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling in the tombs: and no man could any more bind him, no, not

4 with a chain; because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been rent asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: and no man had strength to tame him.

5 And always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones.

6 And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and worshipped him; and crying out with a loud voice, he saith, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God? I adjure thee by God, torment me not. For he said unto him, Come forth, thou unclean spirit, out of the man. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he saith unto him, My name is Legion; for we are many. And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there on the mountain side a great herd of swine

12 feeding. And they besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. And he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the sea, in number about two thousand; and they were choked in the sea. And they that fed them fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they came to see

15 what it was that had come to pass. And they come to Jesus, and behold him that was possessed with devils sitting, clothed and in his right mind, even him that had the legion: and they were

16 afraid. And they that saw it declared unto them how it befell him that was possessed with devils, and concerning the swine. And they began to beseech him to depart from their borders. And as he was entering into the boat, he that had been possessed with devils besought him that he might be with him.

19 And he suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go to thy house unto thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and how he had

20 mercy on thee. And he went his way, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel.

21 And when Jesus had crossed over again in the boat unto the other side, a great multitude was gathered unto him: and he was by the sea. And there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and seeing him, he falleth at his feet, and beseecheth him much, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death: I pray thee, that thou come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be made whole, and live.

24 And he went with him; and a great multitude followed him, and they thronged him.

25 And a woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suf-

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¹ Or, *yieldeth*

² Or, *alloweth*

³ Or, *seemeth forth*

⁴ Gr. *As unto*

⁸ Or, *the demoniac*

⁷ Gr. *demons*

⁵ Or, *Teacher*

⁸ Or, *saved*

fered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 27 having heard the things concerning Jesus, came in the crowd behind, and 28 touched his garment. For she said, If I touch but his garments, I shall be made 29 whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her 30 plague. And straightway Jesus, perceiving in himself that the power proceeding from him had gone forth, turned him about in the crowd, and said, Who 31 touched my garments? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, 32 Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this 33 thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, 34 and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague. 35 While he yet spake, they come from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying, Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further? But Jesus, not heeding the word spoken, saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, 37 Fear not, only believe. And he suffered no man to follow with him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of 38 James. And they come to the house of the ruler of the synagogue; and he be- holdeth a tumult, and many weeping and 39 wailing greatly. And when he was entered in, he saith unto them, Why make ye a tumult, and weep? the child is not 40 dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But he, having put them all forth, taketh the father of the child and her mother and them that were with him, and goeth in where the child 41 was. And taking the child by the hand, he saith unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto 42 thee, Arise. And straightway the dam- sel rose up, and walked; for she was twelve years old. And they were a- mazed straightway with a great amaze- 43 ment. And he charged them much that no man should know this: and he com- manded that something should be given her to eat. 6 And he went out from thence; and he cometh into his own country; and his 2 disciples follow him. And when the sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and, What is the wisdom that is given unto this man, and what mean such mighty 3 works wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and brother of James, and Joses, and

Judas, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were of- 4 fended in him. And Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and among his 5 own kin, and in his own house. And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick 6 folk, and healed them. And he marvel- led because of their unbelief. And he went round about the vil- lages teaching.

7 And he called unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and he gave them authority 8 over the unclean spirits; and he charged them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff only; no bread, no wallet, no money in their 9 purse; but to go shod with sandals: and, said he, put not on two coats. 10 And he said unto them, Whosoever ye enter into a house, there abide till ye 11 depart thence. And whatsoever place shall not receive you, and they hear you not, as ye go forth thence, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a tes- 12 timony unto them. And they went out, and preached that men should repent. 13 And they cast out many devils, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

14 And king Herod heard thereof; for his name had become known: and he said, John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore do these powers 15 work in him. But others said, It is Elia- jah. And others said, It is a prophet, 16 even as one of the prophets. But Herod, when he heard thereof, said, John, whom 17 I beheaded, he is risen. For Herod him- self had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's 18 wife: for he had married her. For John said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee 19 to have thy brother's wife. And Herodias set herself against him, and desired 20 to kill him; and she could not; for He- rodes feared John, knowing that he was a righteous man and a holy, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, he was much perplexed; and he heard him 21 gladly. And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, and the 22 high captains, and the chief men of Galilee; and when the daughter of Herodias herself came in and danced, she pleased Herod and them that sat at meat with him; and the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever 23 thou wilt, and I will give it thee. And he sware unto her, Whatsoever thou shalt ask of me, I will give it thee, unto 24 the half of my kingdom. And she went out, and said unto her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head 25 of John the Baptist. And she came

1 Or, saved

2 Gr. scourge.

3 Or, saved thee

4 Or, Teacher
5 Or, over-hearing

6 Some ancient authorities insert the.

7 Or, powers.

8 Gr. returned to the table.

9 Gr. power.

10 Gr. shoes.
11 Gr. sandals.

12 Gr. denounce.

13 Some ancient authorities read they.
14 Gr. the Baptist.

15 Many ancient authorities read and many things.

16 Or, voluntary.

17 Gr. danced.

18 Some ancient authorities read her daughter.

19 Or, head.

20 Or, c.

1 Gr. the
Bap-
tiser.

in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou forthwith give me in a charger the head of John¹ the Baptist. And the king was exceeding sorry; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them that sat at meat, he would not reject her. And straightway the king sent forth a soldier of his guard, and commanded to bring his head: and he went and beheaded him in the prison, and brought his head in a charger, and gave it to the damsel; and the damsel gave it to her mother. And when his disciples heard *thereof*, they came and took up his corpse, and laid it in a tomb.

1 Or.
by land

30 And the apostles gather themselves together unto Jesus; and they told him all things, whatsoever they had done, 31 and whatsoever they had taught. And he saith unto them, Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place, and rest a while. For there were many coming and going, and they had no leisure so much 32 as to eat. And they went away in the 33 boat to a desert place apart. And *the people* saw them going, and many knew them, and they ran there together ³on foot from all the cities, and outwent 34 them. And he came forth and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, because they were as sheep not having a shepherd: and he began to 35 teach them many things. And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, The place is desert, and the day is now far spent: 36 send them away, that they may go into the country and villages round about, and buy themselves somewhat to eat. 37 But he answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred ³pennyworth of bread, and give them to 38 eat? And he saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and 39 two fishes. And he commanded them that all should ⁴sit down by companies 40 upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. 41 And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake the loaves; and he gave to the disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among 42 them all. And they did all eat, and were 43 filled. And they took up broken pieces, twelve basketfuls, and also of the fishes. 44 And they that ate the loaves were five thousand men.

2 See
marginal
note on
Matt.
xviii. 28.

4 Gr.
recusae.

45 And straightway he constrained his disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before him unto the other side to Bethsaida, while he himself sendeth the 46 multitude away. And after he had taken leave of them, he departed unto the 47 mountain to pray. And when even was come, the boat was in the midst of the

48 sea, and he alone on the land. And seeing them distressed in rowing, for the wind was contrary unto them, about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking on the sea; and he would have passed by them: but they, when they saw him walking on the sea, supposed that it was an apparition, and 50 cried out: for they all saw him, and were troubled. But he straightway spake with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not 51 afraid. And he went up unto them into the boat; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves; for they understood not concerning the loaves, but their heart was hardened.

52 And when they had ⁵crossed over, they came to the land unto Gennesaret, and 54 moored to the shore. And when they were come out of the boat, straightway 55 the people knew him, and ran round about that whole region, and began to carry about on their beds those that were 56 sick, where they heard he was. And wheresoever he entered, into villages, or into cities, or into the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched ⁶him were made whole.

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7 And there are gathered together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, which had come from Jerusalem, and had seen that some of his disciples ate their bread with ⁷defiled, that 3 is, unwashed, hands. For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, except they wash their hands ⁸diligently, eat not, holding the 4 tradition of the elders: and *when they come* from the marketplace, except they ⁹wash themselves, they eat not: and many other things there be, which they have received to hold, ¹⁰washings of cups, and pots, and brassen vessels¹¹. 5 And the Pharisees and the scribes ask him, Why walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat 6 their bread with ⁷defiled hands? And he said unto them, Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

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This people honoureth me with their lips,

But their heart is far from me.

7 But in vain do they worship me, Teaching as *their* doctrines the precepts of men.

8 Ye leave the commandment of God, 9 and hold fast the tradition of men. And he said unto them, Full well do ye reject the commandment of God, that ye 10 may keep your tradition. For Moses said, Honour thy father and thy mother; and, He that speaketh evil of father or mother, let him ¹²die the death: 11 but ye say, If a man shall say to his

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father or his mother, That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is Corban, that is to say, *Given to God*; ye no longer suffer him to do aught for his father or his mother; making void the word of God by your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things ye do. And he called to him the multitude again, and said unto them, Hear me all of you, and understand: there is nothing from without the man, that going into him can defile him: but the things which proceed out of the man are those that defile the man.¹ And when he was entered into the house from the multitude, his disciples asked of him the parable. And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Perceive ye not, that whatsoever from without goeth into the man, it cannot defile him; because it goeth not into his heart, but into his belly, and goeth out into the draught? *This he said*, making all meats clean. And he said, That which proceedeth out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men,² evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, covetings, wickednesses, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness: all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man.

24 And from thence he arose, and went away into the borders of Tyre³ and Sidon. And he entered into a house, and would have no man know it: and he could not be hid. But straightway a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet. Now the woman was a⁴ Greek, a Syrophoenician by race. And she besought him that he would cast forth the⁵ devil out of her daughter. And he said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's⁶ bread and cast it to the dogs. But she answered and saith unto him, Yea, Lord: even the dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the⁶ devil is gone out of thy daughter. 30 And she went away unto her house, and found the child laid upon the bed, and the⁶ devil gone out.

31 And again he went out from the borders of Tyre, and came through Sidon unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the borders of Decapolis. And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to lay his hand upon him. And he took him aside from the multitude privately, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue; and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him,

35 Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. And his ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plain. And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it. And they were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

8 In those days, when there was again a great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have no thing to eat: and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint in the way; and some of them are come from far. And his disciples answered him, Whence shall one be able to fill these men with⁷ bread here in a desert place? And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven. And he commandeth the multitude to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he brake, and gave to his disciples, to set before them; and they set them before the multitude. And they had a few small fishes: and having blessed them, he commanded to set these also before them. And they did eat, and were filled: and they took up, of broken pieces that remained over, seven baskets. And they were about four thousand: and he sent them away. And straightway he entered into the boat with his disciples, and came into the parts of Dalmanutha.

11 And the Pharisees came forth, and began to question with him, seeking of him a sign from heaven, tempting him. 12 And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation. 13 And he left them, and again entering into the boat departed to the other side. 14 And they forgot to take bread; and they had not in the boat with them more than one loaf. And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the leaven of Herod. And they reasoned one with another,⁸ saying, We have no bread. 17 And Jesus perceiving it saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? do ye not yet perceive, neither understand? have ye your heart hardened? Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? When I brake the five loaves among the five thousand, how many¹⁰ baskets full of broken pieces took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve.

¹ Many ancient authorities insert ver. 16 // any man hath ears to hear, let him hear.

² Gr. thoughts that are evil.

³ Some ancient authorities omit and Sidon.

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⁵ Gr. demon.

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⁷ Gr. loaves.

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words.

20 And when the seven among the four thousand, how many ¹ basketfuls of broken pieces took ye up? And they
21 say unto him, Seven. And he said unto them, Do ye not yet understand?
22 And they come unto Bethsaida. And they bring to him a blind man, and be-
23 seech him to touch him. And he took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village; and when he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands upon him, he asked him,
24 Seest thou aught? And he looked up, and said, I see men; for I behold *them*
25 as trees, walking. Then again he laid his hands upon his eyes; and he looked stedfastly, and was restored, and saw
26 all things clearly. And he sent him away to his home, saying, Do not even enter into the village.
27 And Jesus went forth, and his disciples, into the villages of Cæsarea Philippi: and in the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Who do
28 men say that I am? And they told him, saying, John the Baptist: and others, Elijah; but others, One of the prophets.
29 And he asked them, But who say ye that I am? Peter answereth and saith
30 unto him, Thou art the Christ. And he charged them that they should tell no
31 man of him. And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three
32 days rise again. And he spake the saying openly. And Peter took him, and
33 began to rebuke him. But he turning about, and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and saith, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou mindest not the things
34 of God, but the things of men. And he called unto him the multitude with his disciples, and said unto them, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and
35 follow me. For whosoever would save his ² life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his ² life for my sake and the
36 gospel's shall save it. For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world,
37 and forfeit his ² life? For what should a man give in exchange for his ² life?
38 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with
39 the holy angels. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There be some here of them that stand by, which shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God come with power.
2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and he was trans-
3 figured before them: and his garments

² Or soul

became glistening, exceeding white; so as no fuller on earth can whiten them.
4 And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses: and they were talking
5 with Jesus. And Peter answereth and saith to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three ³ tabernacles; one for thee, and one for
6 Moses, and one for Elijah. For he wist not what to answer; for they became
7 sore afraid. And there came a cloud overshadowing them: and there came a voice out of the cloud, This is my
8 beloved Son: hear ye him. And suddenly looking round about, they saw no one any more, save Jesus only with themselves.
9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, save when the Son of man should have risen again from the
10 dead. And they kept the saying, questioning among themselves what the rising again from the dead should mean.
11 And they asked him, saying, ⁴ The scribes say that Elijah must first come.
12 And he said unto them, Elijah indeed cometh first, and restoreth all things: and how is it written of the Son of man, that he should suffer many things and
13 be set at nought? But I say unto you, that Elijah is come, and they have also done unto him whatsoever they listed, even as it is written of him.
14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great multitude about them,
15 and scribes questioning with them. And straightway all the multitude, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and
16 running to him saluted him. And he asked them, What question ye with
17 them? And one of the multitude answered him, ⁵ Master, I brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;
18 and wheresoever it taketh him, it ⁶ dasheth him down: and he foameth, and grindeth his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not
19 able. And he answereth them and saith, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with
20 you? bring him unto me. And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him grievously; and he fell on the
21 ground, and wallowed foaming. And he asked his father, How long time is it since this hath come unto him? And
22 he said, From a child. And oft-times it hath cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compas-
23 sion on us, and help us. And Jesus said unto him, If thou canst! All things are
24 possible to him that believeth. Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said, I believe; help thou mine unbel-
25 lief. And when Jesus saw that a multi-

³ Or, booths

⁴ Or, How is it that the scribes say . . . come?

⁵ Or, Teacher

⁶ Or, rendeth him

⁷ Or, convulsed

⁸ Many ancient authorities add with tears.

tude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. And having cried out, and ¹torn him much, he came out: and the child became as one dead; inasmuch that the more part said, He is dead. But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, ²saying, We could not cast it out. And he said unto them, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer.³

80 And they went forth from thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered up into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he shall rise again. But they understood not the saying, and were afraid to ask him.

83 And they came to Capernaum: and when he was in the house he asked them, What were ye reasoning in the way? 34 But they held their peace: for they had disputed one with another in the way, 35 who was the ⁴greatest. And he sat down, and called the twelve; and he saith unto them, If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and minister of all. And he took a little child, and set him in the midst of them: and taking him in his arms, he said unto 37 them, Whosoever shall receive one of such little children in my name, receiveth me: and whosoever receiveth me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

38 John said unto him, ⁵Master, we saw one casting out ⁶devils in thy name: and we forbade him, because he followed 39 not us. But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man which shall do a ⁷mighty work in my name, and be 40 able quickly to speak evil of me. For 41 he that is not against us is for us. For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink, ⁸because ye are Christ's, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose 42 his reward. And whosoever shall cause one of these little ones that believe ⁹on me to stumble, it were better for him if ¹⁰a great millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea.

48 And if thy hand cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, rather than having thy two hands to go into ¹¹hell, into the 45 unquenchable fire.¹² And if thy foot cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life halt, rather than having thy two feet to be 47 cast into ¹¹hell. And if thine eye cause thee to stumble, cast it out: it is good for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having

48 two eyes to be cast into ¹¹hell; where their worm dieth not, and the fire is 49 not quenched. For every one shall be 50 salted with fire.¹³ Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another.

10 And he arose from thence, and cometh into the borders of Judaea and beyond Jordan: and multitudes come together unto him again; and, as he was wont, 2 he taught them again. And there came unto him Pharisees, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? 3 tempting him. And he answered and said unto them, What did Moses command you? And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and 5 to put her away. But Jesus said unto them, For your hardness of heart he 6 wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of the creation, 7 Male and female made he them. For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, ¹⁴and shall cleave to his 8 wife; and the twain shall become one flesh: so that they are no more twain, 9 but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put 10 asunder. And in the house the disciples asked him again of this matter.

11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against 12 her: and if she herself shall put away her husband, and marry another, she committeth adultery.

18 And they brought unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; for bid them not: for of such is the kingdom 15 of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise 16 enter therein. And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands upon them.

17 And as he was going forth ¹⁵into the way, there ran one to him, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good ⁵Master, what shall I do that I may inherit 18 eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none 19 is good save one, even God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honour thy father and 20 mother. And he said unto him, ⁵Master, all these things have I observed 21 from my youth. And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have

¹ Or, consulted

² Or, How is it that we could not cast it out?

³ Many ancient authorities add and fasting.

⁴ Gr. greater.

⁵ Or, Teacher
⁶ Gr. demons.

⁷ Gr. power.

⁸ Gr. in name that ye are.

⁹ Many ancient authorities omit on me.

¹⁰ Gr. a millstone turned by an ass.

¹¹ Gr. Gehenna.
13 ver. 44 and 45 (which are identical with ver. 43) are omitted by the best ancient authorities.

¹² Many ancient authorities delete and every man shall be salted with salt. See Luc. 11. 33.

¹⁴ Some ancient authorities then omit and shall cleave to his wife.

¹⁵ Or, as into any.

treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. But his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions.

23 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus answered again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it! for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

And they were astonished exceedingly, saying unto him, Then who can be saved? Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for all things are possible with God. Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel's sake, but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life. But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

22 And they were in the way, going up to Jerusalem; and Jesus was going before them: and they were amazed; and they that followed were afraid. And he took again the twelve, and began to tell them the things that were to happen unto him, saying, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and the scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles: and they shall mock him, and shall spit upon him, and shall scourge him, and shall kill him; and after three days he shall rise again.

23 And there came near unto him James and John, the sons of Zebedee, saying unto him, Master, we would that thou shouldst do for us whatsoever we shall ask of thee. And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? And they said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand, in thy glory. But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I drink? or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? And they said unto him, We are able. And Jesus said unto them, The cup that I drink ye shall drink; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: but to sit on my right hand or on my left hand is not mine to give: but it is

for them for whom it hath been prepared. And when the ten heard it, they began to be moved with indignation concerning James and John. And Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them; and their great ones exercise authority over them. But it is not so among you: but whosoever would become great among you, shall be your minister: and whosoever would be first among you, shall be servant of all. For verily the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

46 And they come to Jericho: and as he went out from Jericho, with his disciples and a great multitude, the son of Timeus, Bartimeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the way side. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And many rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood still, and said, Call ye him. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good cheer: rise, he calleth thee. And he, casting away his garment, sprang up, and came to Jesus.

47 And Jesus answered him, and said, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And the blind man said unto him, Rabboni, that I may receive my sight.

48 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And straightway he received his sight, and followed him in the way.

49 And when they draw nigh unto Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go your way into the village that is over against you: and straightway as ye enter into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever yet sat; loose him, and bring him. And if any one say unto you, Why do ye this? say ye, The Lord hath need of him; and straightway he will send him back hither. And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door without in the open street; and they loose him. And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? And they said unto them even as Jesus had said: and they let them go.

50 And they bring the colt unto Jesus, and cast on him their garments; and he sat upon him. And many spread their garments upon the way; and others branches, which they had cut from the fields. And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, Hosanna; Blessed is he that cometh in the

1 Some ancient authorities omit for them that trust in riches.

2 Many ancient authorities, the road among themselves.

3 Or, age

4 Or, but some as they followed were afraid

5 Or, Teacher

6 Or, servant
7 Or, bond-servant.

8 See John xx. 16.

9 Or, asked thee

10 Or, sendeth.
11 Or, again

12 Or, layers of leaves.

10 name of the Lord: Blessed is the kingdom that cometh, *the kingdom* of our father David: Hosanna in the highest.

11 And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things, it being now eventide, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 And on the morrow, when they were come out from Bethany, he hungered.

13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for 14 it was not the season of figs. And he answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit from thee henceforward for ever. And his disciples heard it.

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and he entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and them that bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves; 16 and he would not suffer that any man should carry a vessel through the temple. 17 And he taught, and said unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? but ye have made it a den of 18 robbers. And the chief priests and the scribes heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, for all the multitude was astonished at his teaching.

19 And every evening ¹he went forth out of the city.

20 And as they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away

21 from the roots. And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Rabbi, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst

22 is withered away. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.

23 Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass; he 24 shall have it. Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye have received 25 them, and ye shall have them. And whosoever ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any one; that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.²

27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there come to him the chief priests, and

28 the scribes, and the elders; and they said unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? or who gave thee 29 this authority to do these things? And Jesus said unto them, I will ask of you one ³question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these 30 things. The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? answer me.

81 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe

82 him? ⁵ But should we say, From men—they feared the people: ⁶ for all verily 83 held John to be a prophet. And they answered Jesus and say, We know not. And Jesus saith unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

12 And he began to speak unto them in parables. A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a pit for the winepress, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went

2 into another country. And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a ⁷servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruits of the vine-

3 yard. And they took him, and beat him, 4 and sent him away empty. And again he sent unto them another ⁷servant; and him they wounded in the head, and

5 handled shamefully. And he sent another; and him they killed: and many others; beating some, and killing some.

6 He had yet one, a beloved son: he sent him last unto them, saying, They will

7 reverence my son. But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the

8 heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours. And they took

him, and killed him, and cast him forth

9 out of the vineyard. What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? he

will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.

10 Have ye not read even this scripture; The stone which the builders re-

jected, The same was made the head of the corner:

11 This was from the Lord, And it is marvellous in our eyes?

12 And they sought to lay hold on him; and they feared the multitude; for they

perceived that he spake the parable against them: and they left him, and went away.

13 And they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, that

14 they might catch him in talk. And when they were come, they say unto

him, ⁸Master, we know that thou art true, and carest not for any one: for

thou regardest not the person of men, but of a truth teachest the way of God:

Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar,

15 or not? Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy,

said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a ⁹penny, that I may see it.

16 And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and super-

scription? And they said unto him,

17 Caesar's. And Jesus said unto them, Render unto Caesar the things that are

Caesar's, and unto God the things that are God's. And they marvelled greatly at him.

⁵ Or, But should we say, From men?

⁶ Or, for all held John to be a prophet and true.

⁷ Or, servant.

⁸ Or, Teacher.

⁹ See margin note on Matt. 21.

¹ Gr. when-
ever
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came.
² Some
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ties read
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³ Many
ancient
authori-
ties add
we. ⁴
But if ye
do not
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is in
heaven
forgive
your
tres-
passes.
⁵ Or,
word.

1 Or.
Fletcher

18 And there come unto him Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection; 19 and they asked him, saying, ¹Master, Moses wrote unto us, If a man's brother die, and leave a wife behind him, and leave no child, that his brother should take his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. There were seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and 21 dying left no seed; and the second took her, and died, leaving no seed behind 22 him; and the third likewise: and the seven left no seed. Last of all the 23 woman also died. In the resurrection whose wife shall she be of them? for 24 the seven had her to wife. Jesus said unto them, Is it not for this cause that ye err, that ye know not the scriptures, 25 nor the power of God? For when they shall rise from the dead, they neither marry, nor are given in marriage; but 26 are as angels in heaven. But as touching the dead, that they are raised; have ye not read in the book of Moses, in the place concerning the Bush, how God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, 27 and the God of Jacob? He is not the God of the dead, but of the living: ye do greatly err.

2 Or, The Lord is our God; the Lord is one
3 Gr. from.

28 And one of the scribes came, and heard them questioning together, and knowing that he had answered them well, asked him, What commandment 29 is the first of all? Jesus answered, The first is, Hear, O Israel; ²The Lord our 30 God, the Lord is one: and thou shalt love the Lord thy God ³with all thy heart, and ⁴with all thy soul, and ⁵with all thy mind, and ⁶with all thy strength. 31 The second is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. 32 And the scribe said unto him, Of a truth, ¹Master, thou hast well said that he is one; and there is none other but 33 he: and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sa- 34 crifices. And when Jesus saw that he answered discreetly, he said unto him, Thou art not far from the kingdom of God. And no man after that durst ask him any question. 35 And Jesus answered and said, as he taught in the temple, How say the scribes that the Christ is the son of 36 David? David himself said in the Holy Spirit,

The Lord said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
Till I make thine enemies ⁴the foot-
stool of thy feet.

37 David himself calleth him Lord; and whence is he his son? And ⁵the common people heard him gladly. 38 And in his teaching he said, Beware

of the scribes, which desire to walk in long robes, and to have salutations in 39 the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief places at feasts: 40 they which devour widows' houses, ⁶and for a pretence make long prayers; these shall receive greater condemna-
tion.

6 Or, even while for a pretence they make

41 And he sat down over against the treasury, and beheld how the multitude cast ⁷money into the treasury: and 42 many that were rich cast in much. And there came ⁸a poor widow, and she cast in two mites, which make a farthing. 43 And he called unto him his disciples, and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, This poor widow cast in more than all they which are casting into the trea- 44 sury: for they all did cast in of their superfluity; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

7 Gr. brass.

8 Gr. onc.

13 And as he went forth out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, ¹Master, behold, what manner of stones and what manner of 2 buildings! And Jesus said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? there shall not be left here one stone upon another, which shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat on the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him 4 privately, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign when these things are all about to be 5 accomplished? And Jesus began to say unto them, Take heed that no man lead 6 you astray. Many shall come in my name, saying, I am *he*; and shall lead 7 many astray. And when ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars, be not troubled: *these things* must needs come 8 to pass; but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: there shall be earthquakes in divers places; there shall be famines: *these things* are the beginning of travail.

9 But take ye heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in synagogues shall ye be beaten: and before governors and kings shall ye stand for my sake, for a testimony 10 unto them. And the gospel must first 11 be preached unto all the nations. And when they lead you to judgement, and deliver you up, be not anxious beforehand what ye shall speak: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that 12 speak, but the Holy Ghost. And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child; and children shall rise up against parents, and ²cause them to be put to death. 13 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that

9 Or, put them to death

4 Some ancient authorities read underneath thy feet.
5 Or, the great multitude

endureth to the end, the same shall be saved.

- 14 But when ye see the abomination of desolation standing where he ought not (let him that readeth understand), then let them that are in Judea flee unto 15 the mountains: and let him that is on the housetop not go down, nor enter in, to take anything out of his house: 16 and let him that is in the field not re- 17 turn back to take his cloke. But woe unto them that are with child and to 18 them that give suck in those days! And pray ye that it be not in the winter. 19 For those days shall be tribulation, such as there hath not been the like from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never 20 shall be. And except the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he chose, he shortened the days.

21 And then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ; or, Lo, 22 there; believe ¹ it not: for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall shew signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if 23 possible, the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have told you all things be- forehand.

24 But in those days, after that tribula- tion, the sun shall be darkened, and 25 the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall be falling from heaven, and the powers that are in the heavens 26 shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in clouds 27 with great power and glory. And then shall he send forth the angels, and shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to the uttermost part of heaven.

28 Now from the fig tree learn her para- ble: when her branch is now become tender, and putteth forth its leaves, ye 29 know that the summer is nigh; even so ye also, when ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that ² he is 30 nigh, *even* at the doors. Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, until all these things be ac- 31 complished. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not 32 pass away. But of that day or that hour knoweth no one, not even the angels in heaven, neither the Son, but 33 the Father. Take ye heed, watch ³ and pray: for ye know not when the time 34 is. *It is as when a man, sojourning in another country, having left his house, and given authority to his ⁴ servants, to each one his work, commanded also 35 the porter to watch. Watch therefore: for ye know not when the lord of the house cometh, whether at even, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the 36 morning; lest coming suddenly he find*

37 you sleeping. And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

14 Now after two days was the feast of the passover and the unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him with 2 subtilty, and kill him: for they said, Not during the feast, lest haply there shall be a tumult of the people.

3 And while he was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having ⁵ an alabaster cruse of ointment of ⁶ spike- nard very costly; and she brake the 4 cruse, and poured it over his head. But there were some that had indignation among themselves, *saying*, To what purpose hath this waste of the oint- 5 ment been made? For this ointment might have been sold for above three hundred ⁷ pence, and given to the poor. 6 And they murmured against her. But Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work 7 on me. For ye have the poor always with you, and whosoever ye will ye can do them good: but me ye have not 8 always. She hath done what she could: she hath anointed my body aforehand 9 for the burying. And verily I say unto you, Whosoever the gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

10 And Judas Iscariot, ⁸ he that was one of the twelve, went away unto the chief priests, that he might deliver 11 him unto them. And they, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently deliver him *unto* them.

12 And on the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the pass- over, his disciples say unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and make ready that thou mayest eat the passover? 13 And he sendeth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing 14 a pitcher of water: follow him; and whosoever he shall enter in, say to the goodman of the house, The ⁹ Master saith, Where is my guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my 15 disciples? And he will himself shew you a large upper room furnished and ready: and there make ready for us. 16 And the disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

17 And when it was evening he cometh 18 with the twelve. And as they ¹⁰ sat and were eating, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, One of you shall betray me, *even* he 19 that eateth with me. They began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one

¹ Or, him

² Or, *it*

³ Some ancient authorities omit and pray.
⁴ Or, bond-servants.

⁵ Or, a flask
⁶ Or, spic-
incense,
spice
being
perfume
a local
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Others
take it
to mean
gummi-
resin.
⁷ See
marginal
note on
Matt.
xxiii. 33

⁸ Or, the
one of the
twelve.

⁹ Or,
Teacher

¹⁰ Or,
reclining

20 by one, Is it I? And he said unto them, *It is one of the twelve, he that* 21 dippeth with me in the dish. For the Son of man goeth, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had not been born.

22 And as they were eating, he took bread, and when he had blessed, he brake it, and gave to them, and said,

23 Take ye: this is my body. And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave to them: and they all 24 drank of it. And he said unto them,

This is my blood of the covenant, 25 which is shed for many. Verily I say unto you, I will no more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives.

27 And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be offended: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep

28 shall be scattered abroad. Howbeit, after I am raised up, I will go before

29 you into Galilee. But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, 30 yet will not I. And Jesus saith unto him, Verily I say unto thee, that thou

to-day, *even this night*, before the cock 31 crow twice, shalt deny me thrice. But he spake exceeding vehemently, If I must die with thee, I will not deny thee. And in like manner also said they all.

32 And they come unto a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I

33 pray. And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly amazed, and sore troubled.

34 And he saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death:

35 abide ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the

36 hour might pass away from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; remove this cup from me: howbeit not what I will, but

37 what thou wilt. And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest

38 thou not watch one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the

39 flesh is weak. And again he went away, and prayed, saying the same words.

40 And again he came, and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they wist not what to an-

41 swer him. And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough; the hour is come; behold, the Son of

man is betrayed into the hands of 42 sinners. Arise, let us be going: behold, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

43 And straightway, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, and with him a multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the

44 scribes and the elders. Now he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that

is he; take him, and lead him away 45 safely. And when he was come, straightway he came to him, and saith, Rabbi;

46 and he kissed him. And they laid hands 47 on him, and took him. But a certain one of them that stood by drew his sword, and smote the servant of the

48 high priest, and struck off his ear. And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a robber,

with swords and staves to seize me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but *this is done* that the scriptures might be

50 fulfilled. And they all left him, and fled.

51 And a certain young man followed with him, having a linen cloth cast about him, over his naked body: and

52 they lay hold on him; but he left the linen cloth, and fled naked.

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and there come together with him all the chief priests and the elders

54 and the scribes. And Peter had followed him afar off, even within, into the court of the high priest; and he was sitting with the officers, and warm-

55 ing himself in the light of the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council sought witness against Jesus to put

56 him to death; and found it not. For many bare false witness against him, and their witness agreed not together.

57 And there stood up certain, and bare 58 false witness against him, saying, We heard him say, I will destroy this

59 temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another

60 made without hands. And not even so did their witness agree together.

61 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which

62 these witness against thee? But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and saith unto him, Art thou the

63 Christ, the Son of the Blessed? And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power, and coming with the

64 clouds of heaven. And the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What further need have we of witnesses? Ye have heard the blasphemy: what think ye? And they all condemned him

65 to be worthy of death. And some began to spit on him, and to cover

1 Gr. for him of that man.
2 Or, a loaf

3 Or, the testament.
4 Some ancient authorities insert now.

5 Gr. continued to assemble.

6 Or, an enclosed piece of ground.

7 Or, Watch ye, and pray that ye enter not

8 Gr. kissed him much.

9 Gr. bond-servant.

10 Or, sanctuary

11 Gr. liable to.

1 Or.
strikes
of rods

2 Or.
I neither
know,
nor
under-
stand:
thou,
what
sayest
thou?
3 Gr.
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court.
4 Many
ancient
authori-
ties omit
the cock
crew.

5 Or. And
he beginn
to weep.

6 Or.
a feast

his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophecy: and the officers received him with ¹ blows of their hands.

66 And as Peter was beneath in the court, there cometh one of the maids of the 67 high priest; and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and saith, Thou also wast with the Nazarene, even 68 Jesus. But he denied, saying, ² I neither know, nor understand what thou sayest: and he went out into the ³ porch; 69 ⁴ and the cock crew. And the maid saw him, and began again to say to them 70 that stood by, This is one of them. But he again denied it. And after a little while again they that stood by said to Peter, Of a truth thou art one of them; 71 for thou art a Galilean. But he began to curse, and to swear, I know not this 72 man of whom ye speak. And straightway the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word, how that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. ⁵ And when he thought thereon, he wept.

15 And straightway in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him up to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering 3 saith unto him, Thou sayest. And the chief priests accused him of many 4 things. And Pilate again asked him, saying, Answerest thou nothing? behold how many things they accuse 5 thee of. But Jesus no more answered anything; inasmuch that Pilate marvelled.

6 Now at ⁶ the feast he used to release unto them one prisoner, whom they 7 asked of him. And there was one called Barabbas, lying bound with them that had made insurrection, men who in the insurrection had committed murder. 8 And the multitude went up and began to ask him to do as he was wont to do 9 unto them. And Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you 10 the King of the Jews? For he perceived that for envy the chief priests 11 had delivered him up. But the chief priests stirred up the multitude, that he should rather release Barabbas un- 12 to them. And Pilate again answered and said unto them, What then shall I do unto him whom ye call the King 13 of the Jews? And they cried out a- 14 gain, Crucify him. And Pilate said unto them, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out exceedingly, 15 Crucify him. And Pilate, wishing to content the multitude, released unto them Barabbas, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away within the court, which is the ⁷ Prætorium; and they call together the whole ⁸ band.

17 And they clothe him with purple, and plaiting a crown of thorns, they put it 18 on him; and they began to salute him, 19 Hail, King of the Jews! And they smote his head with a reed, and did spit upon him, and bowing their knees 20 worshipped him. And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the purple, and put on him his garments. And they lead him out to crucify him.

21 And they ⁹ compel one passing by, Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go with them, that he might 22 bear his cross. And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. 23 And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh: but he received it not. 24 And they crucify him, and part his garments among them, casting lots upon 25 them, what each should take. And it was the third hour, and they crucified 26 him. And the superscription of his accusation was written over, THE KING 27 OF THE JEWS. And with him they crucify two robbers; one on his right 28 hand, and one on his left. ¹⁰ And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, and saying, Ha! thou that destroyest the ¹¹ temple, and buildest 30 it in three days, save thyself, and come 31 down from the cross. In like manner also the chief priests mocking him among themselves with the scribes said, He saved others; ¹² himself he cannot 32 save. Let the Christ, the King of Israel, now come down from the cross, that we may see and believe. And they that were crucified with him reproached him.

33 And when the sixth hour was come, there was darkness over the whole 34 ¹³ land until the ninth hour. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, ¹⁴ why hast thou forsaken 35 me? And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, 36 he calleth Elijah. And one ran, and filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let be; let us see whether 37 Elijah cometh to take him down. And Jesus uttered a loud voice, and gave 38 up the ghost. And the veil of the ¹⁵ temple was rent in twain from the 39 top to the bottom. And when the centurion, which stood by over against him, saw that he ¹⁶ so gave up the ghost, he said, Truly this man was ¹⁷ the 40 Son of God. And there were also women beholding from afar: among whom were both Mary Magdalene, and

7 Or.
prætor
8 Or.
cohort

9 Or.
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10 Many
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ties omit
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se. 28 And
the scrip-
ture was
fulfilled,
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saith,
And he
was
reckoned
with
trans-
gressors.
See Luke
xxiii. 32.

11 Or.
temple
12 Or.
can he
not save
himself?
13 Or.
earth

14 Or.
why
didst
thou for-
sake me?

15 Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
as cried
out, and
gave up
the ghost.
16 Or.
a sign of
God

¹ Gr.
little.

Mary the mother of James the ¹less
41 and of Joses, and Salome; who, when
he was in Galilee, followed him, and
ministered unto him; and many other
women which came up with him unto
Jerusalem.

42 And when even was now come, because
it was the Preparation, that is, the day

43 before the sabbath, there came Joseph
of Arimathæa, a councillor of honour-
able estate, who also himself was look-
ing for the kingdom of God; and he
boldly went in unto Pilate, and asked for

44 the body of Jesus. And Pilate marvel-
led if he were already dead: and calling
unto him the centurion, he asked him
whether he ²had been any while dead.

45 And when he learned it of the centurion,
46 he granted the corpse to Joseph. And
he bought a linen cloth, and taking him
down, wound him in the linen cloth, and
laid him in a tomb which had been hewn

47 against the door of the tomb. And
Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother
of Joses beheld where he was laid.

16 And when the sabbath was past,
Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother
of James, and Salome, bought spices,
that they might come and anoint him.

2 And very early on the first day of the
week, they come to the tomb when the
sun was risen. And they were saying
among themselves, Who shall roll us
away the stone from the door of the

4 tomb? and looking up, they see that the
stone is rolled back: for it was exceed-
5 ing great. And entering into the tomb,
they saw a young man sitting on the

right side, arrayed in a white robe; and
6 they were amazed. And he saith unto
them, Be not amazed: ye seek Jesus,
the Nazarene, which hath been cruci-
fied: he is risen; he is not here: behold,

7 the place where they laid him! But go,
tell his disciples and Peter, He goeth
before you into Galilee: there shall ye

8 see him, as he said unto you. And they
went out, and fled from the tomb; for
trembling and astonishment had come
upon them: and they said nothing to
any one; for they were afraid.

9 ³ Now when he was risen early on the
first day of the week, he appeared first
to Mary Magdalene, from whom he
10 had cast out seven ⁴devils. She went
and told them that had been with him,
11 as they mourned and wept. And they,
when they heard that he was alive,
and had been seen of her, disbelieved.

12 And after these things he was mani-
fested in another form unto two of
them, as they walked, on their way
13 into the country. And they went away
and told it unto the rest: neither be-
lieved they them.

14 And afterward he was manifested un-
to the eleven themselves as they sat at
meat; and he upbraided them with their
unbelief and hardness of heart, because
they believed not them which had seen

15 him after he was risen. And he said un-
to them, Go ye into all the world, and
preach the gospel to the whole creation.

16 He that believeth and is baptized shall
be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall
17 be condemned. And these signs shall
follow them that believe: in my name
shall they cast out ⁵devils; they shall

18 speak with ⁶new tongues; they shall
take up serpents, and if they drink any
deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt
them; they shall lay hands on the sick,
and they shall recover.

19 So then the Lord Jesus, after he had
spoken unto them, was received up into
heaven, and sat down at the right hand
20 of God. And they went forth, and
preached everywhere, the Lord work-
ing with them, and confirming the
word by the signs that followed. Amen.

² The two
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and some
other au-
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the end.
Some
other au-
thorities
have a
different
ending to
the
Gospel.
⁴ Gr.
demons.

⁵ Some
ancient
authori-
ties omit
new.

⁶ Gr.
words.
⁷ Or,
which
thou
wast
taught
by word
of
mouth

² Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
were
already
dead.

¹ Or,
fully re-
established

THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO

S. L U K E.

1 FORASMUCH as many have taken in
hand to draw up a narrative concern-
ing those matters which have been
2 ¹fulfilled among us, even as they de-
livered them unto us, which from the
beginning were eyewitnesses and minis-
3 ters of the word, it seemed good to me
also, having traced the course of all
things accurately from the first, to
write unto thee in order, most excellent
4 Theophilus; that thou mightest know

the certainty concerning the ²things
³wherein thou wast instructed.

5 THERE was in the days of Herod, king
of Judæa, a certain priest named Zecha-
rias, of the course of Abijah: and he had
a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and
6 her name was Elisabeth. And they were
both righteous before God, walking in
all the commandments and ordinances
7 of the Lord blameless. And they

had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now ¹well stricken in years.

8 Now it came to pass, while he executed the priest's office before God in ⁹the order of his course, according to the custom of the priest's office, his lot was to enter into the ²temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the hour of incense. And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of ¹²the altar of incense. And Zacharias was troubled when he saw him, and ¹³fear fell upon him. But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: because thy supplication is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor ³strong drink; and he shall be filled with the ⁴Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb. And many of the children of Israel shall ¹⁷he turn unto the Lord their God. And he shall ⁵go before his face in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to walk in the wisdom of the just; to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for him. And Zacharias said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? for I am an old man, and ¹⁹my wife ⁶well stricken in years. And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to bring thee these good tidings. And behold, thou shalt be silent and not able to speak, until the day that these things shall come to pass, because thou believedst not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season. ²¹And the people were waiting for Zacharias, and they marvelled ⁷while he tarried in the ²temple. And when he came out, he could not speak unto them: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the ²temple: and he continued making signs unto them, and remained ²³dumb. And it came to pass, when the days of his ministration were fulfilled, he departed unto his house. ²⁴And after these days Elisabeth his wife conceived; and she hid herself ²⁵five months, saying, Thus hath the Lord done unto me in the days wherein he looked upon me, to take away my reproach among men. ²⁶Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the ²⁸virgin's name was Mary. And he came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that

art ⁸highly favoured, the Lord is with thee ⁹. But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found ¹⁰ favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. ³²He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the ³³throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob ¹¹for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be ³⁴no end. And Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a ³⁵man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: wherefore also ¹²that which ¹³is to be born ¹⁴shall be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elisabeth thy kinswoman, she also hath conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her that ³⁷was called barren. For no word from God shall be void of power. And Mary said, Behold, the ¹⁵handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. And the angel departed from her. ³⁹And Mary arose in these days and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah; and entered into the house of Zacharias and saluted Elisabeth. And it came to pass, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost; and she lifted up her voice with a loud cry, and said, Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy ⁴³womb. And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come ⁴⁴unto me? For behold, when the voice of thy salutation came into mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she that ¹⁷believed: for there shall be a fulfilment of the things which have been spoken to her from ⁴⁶the Lord. And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. ⁴⁸For he hath looked upon the low estate of his ¹⁸handmaiden: For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. ⁴⁹For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy is his name. ⁵⁰And his mercy is unto generations and generations On them that fear him. ⁵¹He hath shewed strength with his arm; He hath scattered the proud ¹⁹in the imagination of their heart. ⁵²He hath put down princes from their thrones,

¹ Gr. advanced in their days

² Or, sanctuary

³ Gr. alkora.
⁴ Or, Holy Spirit and so throughout this book.
⁵ Some ancient authorities read come nigh before his face.

⁶ Gr. answered in her days.

⁷ Or, at his tarrying

⁸ Or, continued with grace
⁹ Many ancient authorities add blessed art thou among women. See ver 28
¹⁰ Or, grace

¹¹ Gr. unto the ages.

¹² Or, the holy thing which is to be born shall be called the Son of God.

¹³ Or, a virgin

¹⁴ Some ancient authorities insert of them.

¹⁵ Or, is handmaid.

¹⁷ Or, believed that there shall be

¹⁸ Or, hand-maiden.

¹⁹ Or, by

- And hath exalted them of low degree.
- 53 The hungry he hath filled with good things;
And the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 54 He hath holpen Israel his servant,
That he might remember mercy
(As he spake unto our fathers)
- 55 Toward Abraham and his seed for ever.
- 56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned unto her house.
- 57 Now Elisabeth's time was fulfilled that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. And her neighbours and her kinsfolk heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy towards her; and they rejoiced with her. And it came to pass on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. And they made signs to his father, what he would have him called. And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all.
- 64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, blessing God. And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judæa. And all that heard them laid them up in their heart, saying, What then shall this child be? For the hand of the Lord was with him.
- 67 And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,
- 68 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
For he hath visited and wrought redemption for his people,
- 69 And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us
In the house of his servant David
(As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets which have been since the world began),
- 71 Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;
- 72 To shew mercy towards our fathers,
And to remember his holy covenant;
- 73 The oath which he sware unto Abraham our father,
- 74 To grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies
Should serve him without fear,
- 75 In holiness and righteousness before him all our days.
- 76 Yea and thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Most High:

- For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to make ready his ways;
- 77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people
In the remission of their sins.
- 78 Because of the ¹tender mercy of our God,
²Whereby the dayspring from on high ³shall visit us,
- 79 To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death;
To guide our feet into the way of peace.
- 80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel.
- 2 Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Cæsar Augustus, that all ⁴the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrolment made when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to enrol themselves, every one to his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judæa, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; to enrol himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child. And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered.
- 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
- 8 And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping ⁵watch by night over their flock.
- 9 And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
- 10 And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is ⁶Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you; Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
- 14 Glory to God in the highest,
And on earth ⁷peace among ⁸men in whom he is well pleased.
- 15 And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this ⁹thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
- 16 And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them

1 Or, heart of mercy
2 Or, Wherein
3 Many ancient authorities read *visit us*

4 Or, the inhabited earth.

5 Or, night-watches

6 Or, Anointed Lord

7 Many ancient authorities read *peace, good pleasure among men*

8 Or, men of good pleasure

9 Or, saying

¹ Or, things

18 about this child. And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds.
19 But Mary kept all these ¹ sayings, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken unto them.

21 And when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called Jesus, which was so called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, Every male that openeth the womb shall be

24 called holy to the Lord), and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, A pair of turtle-

25 doves, or two young pigeons. And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy

26 Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed unto him by the Holy Spirit, that he should not see death, before he

27 had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do concerning him after the custom of the law, then he received him into his arms, and blessed God, and said,

29 Now lettest thou thy ² servant depart, O ³ Lord,

30 According to thy word, in peace;
31 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
31 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples;

32 A light for ⁴ revelation to the Gentiles, And the glory of thy people Israel.

33 And his father and his mother were marvel- ling at the things which were spoken

34 concerning him; and Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this ⁵ child is set for the falling and rising up of many in Israel; and for

35 a sign which is spoken against; yea and a sword shall pierce through thine own soul; that thoughts out of many hearts

36 may be revealed. And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was

37 of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, and she had been a widow even for fourscore and four years), which departed not from the temple, worshipping with fastings and supplications night and day.

38 And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of him to all them that were looking for the

39 redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord,

they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

40 And the child grew, and waxed strong, ⁶ filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

41 And his parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of the passover.

42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up after the custom of the feast;

43 and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and his

44 parents knew it not; but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they sought for him among

45 their kinsfolk and acquaintance: and when they found him not, they returned

46 to Jerusalem, seeking for him. And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them,

47 and asking them questions: and all that heard him were amazed at his

48 understanding and his answers. And when they saw him, they were astonished: and his mother said unto him, ⁷ Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?

49 behold, thy father and I sought thee sorrowing. And he said unto them, How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that

50 I must be ⁸ in my Father's house? And they understood not the saying which

51 he spake unto them. And he went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and he was subject unto them: and his mother kept all these ¹ sayings in her heart.

52 And Jesus advanced in wisdom and ¹⁰ stature, and in ¹¹ favour with God and men.

3 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judaea, and Herod being

tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituræa and Trachonitis, and Lyسانias tetrarch

2 of Abilene, in the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came unto John the son of Zacharias in

3 the wilderness. And he came into all the region round about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins; as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the way of the Lord,

Make his paths straight.
5 Every valley shall be filled, And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;

And the crooked shall become straight, And the rough ways smooth;

6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

7 He said therefore to the multi-

⁶ Gr. increasing full of wisdom.

⁷ Or, teachers.

⁸ Gr. Child.

⁹ Or, about my Father's business. Gr. in the things of my Father.

¹⁰ Or, age.
¹¹ Or, grace

² Gr. bond-servant.
³ Gr. Master.

⁴ Or, the unveiling of the Gentiles

⁵ Gr. advanced in manly days.

tudes that went out to be baptized of him, Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of ¹repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. And even now is the axe also laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. And the multitudes asked him, saying, What then must we do?

11 And he answered and said unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath food, let him do likewise. And there came also ²publicans to be baptized, and they said unto him, ³Master, what must we do? And he said unto them, Extort no more than that which is appointed you. And ⁴soldiers also asked him, saying, And we, what must we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, neither ⁵exact anything wrongfully; and be content with your wages.

15 And as the people were in expectation, and all men reasoned in their hearts concerning John, whether haply he were the Christ; John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but there cometh he that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not ⁶worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you ⁷with the Holy Ghost and with fire: whose fan is in his hand, thoroughly to cleanse his threshing-floor, and to gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn up with unquenchable fire.

18 With many other exhortations therefore preached he ⁸good tidings unto the people; but Herod the tetrarch, being reproved by him for Herodias his brother's wife, and for all the evil things which Herod had done, added yet this above all, that he shut up John in prison.

31 Now it came to pass, when all the people were baptized, that, Jesus also having been baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily form, as a dove, upon him, and a voice came out of heaven, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased.

23 And Jesus himself, when he began to teach, was about thirty years of age, being the son (as was supposed)

24 of Joseph, the son of Heli, the son of Matthat, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi, the son of Jannai, the son of Joseph, the son of Mattathias, the son of Amos, the son of Nahum, the son of

26 Eali, the son of Naggai, the son of Maath, the son of Mattathias, the son of Semein, the son of Joseph, the son of Joda, the son of Joanan, the son of Rhesa, the son

of Zerubbabel, the son of ⁹Shealtiel, the son of Neri, the son of Melchi, the son of Addi, the son of Cosam, the son of

29 Elmadam, the son of Er, the son of Jesus, the son of Eliezer, the son of Jorim, the son of Matthat, the son of

30 Levi, the son of Symeon, the son of Judas, the son of Joseph, the son of Jo-

31 nam, the son of Eliakim, the son of Melea, the son of Menna, the son of Mattathia, the son of Nathan, the son of David,

32 the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of ¹⁰Salmon, the son of Nahshon, the son of Amminadab,

33 the son of ¹¹Arni, the son of Hezron, the son of Perez, the son of Judah, the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Terah, the son

35 of Nabor, the son of Serug, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber,

36 the son of Shelah, the son of Cainan, the son of Arphaxad, the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lamech, the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel,

38 the son of Cainan, the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

4 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led ¹²by the Spirit in the wilderness during forty days, being tempted of the devil. And he did eat nothing in those days: and when they were completed, he hungered. And the devil said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command this stone that it become ¹⁴bread.

4 And Jesus answered unto him, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone. And he led him up, and shewed him all the kingdoms of ¹⁵the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto him, To thee will I give all this authority, and the glory of them: for it hath been delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it. If thou therefore wilt worship before me, it shall all be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, It is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. And he led him to Jerusalem, and set him on the ¹⁶pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: for it is written,

He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to guard thee:

11 and,

On their hands they shall bear thee up, Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

13 And when the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him ¹⁷for a season.

14 And Jesus returned in the power

⁹ Gr. Sathiel.

¹⁰ Some ancient authorities write Sela.

¹¹ Many ancient authorities insert the son of Adin: and one writes Adin for Amminadab.

¹² Some ancient authorities write Iram.

¹³ Or, in

¹⁴ Or, a loaf

¹⁵ Gr. the inhabited earth.

¹⁶ Gr. wing.

¹⁷ Or, until

¹ Or, your repentance

² See marginal note on Matt. v. 46.

³ Or, Teacher

⁴ Gr. soldiers on service.

⁵ Or, accuse any one

⁶ Gr. sufficient.

⁷ Or, in

⁸ Or, the gospel

of the Spirit into Galilee: and a fame went out concerning him through all the region round about. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.

16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read.

17 And there was delivered unto him ¹ the book of the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the ² book, and found the place where it was written,

18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, ³ Because he anointed me to preach ⁴ good tidings to the poor:

He hath sent me to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,

19 To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

20 And he closed the ⁵ book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, To-day hath this scripture

22 been fulfilled in your ears. And all bare him witness, and wondered at the words of grace which proceeded out of his mouth: and they said, Is not this

23 Joseph's son? And he said unto them, Doubtless ye will say unto me this parable, Physician, heal thyself: whatsoever we have heard done at Capernaum, do

24 also here in thine own country. And he said, Verily I say unto you, No prophet

25 is acceptable in his own country. But of a truth I say unto you, There were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah,

when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, when there came a great

26 famine over all the land; and unto none of them was Elijah sent, but only to

⁶ Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, unto 27 a woman that was a widow. And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet; and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the

28 Syrian. And they were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard

29 these things; and they rose up, and cast him forth out of the city, and led him unto the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might throw

30 him down headlong. But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

31 And he came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching

32 them on the sabbath day: and they were astonished at his teaching; for

33 his word was with authority. And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean ⁷ devil; and he

34 cried out with a loud voice, ⁷ Ah! what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us?

I know thee who thou art, the Holy One 85 of God. And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

And when the ⁸ devil had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him,

36 having done him no hurt. And amazement came upon all, and they spake together, one with another, saying,

What is ⁹ this word? for with authority and power he commandeth the unclean

37 spirits, and they come out. And there went forth a rumour concerning him into every place of the region round about.

38 And he rose up from the synagogue, and entered into the house of Simon. And Simon's wife's mother was holden with a great fever; and they besought

39 him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she rose up and ministered unto them.

40 And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and

41 healed them. And ¹⁰ devils also came out from many, crying out, and saying, Thou art the Son of God. And rebuking them, he suffered them not to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.

42 And when it was day, he came out and went into a desert place: and the multitudes sought after him, and came unto him, and would have stayed him, that

43 he should not go from them. But he said unto them, I must preach the ¹¹ good tidings of the kingdom of God to the other cities also: for therefore was I sent.

44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of ¹² Galilee.

5 Now it came to pass, while the multitude pressed upon him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; and he saw two boats standing by the lake: but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing their nets.

8 And he entered into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the multitudes out of the boat. And when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Put out into the deep, and let

5 down your nets for a draught. And Simon answered and said, Master, we toiled all night, and took nothing: but at thy word I will let down the

6 nets. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their nets were break-

7ing; and they beckoned unto their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the boats,

8 so that they began to sink. But Si-

¹ Or, a roll

² Or, roll

³ Or, Wherefore

⁴ Or, the gospel

⁵ Gr. Sorepta.

⁶ Gr. demon.
⁷ Or, Let alone

⁸ Or, this word, that with authority . . . comes out!

⁹ Gr. devils

¹⁰ Or, gospel

¹¹ Very many ancient authorities read Judaea.

mon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.

9 For he was amazed, and all that were with him, at the draught of the fishes

10 which they had taken; and so were also James and John, sons of Zebedee, which were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from

11 henceforth thou shalt ¹catch men. And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all, and followed him.

12 And it came to pass, while he was in one of the cities, behold, a man full of leprosy: and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make

13 me clean. And he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou made clean. And straightway

14 the leprosy departed from him. And he charged him to tell no man: but go thy way, and shew thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for

15 a testimony unto them. But so much the more went abroad the report concerning him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed

16 of their infirmities. But he withdrew himself in the deserts, and prayed.

17 And it came to pass on one of those days, that he was teaching; and there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, which were come out of every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord

18 was with him ²to heal. And behold, men bring on a bed a man that was palsied: and they sought to bring him

19 in, and to lay him before him. And not finding by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went up to the housetop, and let him down through the tiles with his

20 couch into the midst before Jesus. And seeing their faith, he said, Man, thy sins

21 are forgiven thee. And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone?

22 But Jesus perceiving their reasonings, answered and said unto them, ³What

23 reason ye in your hearts? Whether is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven

24 thee; or to say, Arise and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath ⁴power on earth to forgive sins (he said unto him that was palsied), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy couch,

25 and go unto thy house. And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed

26 to his house, glorifying God. And amazement took hold on all, and they glorified God; and they were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things to-day.

27 And after these things he went forth,

¹ Gr. take
alive.

² Gr. that
he should
hurl. Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
that he
should
hurl
them.

³ Or, Why

⁴ Or, au-
thority

and beheld a publican, named Levi, sitting at the place of toll, and said

28 unto him, Follow me. And he forsook

29 all, and rose up and followed him. And Levi made him a great feast in his house: and there was a great multitude of publicans and of others that

30 were sitting at meat with them. And ⁵the Pharisees and their scribes mur-
mured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with the publi-
31 cans and sinners? And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole have no need of a physician; but

32 they that are sick. I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to

33 repentance. And they said unto him, The disciples of John fast often, and make supplications; likewise also the

34 disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink. And Jesus said unto them, Can ye make the sons of the

35 bride-chamber fast, while the bride- groom is with them? But the days will come; and when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, then

36 will they fast in those days. And he spake also a parable unto them; No man rendeth a piece from a new garment and putteth it upon an old garment; else he will rend the new, and also the piece from the new will not

37 agree with the old. And no man putteth new wine into old ⁶wine-skins; else the new wine will burst the skins, and itself will be spilled, and the skins

38 will perish. But new wine must be put

39 into fresh wine-skins. And no man having drunk old wine desireth new: for he saith, The old is ⁷good.

⁵ Or, the Phari-
sees and the
scribes among
them

⁶ That is,
skins
used in
bottles.

⁷ Many
ancient
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⁸ Many
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6 Now it came to pass on a ⁸sabbath, that he was going through the corn-
fields; and his disciples plucked the ears of corn, and did eat, rubbing

2 them in their hands. But certain of the Pharisees said, Why do ye that which it is not lawful to do on the sab-
3 bath day? And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read even this, what David did, when he was an hungred, 4 he, and they that were with him; how he entered into the house of God, and did take and eat the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat save for 5 the priests alone? And he said unto them, The Son of man is lord of the sabbath.

6 And it came to pass on another sab-
bath, that he entered into the syna-
gogue and taught: and there was a man there, and his right hand was 7 withered. And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath; that they 8 might find how to accuse him. But he knew their thoughts; and he said to the man that had his hand withered, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst.

9 And he arose and stood forth. And Jesus said unto them, I ask you, Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good, or to do harm? to

10 save a life, or to destroy it? And he looked round about on them all, and said unto him, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored.

11 But they were filled with madness; and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

12 And it came to pass in these days, that he went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night in prayer to

13 God. And when it was day, he called his disciples: and he chose from them twelve, whom also he named apostles;

14 Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and James and

15 John, and Philip and Bartholomew, and Matthew and Thomas, and James the

16 son of Alphaeus, and Simon which was called the Zealot, and Judas the ²son of James, and Judas Iscariot, which was

17 the traitor; and he came down with them, and stood on a level place, and a great multitude of his disciples, and a

18 great number of the people from all Judaea and Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, which came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases;

19 and they that were troubled with unclean spirits were healed. And all the multitude sought to touch him: for power came forth from him, and healed

20 them all. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed are ye poor:

21 for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now:

22 for ye shall laugh. Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake.

23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy: for behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the same manner did

24 their fathers unto the prophets. But woe unto you that are rich! for ye have

25 received your consolation. Woe unto you, ye that are full now! for ye shall hunger. Woe unto you, ye that laugh now! for ye shall mourn and weep.

26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for in the same manner did their fathers to the false prophets.

27 But I say unto you which hear, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate

28 you, bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you. To him that smiteth thee on the *one* cheek offer also the other; and from him that taketh away thy cloke withhold not thy coat

30 also. Give to every one that asketh thee; and of him that taketh away thy goods

31 ask them not again. And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to

32 them likewise. And if ye love them that love you, what thank have ye? for even

33 sinners love those that love them. And if ye do good to them that do good to you, what thank have ye? for even

34 sinners do the same. And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? even sinners lend to

35 sinners, to receive again as much. But love your enemies, and do *them* good, and lend, ³never despairing; and your

36 reward shall be great, and ye shall be sons of the Most High: for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil. Be

37 ye merciful, even as your Father is merciful. And judge not, and ye shall not be judged: and condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: release,

38 and ye shall be released: give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together,

39 running over, shall they give unto your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again.

40 And he spake also a parable unto them, Can the blind guide the blind? shall they not both fall into a pit?

41 The disciple is not above his ⁴master: but every one when he is perfected shall be as his ⁴master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that

42 is in thine own eye? Or how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me cast out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote that is in thy

43 brother's eye. For there is no good tree that bringeth forth corrupt fruit; nor again a corrupt tree that bringeth

44 forth good fruit. For each tree is known by its own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble

45 bush gather they grapes. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and the evil man out of the evil *treasure* bringeth forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Every one that cometh unto me, and heareth my words, and doeth them, I will shew

47 you to whom he is like: he is like a man building a house, who digged and went deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock: and when a flood arose, the stream brake against that house, and could not shake it: ⁵because it had

48 been well builded. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that built a house upon the earth without a foundation; against which the stream brake, and straightway

¹ Or, foolishness

² Or, brother. See *John* 1.

³ Some ancient authorities: the real language may be of *James*.

⁴ Or, teacher

⁵ Many ancient authorities: the real *house* was founded upon the rock: as in *Matt.* vi. 3.

it fell in; and the ruin of that house was great.

7 After he had ended all his sayings in the ears of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

8 And a certain centurion's ¹servant, who was ²dear unto him, was sick and ³at the point of death. And when he heard concerning Jesus, he sent unto him elders of the Jews, asking him that he would come and save his ¹ser-

4vant. And they, when they came to Jesus, besought him earnestly, saying, He is worthy that thou shouldst do

5this for him: for he loveth our nation, and himself built us our synagogue.

6 And Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself: for I am not ⁸worthy that thou

7 shouldst come under my roof: wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but ⁹say the word,

8 and my ¹⁰servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under myself soldiers: and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my ¹¹servant, Do this, and he

9 doeth it. And when Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned and said unto the multitude that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel.

10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the ¹²servant whole.

11 And it came to pass ¹³soon afterwards, that he went to a city called Nain; and his disciples went with him, and a

12 great multitude. Now when he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, there was carried out one that was dead, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city

13 was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said

14 unto her, Weep not. And he came nigh and touched the bier: and the bearers stood still. And he said, Young man,

15 I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak.

16 And he gave him to his mother. And fear took hold on all: and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet is arisen among us: and, God hath visited his

17 people. And this report went forth concerning him in the whole of Judæa, and all the region round about.

18 And the disciples of John told him

19 of all these things. And John calling unto him ²⁰two of his disciples sent them to the Lord, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?

20 And when the men were come unto him, they said, John the Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?

21 In that hour he cured many of diseases

and ²¹plagues and evil spirits; and on many that were blind he bestowed sight.

22 And he answered and said unto them, Go your way, and tell John what things ye have seen and heard; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have ²²good tidings preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall find none occasion of stumbling in me.

23 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to behold? a

24 reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately,

25 are in kings' courts. But what went ye out to see? a prophet? Yes, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet.

26 This is he of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,

Who shall prepare thy way before thee.

27 I say unto you, Among them that are born of women there is none greater than John: yet he that is ²⁸but little in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

29 And all the people when they heard, and the publicans, justified God, ³⁰being

30 baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, ³¹be-

31 ing not baptized of him. Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation, and to what are they like?

32 They are like unto children that sit in the marketplace, and call one to another; which say, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did

33 not weep. For John the Baptist is come eating no bread nor drinking wine; and

34 ye say, He hath a ³⁵devil. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and

35 sinners! And wisdom ³⁶is justified of all her children.

36 And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he entered into the Pharisee's house,

37 and sat down to meat. And behold, a woman which was in the city, a sinner; and when she knew that he was sitting at meat in the Pharisee's house, she brought ³⁸an alabaster cruse of oint-

38 ment, and standing behind at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and ³⁹kissed his feet, and

39 anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee which had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, say-

ing, This man, if he were ⁴⁰a prophet, would have perceived who and what manner of woman this is which toucheth

40 him, that she is a sinner. And Je-

⁸ Gr. scourges.

⁹ Or, the gospel

¹⁹ Gr. lesser.

¹¹ Or, having been

¹² Or, not having been

¹³ Or, demon.

¹⁴ Or, woe

¹⁵ Or, a fish

¹⁶ Gr. kissed much.

¹⁷ Some ancient authorities read the prophet. See John 1. 21, 25.

¹ Gr. bond-servant.
¹⁰ Or, previous to him
Or, house-ward with him

² Gr. my friend.

⁴ Gr. say with a word.
⁵ Or, boy

⁶ Many ancient authorities read on the next day.

⁷ Gr. cor. takes two.

1 Or,
Teacher

2 See
marginal
note on
Matt.
xviii. 28.

3 Gr. *kiss
much*.

4 Or,
among

5 Or,
support

6 Gr.
demons.

7 Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
him.

18 ¹us answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And 41 he saith, ¹Master, say on. A certain lender had two debtors: the one owed five hundred ²pence, and the other fifty.

42 When they had not ³wherewith to pay, he forgave them both. Which of them 43 therefore will love him most? Simon answered and said, He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judg-

44 ed. And turning to the woman, he said unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thine house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath wetted my feet with her tears, and wiped

45 them with her hair. Thou gavest me no kiss: but she, since the time I came in, 46 hath not ceased to ³kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but she hath anointed my feet with oint-

47 ment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is 48 forgiven, *the same* loveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven.

49 And they that sat at meat with him began to say ⁴within themselves, Who 50 is this that even forgiveth sins? And he said unto the woman, Thy faith hath saved thee; go in peace.

8 And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went about through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the ⁵good tidings of the kingdom of God, 2 and with him the twelve, and certain women which had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities, Mary that was called Magdalene, from whom seven

8 ⁶devils had gone out, and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, which ministered unto ⁷them of their substance.

4 And when a great multitude came together, and they of every city resorted unto him, he spake by a parable: The sower went forth to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden under foot, and the

6 birds of the heaven devoured it. And other fell on the rock; and as soon as it grew, it withered away, because

7 it had no moisture. And other fell amidst the thorns; and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. And other fell into the good ground, and grew, and brought forth fruit a hundredfold. As he said these things, he cried, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

9 And his disciples asked him what this 10 parable might be. And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to the rest in parables; that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the 12 word of God. And those by the way

side are they that have heard; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word from their heart, that they may not be-

13 lieve and be saved. And those on the rock are they which, when they have heard, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall

14 away. And that which fell among the thorns, these are they that have heard, and as they go on their way they are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring no fruit

15 to perfection. And that in the good ground, these are such as in an honest and good heart, having heard the word, hold it fast, and bring forth fruit with patience.

16 And no man, when he hath lighted a lamp, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but putteth it on a stand, that they which enter in may see

17 the light. For nothing is hid, that shall not be made manifest; nor *anything* secret, that shall not be known and come 18 to light. Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he ⁸thinketh he hath.

19 And there came to him his mother and brethren, and they could not come 20 at him for the crowd. And it was told him, Thy mother and thy brethren

21 stand without, desiring to see thee. But he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.

22 Now it came to pass on one of those days, that he entered into a boat, himself and his disciples; and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake: and they launched forth.

23 But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filling *with water*, 24 and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. And he awoke, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was

25 a calm. And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And being afraid they marvelled, saying one to another, Who then is this, that he commandeth even the winds and the water, and they obey him?

26 And they arrived at the country of the ⁹Gerasenes, which is over against 27 Galilee. And when he was come forth upon the land, there met him a certain man out of the city, who had ⁶devils; and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and abode not in *any* house,

28 but in the tombs. And when he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God? I be-

8 Or,
*sumeth
to have*

9 Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
Gerasa:
others,
Gadara:
some,
and so in
ver. 5

¹ Or, *of a long time*

² Or, *demon*.

³ Or, *demons*.

⁴ Or, *as a*

⁵ Some ancient authorities omit *had spent all her lying upon physicians, and*.

⁶ Some ancient authorities omit *and they that were with him*.

29 seest thee, torment me not. For he commanded the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For ¹oftentimes it had seized him: and he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters; and breaking the bands asunder, he was driven of the ²devil into the desert. And Jesus asked him, What is thy name? And he said, Legion; for many ³devils were entered into him. 31 And they intreated him that he would not command them to depart into the abyss. Now there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they intreated him that he would give them leave to enter into them. And ³he gave them leave. And the ³devils came out from the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep into the lake, and were choked. 34 And when they that fed them saw what had come to pass, they fled, and told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what had come to pass; and they came to Jesus, and found the man, from whom the ³devils were gone out, sitting, clothed and in his right mind, at the feet of Jesus: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how he that was possessed with ³devils was ⁴made whole. And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes round about asked him to depart from them; for they were holden with great fear: and he entered into a boat, and returned. But the man from whom the ³devils were gone out prayed him that he might be with him: but he sent him away, saying, Return to thy house, and declare how great things God hath done for thee. And he went his way, publishing throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done for him. 40 And as Jesus returned, the multitude welcomed him; for they were all waiting for him. And behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him to come into his house; for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the multitudes thronged him. 43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, which ⁵had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed of any, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately the issue of her blood ⁶stanch'd. And Jesus said, Who is it that touched me? And when all denied, Peter said, ⁶and they that were with him, Master, the multitudes press thee and crush thee. But Jesus said, Some one did touch me: for I perceived that power had gone forth from me. 47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling

down before him declared in the presence of all the people for what cause she touched him, and how she was healed immediately. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath ⁷made thee whole; go in peace.

49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the ruler of the synagogue's house, saying, Thy daughter is dead; trouble not the ⁸Master. But Jesus hearing it, answered him, Fear not: only believe, and she shall be ⁸made whole. 51 And when he came to the house, he suffered not any man to enter in with him, save Peter, and John, and James, and the father of the maiden and her ⁹mother. And all were weeping, and bewailing her: but he said, Weep not; for she is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. But he, taking her by the hand, called, saying, Maiden, arise. 55 And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately: and he commanded that ⁹something be given her to eat. And her parents were amazed: but he charged them to tell no man what had been done.

9 And he called the twelve together, and gave them power and authority over ²all ²devils, and to cure diseases. And he sent them forth to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal ²the sick. 8 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor wallet, nor bread, nor money; neither ⁴have two coats. And into whatsoever house ye enter, there abide, and thence ⁵depart. And as many as receive you not, when ye depart from that city, shake off the dust from your feet for a ⁶testimony against them. And they departed, and went throughout the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done: and he was much perplexed, because that it was said by some, that John was risen from the dead; and by some, that Elijah had appeared; and by others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. And Herod said, John I beheaded: but who is this, about whom I hear such things? And he sought to see him.

10 And the apostles, when they were returned, declared unto him what things they had done. And he took them, and withdrew apart to a city called Bethsaida. But the multitudes perceiving it followed him: and he welcomed them, and spake to them of the kingdom of God, and them that had need of healing ¹²he healed. And the day began to wear away; and the twelve came, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and country round about, and lodge, and get victuals: for we

⁷ Or, *saved thee*

⁸ Or, *Teacher*

⁹ Some ancient authorities omit *the sick*.

18 are here in a desert place. But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more than five loaves and two fishes; except we should
 14 go and buy food for all this people. For they were about five thousand men. And he said unto his disciples, Make them
 15 sit down in companies, about fifty each.
 15 And they did so, and made them all sit
 16 down. And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake; and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.
 17 And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up that which remained over to them of broken pieces, twelve baskets.
 18 And it came to pass, as he was praying alone, the disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Who do the multitudes say that I am? And they answering said, John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the
 20 old prophets is risen again. And he said unto them, But who say ye that I am? And Peter answering said, The Christ of
 21 God. But he charged them, and commanded them to tell this to no man; saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed,
 28 and the third day be raised up. And he said unto all, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take
 24 up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his
 25 life for my sake, the same shall save it. For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit
 26 his own self? For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in his own glory, and the
 27 glory of the Father, and of the holy angels. But I tell you of a truth, There be some of them that stand here, which shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.
 28 And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, he took with him Peter and John and James, and went
 29 up into the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became
 30 white and dazzling. And behold, there talked with him two men, which
 31 were Moses and Elijah; who appeared in glory, and spake of his
 32 decease which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep:
 33 but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that
 38 stood with him. And it came to pass, as they were parting from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three
 39 tabernacles; one for thee, and one for

Moses, and one for Elijah: not knowing what he said. And while he said these things, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared
 35 as they entered into the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my Son, my chosen: hear ye
 36 him. And when the voice came, Jesus was found alone. And they held their peace, and told no man in those days any of the things which they had seen.
 37 And it came to pass, on the next day, when they were come down from the mountain, a great multitude met him.
 38 And behold, a man from the multitude cried, saying, Master, I beseech thee to look upon my son; for he is mine only
 39 child: and behold, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and it
 40 teareth him that he foameth, and it hardly departeth from him, bruising
 41 him sorely. And I besought thy disciples to cast it out; and they could not.
 41 And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with
 42 you? bring hither thy son. And as he was yet a coming, the devil dashed him down, and tare him grievously.
 43 But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and healed the boy, and gave him back
 48 to his father. And they were all astonished at the majesty of God.
 49 But while all were marvelling at all the things which he did, he said
 44 unto his disciples, Let these words sink into your ears: for the Son of man shall be delivered up into the
 45 hands of men. But they understood not this saying, and it was concealed from them, that they should not perceive it: and they were afraid to ask him about this saying.
 46 And there arose a reasoning among them, which of them should be
 47 greatest. But when Jesus saw the reasoning of their heart, he took a little
 48 child, and set him by his side, and said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this little child in my name receive me: and whosoever shall receive me receive him that sent me:
 49 for he that is least among you all, the same is great.
 49 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. But Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against you is for you.
 51 And it came to pass, when the days were well-nigh come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face
 52 to go to Jerusalem, and sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to
 53 make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though
 54 he were going to Jerusalem. And when

1 Gr.
redline.

2 Or, and

3 Or, departure

4 Or, having remained awake

5 Or, booths

6 Many ancient authorities read say he loved him. See Matt. xvii. 3; Mark. ix. 7.
7 Or, was past
8 Or, Teacher

9 Or, comforted

10 Or, demon.
11 Or, great him
12 Or, crucified

13 Or, greater

14 Or, lesser.

15 Or, demon.

16 Or, were being judged.

his disciples James and John saw *this*, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we bid fire to come down from heaven, and 55 consume them? But he turned, and 56 rebuked them¹. And they went to another village.

57 And as they went in the way, a certain man said unto him, I will follow 58 thee whithersoever thou goest. And Jesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have² nests; but the Son of man hath not 59 where to lay his head. And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 But he said unto him, Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but go thou and publish abroad the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, I will follow thee, Lord; but first suffer me to bid farewell 62 to them that are at my house. But Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

10 Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy⁴ others, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself was 2 about to come. And he said unto them, The harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth labourers into his harvest. Go your ways: behold, I send you forth as lambs in the 4 midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no wallet, no shoes: and salute no man on the 5 way. And into whatsoever house ye shall⁵ enter, first say, Peace be to this 6 house. And if a son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon⁶ him: but 7 if not, it shall turn to you again. And in that same house remain, eating and drinking such things as they give: for the labourer is worthy of his hire. Go 8 not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set 9 before you: and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city ye shall enter, and they receive you not, go out into the 11 streets thereof and say, Even the dust from your city, that cleaveth to our feet, we do wipe off against you: howbeit know this, that the kingdom of God is 13 come nigh. I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable in that day for Sodom, 18 than for that city. Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the 1 mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon, which were done in you, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. Howbeit it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgement, than for you. 15 And thou, Capernaum, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? thou shalt be 16 brought down unto Hades. He that

heareth you heareth me; and he that rejecteth you rejecteth me; and he that rejecteth me rejecteth him that sent me.

17 And the seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the⁸ devils are subject unto us in thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan fallen as 19 lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall 20 in any wise hurt you. Howbeit in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

21 In that same hour he rejoiced⁹ in the Holy Spirit, and said, I¹⁰ thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes: yea, Father; 11 for so it was well-pleasing in thy sight. 22 All things have been delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knoweth who the Son is, save the Father; and who the Father is, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal 23 him. And turning to the disciples, he said privately, Blessed are the eyes 24 which see the things that ye see: for I say unto you, that many prophets and kings desired to see the things which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear, and heard them not.

25 And behold, a certain lawyer stood up and tempted him, saying, 12 Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 26 And he said unto him, What is written 27 in the law? how readest thou? And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God¹³ with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and 28 thy neighbour as thyself. And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: 29 this do, and thou shalt live. But he, desiring to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? 30 Jesus made answer and said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho; and he fell among robbers, which both stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving 31 him half dead. And by chance a certain priest was going down that way: and when he saw him, he passed by 32 on the other side. And in like manner a Levite also, when he came to the place, and saw him, passed by on 33 the other side. But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was: and when he saw him, he was 34 moved with compassion, and came to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring on them oil and wine; and he set him on his own beast, and brought him 35 to an inn, and took care of him. And

¹ Many ancient authorities add *even as Elijah did*.

² Some ancient authorities add *and said, I know not what manner of spirit ye are of. Some, but fewer, add also For the Son of man came not to destroy men's lives, but to save them.*

³ Gr. *lodging-places*.

⁴ Many ancient authorities add *and two; and so in ver. 17.*

⁵ Or, *enter first, say*
⁶ Or, *it*

⁷ Gr. *power*.

⁸ Gr. *demons*.

⁹ Or, *by*
¹⁰ Or, *praises*

¹¹ Or, *that*

¹² Or, *Teacher*

¹³ Gr. *from*.

¹ See marginal note on Matt. xviii. 28.

on the morrow he took out two ¹ pence, and gave them to the host, and said, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, I, when I come back again, will repay thee. Which of these three, thinkest thou, proved neighbour unto him that fell among the 37 robbers? And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. And Jesus said unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received 39 him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at the Lord's feet, and heard his word.

40 But Martha was ² cumbered about much serving; and she came up to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister did leave me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me.

41 But the Lord answered and said unto her, ³ Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things: ⁴ but one thing is needful: for Mary hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

11 And it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as 2 John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, ⁵ Father, Hallowed be thy name.

3 Thy kingdom come. ⁶ Give us day by day ⁷ our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we ourselves also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And bring us not into temptation ⁸.

5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say to him,

6 Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine is come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set

7 before him; and he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and

8 give thee? I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will arise and give him

9 ⁹ as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it

10 shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that

11 knocketh it shall be opened. And of which of you that is a father shall his son ask ¹⁰ a loaf, and he give him a stone? or a fish, and he for a fish give

12 him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall ¹¹ your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

14 And he was casting out a ¹¹ devil which was dumb. And it came to pass, when the ¹² devil was gone out, the dumb man spake; and the multitudes marvelled.

15 But some of them said, ¹³ By Beelzebub the prince of the ¹⁴ devils casteth he out ¹⁵ devils. And others, tempting him,

17 sought of him a sign from heaven. But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; ¹⁶ and a house divided against a house falleth.

18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out ¹⁷ devils

19 ¹⁸ by Beelzebub. And if I ¹⁹ by Beelzebub cast out ²⁰ devils, by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they

20 be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out ²¹ devils, then is the kingdom of God come upon you. When the strong man fully armed guardeth his own court, his goods are in peace:

22 but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him his whole armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scatter-

24 eth. The unclean spirit when ²⁵ he is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest; and finding none, ²⁶ he saith, I will turn back

25 unto my house whence I came out. And when ²⁷ he is come, ²⁸ he findeth it swept and garnished. Then goeth ²⁹ he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more evil than ³⁰ himself; and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man cometh worse than the first.

27 And it came to pass, as he said these things, a certain woman out of the multitude lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the breasts which thou

28 didst suck. But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

29 And when the multitudes were gathering together unto him, he began to say, This generation is an evil generation: it seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but

30 the sign of Jonah. For even as Jonah became a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgement with the men of this generation, and shall condemn them: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, ³¹ a greater than Solomon is here.

32 The men of Nineveh shall stand up in the judgement with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, ³² a greater than Jonah is here.

¹¹ Gr. demon.

¹² Or. In ¹³ Gr. demon.

¹⁴ Or. and ¹⁵ Gr. fallen upon himself.

¹⁶ Or. it

¹⁷ Or. itself

¹⁷ Gr. more than.

¹ Gr. distracted.

² A few ancient authorities read Martha, Martha, thou art troubled: Mary hath chosen etc.

³ Many ancient authorities read but few things are needful, or one.

⁴ Many ancient authorities read Our Father, which art in heaven. See Matt. vi. 9.

⁵ Many ancient authorities add Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. See Matt. vi. 10.

⁶ Gr. our bread for the coming day.

⁷ Many ancient authorities add but deliver us from the evil one (or, from evil). See Matt. vi. 13.

⁸ Or, whatsoever things

⁹ Some ancient authorities omit a loaf, and he give him a stone, or.

33 No man, when he hath lighted a lamp, putteth it in a cellar, neither under the bushel, but on the stand, that they which enter in may see the light.

34 The lamp of thy body is thine eye: when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, thy

35 body also is full of darkness. Look therefore whether the light that is in thee be not darkness. If therefore thy whole body be full of light, having no part dark, it shall be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining doth give thee light.

37 Now as he spake, a Pharisee asketh him to ¹dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat. And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first washed before ¹dinner.

39 And the Lord said unto him, Now do ye Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter; but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness.

40 Ye foolish ones, did not he that made ¹the outside make the inside also? Howbeit give for alms those things which ²are within; and behold, all things are clean unto you.

42 But woe unto you Pharisees! for ye tithe mint and rue and every herb, and pass over judgement and the love of God: but these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.

43 Woe unto you Pharisees! for ye love the chief seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the marketplaces.

44 Woe unto you! for ye are as the tombs which appear not, and the men that walk over them know it not.

45 And one of the lawyers answering saith unto him, ³Master, in saying this thou reproachest us also. And he said,

46 Woe unto you lawyers also! for ye lade men with burdens grievous to be borne, and ye yourselves touch not the

47 burdens with one of your fingers. Woe unto you! for ye build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed

48 them. So ye are witnesses and consent unto the works of your fathers: for they killed them, and ye build *their*

49 tombs. Therefore also said the wisdom of God, I will send unto them prophets and apostles; and *some* of them

50 they shall kill and persecute; that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this genera-

51 tion; from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zachariah, who perished between the altar and the ⁴sanctuary: yea, I say unto you, it shall be re-

52 quired of this generation. Woe unto you lawyers! for ye took away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were enter-

53 ing in ye hindered.

58 And when he was come out from thence, the scribes and the Pharisees

began to ⁵press upon him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of ⁶many things; laying wait for him, to catch something out of his mouth.

12 In the mean time, when ⁷the many thousands of the multitude were gathered together, insomuch that they trode one upon another, he began to ⁸say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which ²is hypocrisy. But there is nothing covered up, that shall not be revealed: and hid, that shall not be known.

3 Wherefore whatsoever ye have said in the darkness shall be heard in the light; and what ye have spoken in the ear in the inner chambers shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them which kill the body, and after that have

5 no more that they can do. But I will warn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath ⁹power to cast into ¹⁰hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings? and not one of them is forgotten in the sight of

7 God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not: ye are of more value than many sparrows.

8 And I say unto you, Every one who shall confess ¹¹me before men, ¹²him shall the Son of man also confess be-

9 fore the angels of God: but he that denieth me in the presence of men shall be denied in the presence of the

10 angels of God. And every one who shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but

unto him that blasphemeth against the Holy Spirit it shall not be forgiven.

11 And when they bring you before the synagogues, and the rulers, and the authorities, be not anxious how or what ye shall answer, or what ye shall say:

12 for the Holy Spirit shall teach you in that very hour what ye ought to say.

13 And one out of the multitude said unto him, ³Master, bid my brother

14 divide the inheritance with me. But he said unto him, Man, who made me

15 a judge or a divider over you? And he said unto them, Take heed, and keep yourselves from all covetousness:

¹³ for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:

17 and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not

18 where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will

19 I bestow all my corn and my goods. And I will say to my ¹⁴soul, ¹⁵Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry.

20 But God said unto him, Thou fool-

⁵ Or, them. unless vehemently against him

⁶ Or, more

⁷ Gr, the myriads of

⁸ Or, say unto his disciples, First of all be-ware ye

⁹ Or, authority
¹⁰ Or, Gehenna.

¹¹ Gr, in me.
¹² Gr, in him.

¹³ Gr, for not in a man's abundance consisteth his life, from the things which he possesseth.

¹⁴ Or, thy

¹ Gr, break fast.

² Or, ye only

³ Or, Teacher

⁴ Gr, house.

¹ Gr. they require thy soul.
² Or, life

ish one, this night ¹is thy ²soul required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be?

21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your ³life, what ye shall eat; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put

23 on. For the ⁴life is more than the food, and the body than the raiment. Consider the ravens, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them: of how much more value are ye

24 than the birds! And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto his

25 stature? If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye

26 anxious concerning the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you, Even Solomon in all his glory was

27 not arrayed like one of these. But if God doth so clothe the grass in the field, which to-day is, and to-morrow is cast into the oven; how much more shall he

28 clothe you, O ye of little faith? And seek not ye what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful

29 mind. For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: but your Father knoweth that ye have need of

30 these things. Howbeit seek ye ⁵his kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you. Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give

31 you the kingdom. Sell that ye have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief draweth near, neither moth de-

32 stroyeth. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

33 Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning; and be ye yourselves like unto men looking for their lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may straightway

34 open unto him. Blessed are those ⁶servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: verily I say unto you, that he shall gird himself, and make them sit down to meat, and shall come

35 and serve them. And if he shall come in the second watch, and if in the third, and find them so, blessed are those ⁷servants.

36 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not have left his

37 house to be ⁸broken through. Be ye also ready: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

38 And Peter said, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even unto

39 all? And the Lord said, Who then is ⁹the faithful and wise steward,

whom his lord shall set over his household, to give them their portion of food

40 in due season? Blessed is that ¹⁰servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Of a truth I say unto you, that he will set him over all

41 that he hath. But if that ¹¹servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink, and to be drunk-

42 en; the lord of that ¹²servant shall come in a day when he expecteth not, and in an hour when he knoweth not, and shall

43 cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the unfaithful. And that

44 ¹³servant, which knew his lord's will, and made not ready, nor did according to his will, shall be beaten with many

45 stripes; but he that knew not, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. And to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.

46 I came to cast fire upon the earth; and what will I, if it is already kindled? But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished! Think ye that I am come to give peace in the earth? I tell you,

47 Nay; but rather division: for there shall be from henceforth five in one house divided, three against two, and two

48 against three. They shall be divided, father against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against her mother; mother in law against her daughter in law, and daughter in law against her mother in law.

49 And he said to the multitudes also, When ye see a cloud rising in the west, straightway ye say, There cometh a shower; and so it cometh

50 to pass. And when ye see a south wind blowing, ye say, There will be a ¹⁴scorching heat; and it cometh

51 to pass. Ye hypocrites, ye know how to interpret the face of the earth and the heaven; but how is it that ye know not how to ¹⁵interpret this

52 time? And why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right? For as thou art going with thine adversary before the magistrate, on the way give diligence to be quit of him; lest haply he hale thee unto the judge, and the judge shall deliver thee to the ¹⁶officer, and the ¹⁷officer shall

53 cast thee into prison. I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou have paid the very last mite.

13 Now there were some present at that very season which told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered and said

¹ Many ancient authorities read the kingdom of God.

⁶ Gr. bond-servants.

⁷ Or, But this ye know

⁸ Gr. digged through.

⁹ Or, the faithful steward, the wise man whom &c.

¹² Gr. bond-servant.

¹¹ Or, severely scourge him

¹³ Or, hot wind

¹⁴ Or, great.

¹⁶ Gr. officer.

1 Gr.
red line
not.

those which were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief seats; saying unto them, When thou art bidden of any man to a marriage feast, sit not down in the chief seat; lest haply a more honourable man than thou be bidden of him, and he that bade thee and him shall come and say to thee, Give this man place; and then thou shalt begin with shame to take the lowest place. But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest place; that when he that hath bidden thee cometh, he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have glory in the presence of all that sit at meat with thee. For every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

12 And he said to him also that had bidden him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor rich neighbours; lest haply they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: and thou shalt be blessed; because they have not *where-with* to recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed in the resurrection of the just.

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God.

16 But he said unto him, A certain man made a great supper; and he bade many: and he sent forth his ²servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a field, and I must needs go out and see it: 19 I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them: 20 I pray thee have me excused. And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. And the ²servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his ²servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and maimed and blind and lame. And the ²servant said, Lord, what thou didst command is done, and yet there is room. And the lord said unto the ²servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and constrain them to come in, that my house may be filled. For I say unto you, that none of those men which were bidden shall taste of my supper.

25 Now there went with him great multitudes: and he turned, and said

2 Gr.
bond-
servant.

unto them, If any man cometh unto me, and hateth not his own father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. For which of you, desiring to build a tower, doth not first sit down and count the cost, whether he have *where-with* to complete it? Lest haply, when he hath laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all that behold begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. Or what king, as he goeth to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand? Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and asketh conditions of peace. So therefore whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

34 Salt therefore is good: but if even the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? It is fit neither for the land nor for the dunghill: men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

15 Now all the publicans and sinners were drawing near unto him for to hear him. And both the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.

8 And he spake unto them this parable, saying, What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine righteous persons, which need no repentance.

8 Or what woman having ten ³pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it? 9 And when she hath found it, she calleth together her friends and neighbours, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost. Even so, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons: and the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me

3 Gr.
dreck-
me, a
coin
worth
about
eight
pence.

1 Gr. the.

the portion of ¹thy substance that
 13 falleth to me. And he divided unto
 13 them his living. And not many days
 after the younger son gathered all to-
 gether, and took his journey into a
 far country; and there he wasted his
 14 substance with riotous living. And
 when he had spent all, there arose a
 mighty famine in that country; and
 15 he began to be in want. And he went
 and joined himself to one of the citizens
 of that country; and he sent him into
 16 his fields to feed swine. And he would
 fain have been filled with ²the husks
 that the swine did eat: and no man
 17 gave unto him. But when he came to
 himself he said, How many hired ser-
 vants of my father's have bread enough
 and to spare, and I perish here with
 18 hunger! I will arise and go to my
 father, and will say unto him, Father,
 I have sinned against heaven, and in
 19 thy sight: I am no more worthy to be
 called thy son: make me as one of
 20 thy hired servants. And he arose, and
 came to his father. But while he was
 yet afar off, his father saw him, and
 was moved with compassion, and ran,
 and fell on his neck, and ³kissed him.
 21 And the son said unto him, Father, I
 have sinned against heaven, and in
 thy sight: I am no more worthy to be
 22 called thy son. But the father said
 to his ⁴servants, Bring forth quickly
 the best robe, and put it on him; and
 put a ring on his hand, and shoes on
 23 his feet: and bring the fatted calf, and
 kill it, and let us eat, and make merry:
 24 for this my son was dead, and is alive
 again; he was lost, and is found. And
 25 they began to be merry. Now his elder
 son was in the field: and as he came
 and drew nigh to the house, he heard
 26 music and dancing. And he called to
 him one of the ⁵servants, and inquired
 27 what these things might be. And he
 said unto him, Thy brother is come;
 and thy father hath killed the fatted
 calf, because he hath received him safe
 28 and sound. But he was angry, and
 would not go in: and his father came
 29 out, and intreated him. But he answer-
 ed and said to his father, Lo, these
 many years do I serve thee, and I
 never transgressed a commandment of
 thine: and yet thou never gavest me
 a kid, that I might make merry with
 30 my friends: but when this thy son
 came, which hath devoured thy living
 with harlots, thou killedst for him the
 31 fatted calf. And he said unto him,
⁶Son, thou art ever with me, and all
 32 that is mine is thine. But it was meet
 to make merry and be glad: for this
 thy brother was dead, and is alive again;
 and was lost, and is found.
 16 And he said also unto the disciples,
 There was a certain rich man, which
 had a steward; and the same was ac-

2 Gr. the
root of
the carob
tree.3 Gr.
kissed
him
much.4 Some
ancient
authori-
ties add
make me
as one of
thy hired
servants.
See ver.
19.5 Gr.
bond-
servants.6 Gr.
Child.

cused unto him that he was wasting
 2 his goods. And he called him, and
 said unto him, What is this that I hear
 of thee? render the account of thy
 stewardship; for thou canst be no
 3 longer steward. And the steward said
 within himself, What shall I do, see-
 ing that my lord taketh away the
 stewardship from me? I have not
 strength to dig; to beg I am ashamed.
 4 I am resolved what to do, that, when
 I am put out of the stewardship, they
 5 may receive me into their houses. And
 calling to him each one of his lord's
 debtors, he said to the first, How
 6 much owest thou unto my lord? And
 he said, A hundred ⁷measures of oil.
 And he said unto him, Take thy ⁸bond,
 and sit down quickly and write fifty.
 7 Then said he to another, And how
 much owest thou? And he said, A
 hundred ⁹measures of wheat. He saith
 unto him, Take thy ¹⁰bond, and write
 8 fourscore. And his lord commended
¹¹the unrighteous steward because he
 had done wisely: for the sons of this
 11 world are for their own generation
 9 wiser than the sons of the light. And
 I say unto you, Make to yourselves
 friends ¹²by means of the mammon of
 unrighteousness; that, when it shall
 fail, they may receive you into the
 10 eternal tabernacles. He that is faithful
 in a very little is faithful also in much:
 and he that is unrighteous in a very
 11 little is unrighteous also in much. If
 therefore ye have not been faithful in
 the unrighteous mammon, who will
 commit to your trust the true riches?
 12 And if ye have not been faithful in that
 which is another's, who will give you
 13 that which is ¹³your own? No ¹⁴ser-
 vant can serve two masters: for either
 he will hate the one, and love the
 other; or else he will hold to one, and
 despise the other. Ye cannot serve
 God and mammon.
 14 And the Pharisees, who were lovers
 of money, heard all these things; and
 15 they scoffed at him. And he said unto
 them, Ye are they that justify yourselves
 in the sight of men; but God knoweth
 your hearts: for that which is exalted
 among men is an abomination in the
 16 sight of God. The law and the prophets
 were until John: from that time the
 gospel of the kingdom of God is preach-
 ed, and every man entereth violently
 17 into it. But it is easier for heaven
 and earth to pass away, than for one
 18 tittle of the law to fall. Every one
 that putteth away his wife, and mar-
 rieth another, committeth adultery: and
 he that marrieth one that is put away
 from a husband committeth adultery.
 19 Now there was a certain rich
 man, and he was clothed in purple
 and fine linen, ¹⁵faring sumptu-
 20 ously every day: and a certain

7 Gr.
baths,
the bath
being a
Hebrew
measure.
See Ezek.
xlv. 10,
11, 14.8 Gr.
servings.9 Gr. covr.
the covr
being a
Hebrew
measure.
See Ezek.
xlv. 14.10 Gr. the
steward
of un-
right-
eousness.11 Gr. age
out of.13 Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
our own.14 Gr.
house-
hold-
servant.15 Gr.
living in
mirth
and
splen-
dour
every
day

beggar named Lazarus was laid at his
 21 gate, full of sores, and desiring to be
 fed with the *crumbs* that fell from the
 rich man's table; yea, even the dogs
 22 came and licked his sores. And it
 came to pass, that the beggar died,
 and that he was carried away by
 the angels into Abraham's bosom:
 and the rich man also died, and was
 23 buried. And in Hades he lifted up his
 eyes, being in torments, and seeth
 Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in
 24 his bosom. And he cried and said,
 Father Abraham, have mercy on me,
 and send Lazarus, that he may dip
 the tip of his finger in water, and cool
 my tongue; for I am in anguish in
 25 this flame. But Abraham said, ¹Son,
 remember that thou in thy lifetime
 receivest thy good things, and Laza-
 rus in like manner evil things: but
 now here he is comforted, and thou
 26 art in anguish. And ²beside all this,
 between us and you there is a great
 gulf fixed, that they which would pass
 from hence to you may not be able, and
 that none may cross over from thence
 27 to us. And he said, I pray thee there-
 fore, father, that thou wouldest send
 28 him to my father's house; for I have
 five brethren; that he may testify unto
 them, lest they also come into this
 29 place of torment. But Abraham saith,
 They have Moses and the prophets;
 30 let them hear them. And he said, Nay,
 father Abraham: but if one go to them
 31 from the dead, they will repent. And
 he said unto him, If they hear not Moses
 and the prophets, neither will they be
 persuaded, if one rise from the dead.
 17 And he said unto his disciples, It is
 impossible but that occasions of stum-
 bling should come: but woe unto him,
 2 through whom they come! It were well
 for him if a millstone were hanged
 about his neck, and he were thrown
 into the sea, rather than that he should
 cause one of these little ones to stumble.
 3 Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother
 sin, rebuke him; and if he repent, for-
 4 give him. And if he sin against thee
 seven times in the day, and seven times
 turn again to thee, saying, I repent;
 thou shalt forgive him.
 5 And the apostles said unto the Lord,
 6 Increase our faith. And the Lord said,
 If ye have faith as a grain of mustard
 seed, ye would say unto this sycamine
 tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou
 planted in the sea; and it would have
 7 obeyed you. But who is there of you,
 having a ³servant plowing or keeping
 sheep, that will say unto him, when
 he is come in from the field, Come
 8 straightway and sit down to meat; and
 will not rather say unto him, Make
 ready wherewith I may sup, and gird
 thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten
 and drunken; and afterward thou

9 shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank the
⁴servant because he did the things that
 10 were commanded? Even so ye also,
 when ye shall have done all the things
 that are commanded you, say, We are
 unprofitable ⁵servants; we have done
 that which it was our duty to do.
 11 And it came to pass, ⁶as they were
 on the way to Jerusalem, that he was
 passing ⁶through the midst of Samaria
 12 and Galilee. And as he entered into
 a certain village, there met him ten
 men that were lepers, which stood afar
 13 off: and they lifted up their voices,
 saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on
 14 us. And when he saw them, he said
 unto them, Go and shew yourselves un-
 to the priests. And it came to pass, as
 15 they went, they were cleansed. And
 one of them, when he saw that he was
 healed, turned back, with a loud voice
 16 glorifying God; and he fell upon his
 face at his feet, giving him thanks: and
 17 he was a Samaritan. And Jesus an-
 swering said, Were not the ten cleans-
 18 ed? but where are the nine? ⁷Were
 there none found that returned to give
 19 glory to God, save this ⁸stranger? And
 he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way:
 thy faith hath ⁹made thee whole.
 20 And being asked by the Pharisees, when
 the kingdom of God cometh, he answer-
 ed them and said, The kingdom of God
 21 cometh not with observation: neither
 shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! for
 lo, the kingdom of God is ¹⁰within you.
 22 And he said unto the disciples, The
 days will come, when ye shall desire
 to see one of the days of the Son
 23 of man, and ye shall not see it. And
 they shall say to you, Lo, there! Lo,
 here! go not away, nor follow after
 24 them: for as the lightning, when it
 lighteneth out of the one part under
 the heaven, shineth unto the other
 part under heaven; so shall the Son
 25 of man be ¹¹in his day. But first
 must he suffer many things and be
 26 rejected of this generation. And as it
 came to pass in the days of Noah,
 even so shall it be also in the days
 27 of the Son of man. They ate, they
 drank, they married, they were given
 in marriage, until the day that Noah
 entered into the ark, and the flood came,
 28 and destroyed them all. Likewise even
 as it came to pass in the days of Lot;
 they ate, they drank, they bought, they
 29 sold, they planted, they builded; but in
 the day that Lot went out from Sodom it
 rained fire and brimstone from heaven,
 30 and destroyed them all: after the same
 manner shall it be in the day that the
 31 Son of man is revealed. In that day, he
 which shall be on the housetop, and his
 goods in the house, let him not go
 down to take them away: and let
 him that is in the field likewise not
 32 return back. Remember Lot's wife.

¹ Gr.
Chr'd.

² Or, in
all these
things

⁴ Gr.
bond-
servant.

⁵ Or, as
he was

⁶ Or,
between

⁷ Or,
There
were
none
found
save this
stranger.

⁸ Or,
alien

⁹ Or,
saved
thee

¹⁰ Or, in
the midst
of you

¹¹ Some
ancient
authori-
ties omit
in his
day.

³ Gr.
bond-
servant.

1 Or, *and*2 Gr. *now it allee.*

3 Some ancient authorities add ver. 38 There shall be two men in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left.

4 Or, *vultures*
5 Or, *Do me justice of:* and so in ver. 5, 7, 8.6 Gr. *bruiser.*7 Gr. *the judge of unrighteousness.*8 Or, *the faith*9 Gr. *the rest.*10 Or, *be propitiated*
11 Or, *the sinner*12 Or, *Teacher*

33 Whosoever shall seek to gain his ¹life shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose ²his ³life shall ⁴preserve it. I say unto you, In that night there shall be two men on one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. There shall be two women grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. And they answering say unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where the body is, thither will the eagles also be gathered together.

18 And he spake a parable unto them to the end that they ought always to pray, and not to faint; saying, There was in a city a judge, which feared not God, and regarded not man: and there was a widow in that city; and she came oft unto him, saying, ⁵Avenge me of mine adversary. And he would not for a while; but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest she wear me out by her continual coming. And the Lord said, Hear what ⁷the unrighteous judge saith. And shall not God avenge his elect, which cry to him day and night, and he is long-suffering over them? I say unto you, that he will avenge them speedily. Howbeit when the Son of man cometh, shall he find ⁸faith on the earth?

9 And he spake also this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and set ⁹all others at nought: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week; 13 I give tithes of all that I get. But the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, ¹⁰be merciful to me ¹¹a sinner. 14 I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And they brought unto him also their babes, that he should touch them: but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, saying, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. 18 And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good ¹²Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good?

20 none is good, save one, *even* God. Thou knowest the commandments. Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honour thy father and mother. And he said, All these things have I observed from my youth up. And when Jesus heard it, he said unto him, One thing thou lackest yet: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. But when he heard these things, he became exceeding sorrowful; for he was very rich. And Jesus seeing him said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. And they that heard it said, Then who can be saved? But he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. And Peter said, Lo, we have left ¹³our own, and followed thee. And he said unto them, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or wife, or brethren, or parents, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this time, and in the ¹⁴world to come eternal life.

31 And he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written ¹⁵by the prophets shall be accomplished unto the Son of man. 32 For he shall be delivered up unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and shamefully entreated, and spit upon: 33 and they shall scourge and kill him: and the third day he shall rise again. 34 And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hid from them, and they perceived not the things that were said.

35 And it came to pass, as he drew nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. And they that went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus stood, and commanded him to be brought unto him: and when he was come near, he asked him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. 42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath ¹⁶made thee whole. And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

13 Or, *our own homes*14 Or, *age*15 Or, *through*16 Or, *received there*

19 And he entered and was passing
2 through Jericho. And behold, a man
3 called by name Zacchæus; and he was
4 a chief publican, and he was rich. And
5 he sought to see Jesus who he was;
6 and could not for the crowd, because he
7 was little of stature. And he ran on
8 before, and climbed up into a sycamore
9 tree to see him: for he was to pass
10 that way. And when Jesus came to the
11 place, he looked up, and said unto him,
12 Zacchæus, make haste, and come down;
13 for to-day I must abide at thy house.
14 And he made haste, and came down, and
15 received him joyfully. And when they
16 saw it, they all murmured, saying, He
17 is gone in to lodge with a man that is a
18 sinner. And Zacchæus stood, and said
19 unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half
20 of my goods I give to the poor; and if I
21 have wrongfully exacted aught of any
22 man, I restore fourfold. And Jesus said
23 unto him, To-day is salvation come to
24 this house, forasmuch as he also is a son
25 of Abraham. For the Son of man came
26 to seek and to save that which was lost.
27 And as they heard these things, he
28 added and spake a parable, because he
29 was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they
30 supposed that the kingdom of God was
31 immediately to appear. He said there-
32 fore, A certain nobleman went into a
33 far country, to receive for himself a
34 kingdom, and to return. And he called
35 ten ¹servants of his, and gave them ten
36 pounds, and said unto them, Trade ye
37 ²hencewith till I come. But his citizens
38 hated him, and sent an ambassage after
39 him, saying, We will not that this man
40 reign over us. And it came to pass,
41 when he was come back again, having
42 received the kingdom, that he com-
43 manded these ³servants, unto whom
44 he had given the money, to be called
45 to him, that he might know what they
46 had gained by trading. And the first
47 came before him, saying, Lord, thy
48 pound hath made ten pounds more.
49 And he said unto him, Well done, thou
50 good ⁴servant: because thou wast found
51 faithful in a very little, have thou
52 authority over ten cities. And the
53 second came, saying, Thy pound, Lord,
54 hath made five pounds. And he said
55 unto him also, Be thou also over five
56 cities. And ⁵another came, saying,
57 Lord, behold, ⁶here is thy pound, which
58 I kept laid up in a napkin: for I feared
59 thee, because thou art an austere man:
60 thou takest up that thou laydest not
61 down, and reapest that thou didst not
62 sow. He saith unto him, Out of thine
63 own mouth will I judge thee, thou
64 wicked ⁷servant. Thou knewest that
65 I am an austere man, taking up that
66 I laid not down, and reaping that I
67 sowed: then wherefore gavest
68 thou not my money into the bank,
69 and ⁸I at my coming should have

70 required it with interest? And he said
71 unto them that stood by, Take away
72 from him the pound, and give it unto
73 him that hath the ten pounds. And
74 they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten
75 pounds. I say unto you, that unto
76 every one that hath shall be given; but
77 from him that hath not, even that which
78 he hath shall be taken away from him.
79 Howbeit these mine enemies, which
80 would not that I should reign over them,
81 bring hither, and slay them before me.
82 And when he had thus spoken, he
83 went on before, going up to Jerusalem.
84 And it came to pass, when he drew
85 nigh unto Bethphage and Bethany, at
86 the mount that is called the mount of
87 Olives, he sent two of the disciples, say-
88 ing, Go your way into the village over
89 against you; in the which as ye enter
90 ye shall find a colt tied, whereon
91 no man ever yet sat: loose him, and bring
92 him. And if any one ask you, Why
93 do ye loose him? thus shall ye say, The
94 Lord hath need of him. And they that
95 were sent went away, and found even
96 as he had said unto them. And as they
97 were loosing the colt, the owners thereof
98 said unto them, Why loose ye the colt?
99 And they said, The Lord hath need of
100 him. And they brought him to Jesus:
101 and they threw their garments upon the
102 colt, and set Jesus thereon. And as he
103 went, they spread their garments in the
104 way. And as he was now drawing nigh,
105 even at the descent of the mount of
106 Olives, the whole multitude of the dis-
107 ciples began to rejoice and praise God
108 with a loud voice for all the ⁹mighty
109 works which they had seen; saying,
110 Blessed is the King that cometh in the
111 name of the Lord: peace in heaven,
112 and glory in the highest. And some of
113 the Pharisees from the multitude said
114 unto him, ¹⁰Master, rebuke thy disciples.
115 And he answered and said, I tell you
116 that, if these shall hold their peace, the
117 stones will cry out.
118 And when he drew nigh, he saw the
119 city and wept over it, saying, ¹¹If thou
120 hadst known in this day, even thou,
121 the things which belong unto peace! but
122 now they are hid from thine eyes. For
123 the days shall come upon thee, when
124 thine enemies shall cast up a ¹²bank
125 about thee, and compass thee round.
126 And keep thee in on every side, and
127 shall dash thee to the ground, and thy
128 children within thee; and they shall
129 not leave in thee one stone upon
130 another; because thou knewest not the
131 time of thy visitation.
132 And he entered into the temple, and
133 began to cast out them that sold, say-
134 ing unto them, It is written, And my
135 house shall be a house of prayer: but
136 ye have made it a den of robbers.
137 And he was teaching daily in the
138 temple. But the chief priests and

¹ Gr. bond-
servants.
² Mine,
here
trans-
lated a
pound,
is equal
to one
hundred
drach-
mas. See
ch. xv. 8.

³ Gr. bond-
servant.

⁴ Gr. the
other.

⁵ Or,
I should
have
gone and
required

⁶ Gr.
powers.

⁷ Or,
Teacher

⁸ Or, ⁹
that thou
shouldst
know

⁹ Gr.
passion.

the scribes and the principal men of the
48 people sought to destroy him: and they
could not find what they might do; for
the people all hung upon him, listening.

20 And it came to pass, on one of the
days, as he was teaching the people in
the temple, and preaching the gospel,
there came upon him the chief priests
2 and the scribes with the elders; and
they spake, saying unto him, Tell us:
By what authority doest thou these
things? or who is he that gave thee this
3 authority? And he answered and said
unto them, I also will ask you a ¹ques-
4 tion; and tell me: The baptism of John,
5 was it from heaven, or from men? And
they reasoned with themselves, saying,
If we shall say, From heaven; he will
6 say, Why did ye not believe him? But
if we shall say, From men; all the
people will stone us: for they be per-
7 suaded that John was a prophet. And
they answered, that they knew not
8 whence it was. And Jesus said unto
them, Neither tell I you by what au-
thority I do these things.

9 And he began to speak unto the
people this parable: A man planted a
vineyard, and let it out to husbandmen,
and went into another country for a
10 long time. And at the season he sent
unto the husbandmen a ²servant, that
they should give him of the fruit of the
vineyard: but the husbandmen beat
11 him, and sent him away empty. And
he sent yet another ²servant: and him
also they beat, and handled him shame-
12 fully, and sent him away empty. And
he sent yet a third: and him also they
13 wounded, and cast him forth. And the
lord of the vineyard said, What shall I
do? I will send my beloved son: it may
14 be they will reverence him. But when
the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned
one with another, saying, This is the
heir: let us kill him, that the inheri-
15 tance may be ours. And they cast him
forth out of the vineyard, and killed
him. What therefore will the lord of
16 the vineyard do unto them? He will
come and destroy these husbandmen,
and will give the vineyard unto others.
And when they heard it, they said,
17 ³God forbid. But he looked upon them,
and said, What then is this that is
written,

The stone which the builders rejected,
The same was made the head of the
corner?

18 Every one that falleth on that stone
shall be broken to pieces; but on whom-
soever it shall fall, it will scatter him
as dust.

19 And the scribes and the chief priests
sought to lay hands on him in that
very hour; and they feared the people:
for they perceived that he spake this
20 parable against them. And they watch-
ed him, and sent forth spies, which

feigned themselves to be righteous,
that they might take hold of his speech,
so as to deliver him up to the rule and
21 to the authority of the governor. And
they asked him, saying, ⁴Master, we
know that thou sayest and teachest
rightly, and acceptest not the person
of any, but of a truth teachest the way
22 of God: Is it lawful for us to give
23 tribute unto Cæsar, or not? But he
perceived their craftiness, and said unto
24 them, Shew me a ⁵penny. Whose image
and superscription hath it? And they
25 said, Cæsar's. And he said unto them,
Then render unto Cæsar the things
that are Cæsar's, and unto God the
26 things that are God's. And they were
not able to take hold of the saying before
the people: and they marvelled at his
answer, and held their peace.

27 And there came to him certain of the
Sadducees, they which say that there is
no resurrection; and they asked him,
28 saying, ⁶Master, Moses wrote unto us,
that if a man's brother die, having a
wife, and he be childless, his brother
should take the wife, and raise up seed
29 unto his brother. There were therefore
seven brethren: and the first took a
30 wife, and died childless; and the second;
31 and the third took her; and likewise
the seven also left no children, and
32 died. Afterward the woman also died.
33 In the resurrection therefore whose
wife of them shall she be? for the
34 seven had her to wife. And Jesus said
unto them, The sons of this ⁶world
35 marry, and are given in marriage: but
they that are accounted worthy to
attain to that ⁶world, and the resur-
rection from the dead, neither marry,
36 nor are given in marriage: for neither
can they die any more: for they are
equal unto the angels; and are sons of
God, being sons of the resurrection.
37 But that the dead are raised, even Moses
shewed, in the place concerning the
Bush, when he calleth the Lord the God
of Abraham, and the God of Isaac,
38 and the God of Jacob. Now he is not
the God of the dead, but of the living:
39 for all live unto him. And certain
of the scribes answering said, ⁶Master,
40 thou hast well said. For they durst not
any more ask him any question.

41 And he said unto them, How say they
42 that the Christ is David's son? For
David himself saith in the book of
Psalms,

The Lord said unto my Lord,
Sit thou on my right hand,
43 Till I make thine enemies the foot-
stool of thy feet.

44 David therefore calleth him Lord, and
how is he his son?

45 And in the hearing of all the
people he said unto his disciples,
46 Beware of the scribes, which desire
to walk in long robes, and love salu-

⁴ Or, Teacher

⁵ See marginal note on Matt. xviii. 23.

⁶ Or, age

¹ Gr. word.

² Gr. bond-servant.

³ Gr. Be it not so.

tations in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief 47 places at feasts; which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater condemnation.

21 And he looked up, ¹and saw the rich men that were casting their gifts into 2 the treasury. And he saw a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. 3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, This poor widow cast in more than 4 they all: for all these did of their superfluity cast in unto the gifts: but she of her want did cast in all the living that she had.

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and 6 offerings, he said, As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in which there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be 7 thrown down. And they asked him, saying, ²Master, when therefore shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when these things are about to 8 come to pass? And he said, Take heed that ye be not led astray: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am *he*; and, The time is at hand: go ye 9 not after them. And when ye shall hear of wars and tumults, be not terrified: for these things must needs come to pass first; but the end is not immediately.

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom 11 against kingdom: and there shall be great earthquakes, and in divers places famines and pestilences; and there shall be terrors and great signs from 12 heaven. But before all these things, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, ³bringing you before kings and governors for 13 my name's sake. It shall turn unto you 14 for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand 15 how to answer: for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to withstand or to gainsay. But ye shall be delivered up even by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you ⁴shall they cause to 17 be put to death. And ye shall be hated 18 of all men for my name's sake. And 19 not a hair of your head shall perish. In your patience ye shall win your ⁵souls.

20 But when ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand. Then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein. 22 For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be

23 fulfilled. Woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! for there shall be great distress upon the ⁶land, and wrath 24 unto this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led captive into all the nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles 25 be fulfilled. And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and 26 the billows; men ⁷fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on ⁸the world: for the powers of 27 the heavens shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great 28 glory. But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh.

29 And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees: when they now shoot forth, ye see it and know of your own selves that the summer is 31 now nigh. Even so ye also, when ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh. 32 Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all things be 33 accomplished. Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

34 But take heed to yourselves, lest haply your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly 35 as a snare: for so shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the 36 earth. But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

37 And every day he was teaching in the temple; and every night he went out, and lodged in the mount that is called 38 the mount of Olives. And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, to hear him.

22 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. 2 And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might put him to death; for they feared the people.

3 And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, being of the 4 number of the twelve. And he went away, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might 5 deliver him unto them. And they were glad, and covenanted to give him 6 money. And he consented, and sought opportunity to deliver him unto them ⁹in the absence of the multitude.

7 And the day of unleavened bread came, on which the passover must

¹ Or, and see them that ... treasury, and they were rich.

² Or, Teacher

³ Or, you being brought.

⁴ Or, shall they put to death

⁵ Or, lives

⁶ Or, earth

⁷ Or, expecting

⁸ Or, the inhabited earth

⁹ Or, without the multitude

8 be sacrificed. And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and make ready for us 9 the passover, that we may eat. And they said unto him, Where wilt thou 10 that we make ready? And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house whereto he goeth. And ye shall say unto the good-man of the house, The ¹Master saith unto thee, Where is the guest-chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my 12 disciples? And he will shew you a large upper room furnished: there make 13 ready. And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat 15 down, and the apostles with him. And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you 16 before I suffer: for I say unto you, I will not eat it, until it be fulfilled in the king- 17 dom of God. And he received a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 for I say unto you, I will not drink from henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until 19 the kingdom of God shall come. And he took ² bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave to them, saying, This is my body ³ which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

20 And the cup in like manner after supper, saying, This cup is the new ⁴ covenant in my blood, *even* that which is poured 21 out for you. But behold, the hand of him that betrayeth me is with me on 22 the table. For the Son of man indeed goeth, as it hath been determined: but woe unto that man through whom he is 23 betrayed! And they began to question among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

24 And there arose also a contention among them, which of them is accounted 25 ed to be ⁵ greatest. And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles have lordship over them; and they that have authority over them are called Bene- 26 factors. But ye *shall not be so*: but he that is the greater among you, let him become as the younger; and he that 27 is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that ⁶ sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that ⁷ sitteth at meat? but I am in the 28 midst of you as he that serveth. But ye are they which have continued with 29 me in my temptations; and ⁷ I appoint unto you a kingdom, even as 30 my Father appointed unto me, that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and ye shall sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan ⁸ asked to have you, that he might sift you as 32 wheat: but I made supplication for

thee, that thy faith fail not: and do thou, when once thou hast turned a- 33 gain, stablish thy brethren. And he said unto him, Lord, with thee I am ready to go both to prison and to 34 death. And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, until thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

35 And he said unto them, When I sent you forth without purse, and wallet, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And 36 they said, Nothing. And he said unto them, But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise a wallet: ⁹ and he that hath none, let him sell 37 his cloke, and buy a sword. For I say unto you, that this which is written must be fulfilled in me, And he was reckoned with transgressors: for that which concerneth me hath ¹⁰ fulfilled 38 ment. And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

39 And he came out, and went, as his custom was, unto the mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed him.

40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not 41 into temptation. And he was parted from them about a stone's cast; and 42 he kneeled down and prayed, saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my 43 will, but thine, be done. ¹¹ And there appeared unto him an angel from 44 heaven, strengthening him. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the 45 ground. And when he rose up from his prayer, he came unto the disciples, and found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

47 While he yet spake, behold, a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them; and he drew near unto Jesus to kiss 48 him. But Jesus said unto him, Judas, betrayest thou the Son of man with 49 a kiss? And when they that were about him saw what would follow, they said, Lord, shall we smite with 50 the sword? And a certain one of them smote the ¹² servant of the high priest, 51 and struck off his right ear. But Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye thus far. And he touched his ear, and 52 healed him. And Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and elders, which were come against him, Are ye come out, as against a robber, with swords and 53 staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched not forth your hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

¹ Or, Teacher

² Or, a loaf

³ Some ancient authorities omit which is given for you: which is poured out for you.

⁴ Or, testament

⁵ Or, greater.

⁶ Or, reclining.

⁷ Or, I appoint unto you, even as my Father appointed unto me a kingdom, that ye may eat and drink of it.

⁸ Or, Satan desired you by asking

⁹ Or, and he that hath no sword let him sell his cloke, and buy one.

¹⁰ Or, end.

¹¹ Many ancient authorities omit ver. 43, 44.

¹² Or, bond-servant.

54 And they seized him, and led him away, and brought him into the high priest's house. But Peter followed 55 afar off. And when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat in 56 the midst of them. And a certain maid seeing him as he sat in the light of the fire, and looking stedfastly upon him, said, This man also was 57 with him. But he denied, saying, 58 Woman, I know him not. And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou also art one of them. 59 But Peter said, Man, I am not. And after the space of about one hour another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this man also was with 60 him: for he is a Galilean. But Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he 61 yet spake, the cock crew. And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said unto him, Before the cock crow this day, 62 thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

1 Gr. him.

63 And the men that held ¹ Jesus mocked 64 him, and beat him. And they blindfolded him, and asked him, saying, Prophecy: who is he that struck thee? 65 And many other things spake they against him, reviling him.

66 And as soon as it was day, the assembly of the elders of the people was gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led him away 67 into their council, saying, If thou art the Christ, tell us. But he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: and if I ask you, ye will not 68 answer. But from henceforth shall the Son of man be seated at the right 69 hand of the power of God. And they all said, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, ² Ye say 71 that I am. And they said, What further need have we of witness? for we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.

2 Or, Ye say it, because I am.

23 And the whole company of them rose up, and brought him before Pilate. 2 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Cæsar, and saying that he himself is 3 ³ Christ a king. And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou 4 sayest. And Pilate said unto the chief priests and the multitudes, I find no 5 fault in this man. But they were the more urgent, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, and beginning from Galilee even unto 6 this place. But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. And when he knew that he was

3 Or, an anointed king

of Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him unto Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem in these days.

8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was of a long time desirous to see him, because he had heard concerning him; and he hoped to 9 see some miracle done by him. And he questioned him in many words; but 10 he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing him. And Herod with his soldiers set him at nought, and mocked him, and arraying him in gorgeous apparel sent him back to Pilate. 12 And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

4 Gr. signs.

18 And Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, 14 and said unto them, Ye brought unto me this man, as one that perverteth the people: and behold, I, having examined him before you, found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye 15 accuse him: no, nor yet Herod: for he sent him back unto us; and behold, nothing worthy of death hath been done 16 by him. I will therefore chastise him, 18 and release him.⁵ But they cried out all together, saying, Away with this 19 man, and release unto us Barabbas: one who for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was cast into 20 prison. And Pilate spake unto them 21 again, desiring to release Jesus; but they shouted, saying, Crucify, crucify 22 him. And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath this man done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him 23 and release him. But they were instant with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified. And their voices prevailed. 24 And Pilate gave sentence that what 25 they asked for should be done. And he released him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

5 Many ancient authorities insert ver. 17. Now he must needs release unto them or the fourth one prisoner. Others add the same words after ver. 15.

26 And when they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and laid on him the cross, to bear it after Jesus. 27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who 28 bewailed and lamented him. But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the breasts that 30 never gave suck. Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. 31 For if they do these things in the

green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

32 And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they came unto the place which is called ¹The skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the

34 left. ²And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

And parting his garments among them, 35 they cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also scoffed at him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if this is the Christ

36 of God, his chosen. And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, offering him vinegar, and saying, If thou art

37 the King of the Jews, save thyself. And 38 there was also a superscription over him, THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

39 And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, Art not thou the Christ? save thyself and us.

40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, Dost thou not even fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

41 ting? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but 42 this man hath done nothing amiss. And he said, Jesus, remember me when thou

43 comest ³in thy kingdom. And he said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

44 And it was now about the sixth hour, and a darkness came over the whole

45 ⁴land until the ninth hour, ⁵the sun's light failing: and the veil of the ⁶temple was rent in the midst. ⁷And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend

46 my spirit: and having said this, he gave up the ghost. And when the centurion saw what was done, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous

47 man. And all the multitudes that came together to this sight, when they beheld the things that were done, returned smiting their breasts. And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed with him from Galilee, stood afar off, seeing these things.

50 And behold, a man named Joseph, who was a councillor, a good man and

51 a righteous (he had not consented to their counsel and deed), a man of Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was looking for the kingdom of God: 52 this man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. And he took it down, and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was hewn in stone, where never man

53 had yet lain. And it was the day of the Preparation, and the sabbath

54 drew on. And the women, which had come with him out of Galilee, followed after, and beheld the tomb, and

55 how his body was laid. And they re-

turned, and prepared spices and ointments.

And on the sabbath they rested according to the commandment. But

on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had

2 prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. And they entered in, and found not the body

3 of the Lord Jesus. And it came to pass, while they were perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them

5 in dazzling apparel: and as they were affrighted, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye ¹⁰the living among the dead? ¹¹He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7 saying that the Son of man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third

8 day rise again. And they remembered 9 his words, and returned ¹²from the tomb, and told all these things to the

10 eleven, and to all the rest. Now they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James: and the other women with them told these

11 things unto the apostles. And these words appeared in their sight as idle talk; and they disbelieved them.

12 ¹³But Peter arose, and ran unto the tomb; and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths by themselves; and he ¹⁴departed to his home, wondering at that which was come to pass.

18 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was threescore furlongs

14 from Jerusalem. And they communed with each other of all these things

15 which had happened. And it came to pass, while they communed and questioned together, that Jesus himself

16 drew near, and went with them. But their eyes were holden that they

17 should not know him. And he said unto them, ¹⁵What communications are these that ye have one with another, as ye walk? And they stood

18 still, looking sad. And one of them, named Cleopas, answering said unto him, ¹⁶Dost thou alone sojourn in Jerusalem and not know the things which

are come to pass there in these days? 19 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, The things concerning Jesus of Nazareth, which was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. But we hoped that it was he which should redeem Israel. Yea and beside all this, it is now the third day since these things came to

22 pass. Moreover certain women of our

⁹ Some ancient authorities omit of the Lord Jesus.

¹⁰ Or, him that liveth.

¹¹ Some ancient authorities omit He is not here, but is risen.

¹² Some ancient authorities omit from the tomb.

¹³ Some ancient authorities omit ver. 15.

¹⁴ Or, departed, wondering with himself.

¹⁵ Or, What words are these that ye exchange one with another.

¹⁶ Or, Dost thou sojourn alone in Jerusalem, and knowest thou not the things

¹ According to the Latin, Calvary, which has the same meaning.

² Some ancient authorities omit And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

³ Some ancient authorities read into thy kingdom.

⁴ Or, earth.

⁵ Or, the sun failing.

⁶ Or, sanctuary.

⁷ Or, And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said.

¹ Or, began to dawn.

company amazed us, having been early
23 at the tomb; and when they found not
his body, they came, saying, that they
had also seen a vision of angels, which
24 said that he was alive. And certain of
them that were with us went to the
tomb, and found it even so as the
women had said: but him they saw
25 not. And he said unto them, O foolish
men, and slow of heart to believe ¹in
26 all that the prophets have spoken! Be-
hoved it not the Christ to suffer these
things, and to enter into his glory?
27 And beginning from Moses and from
all the prophets, he interpreted to them
in all the scriptures the things con-
28 cerning himself. And they drew nigh
unto the village, whither they were go-
ing: and he made as though he would
29 go further. And they constrained him,
saying, Abide with us: for it is toward
evening, and the day is now far spent.
And he went in to abide with them.
30 And it came to pass, when he had sat
down with them to meat, he took the
² bread, and blessed it, and brake, and
31 gave to them. And their eyes were
opened, and they knew him; and he
32 vanished out of their sight. And they
said one to another, Was not our heart
burning within us, while he spake to
us in the way, while he opened to us
33 the scriptures? And they rose up that
very hour, and returned to Jerusalem,
and found the eleven gathered to-
gether, and them that were with them,
34 saying, The Lord is risen indeed, and
35 hath appeared to Simon. And they re-
hearsed the things that *happened* in
the way, and how he was known of
them in the breaking of the bread.
36 And as they spake these things, he
himself stood in the midst of them,
³ and saith unto them, Peace be unto

37 you. But they were terrified and af-
frighted, and supposed that they be-
38 held a spirit. And he said unto them,
Why are ye troubled? and wherefore
39 do reasonings arise in your heart? See
my hands and my feet, that it is I my-
self: handle me, and see; for a spirit
hath not flesh and bones, as ye behold
40 me having. ⁴ And when he had said
this, he shewed them his hands and his
41 feet. And while they still disbelieved
for joy, and wondered, he said unto
them, Have ye here anything to eat?
42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled
43 fish ⁵. And he took it, and did eat be-
fore them.
44 And he said unto them, These are my
words which I spake unto you, while
I was yet with you, how that all things
must needs be fulfilled, which are writ-
ten in the law of Moses, and the pro-
phets, and the psalms, concerning me.
45 Then opened he their mind, that they
46 might understand the scriptures; and
he said unto them, Thus it is written,
that the Christ should suffer, and rise
47 again from the dead the third day; and
that repentance ⁶ and remission of sins
should be preached in his name unto
all the ⁷ nations, beginning from Jeru-
48 salem. Ye are witnesses of these things.
49 And behold, I send forth the promise
of my Father upon you: but tarry ye
in the city, until ye be clothed with
power from on high.
50 And he led them out until they were
over against Bethany: and he lifted
51 up his hands, and blessed them. And
it came to pass, while he blessed them,
he parted from them, ⁸ and was car-
ried up into heaven. And they ⁹ wor-
shipped him, and returned to Jerusa-
52 lem with great joy: and were contin-
ually in the temple, blessing God.

⁴ Some
ancient
authorities
omit
this word
ver. 41

⁵ Many
ancient
authori-
ties add
and a
honey-
comb.

⁶ Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
unto.

⁷ Or,
nations.
Depen-
ding
from
Jerusa-
lem, or
all na-
tions.

⁸ Some
ancient
authori-
ties omit
and was
carried
up into
heaven.

⁹ Some
ancient
authori-
ties omit
worship-
ped him,
and.

¹ Or,
after

² Or, loaf

³ Some
ancient
authori-
ties omit
and saith
unto
them,
Peace be
unto
you.

¹ Or,
through
² Or,
was not
anything
made.
That
which
hath
been
made
was life
in him;
and the
life &c.
³ Or, over-
came.
See ch.
xii. 35
(Or.).
⁴ Or, The
true
light,
which
lighteth
every
man, was
coming

THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO

S. J O H N.

1 IN the beginning was the Word, and
the Word was with God, and the Word
2 was God. The same was in the be-
3 ginning with God. All things were
made ¹ by him; and without him ² was
not anything made that hath been
4 made. In him was life; and the life
5 was the light of men. And the light
shineth in the darkness; and the dark-
6 ness ³ apprehended it not. There came
a man, sent from God, whose name
7 was John. The same came for wit-
ness, that he might bear witness of the
light, that all might believe through
8 him. He was not the light, but came
that he might bear witness of the light.
9 ⁴ There was the true light, even the

light which lighteth ⁵ every man, com-
ing into the world. He was in the
world, and the world was made ¹ by
11 him, and the world knew him not. He
came unto ⁶ his own, and they that were
12 his own received him not. But as many
as received him, to them gave he the
right to become children of God, even
to them that believe on his name:
13 which were ⁷ born, not of ⁸ blood, nor
of the will of the flesh, nor of the will
14 of man, but of God. And the Word
became flesh, and ⁹ dwelt among us
(and we beheld his glory, glory as
of ¹⁰ the only begotten from the Fa-
15 ther), full of grace and truth. John
beareth witness of him, and crieth,

⁴ Or,
every
man or
he can
ask

⁵ Or,
his own
things.

⁷ Or,
generation

⁸ Or,
blood.

⁹ Or,
taber-
nacle.

¹⁰ Or,
an only
begotten
from a
father

1 Some ancient authorities read (this was he that said).
 2 Gr. And in regard of me.
 3 Or, through
 4 Many very ancient authorities read (God only begotten).

5 Or, And certain had been sent from among the Pharisees.

6 Or, in

7 Many ancient authorities read Bethsaida, some, Bethsaida.
 8 Or, hearth the sin

saying, ¹This was he of whom I said, He that cometh after me is become before me: for he was ²before me. For of his fullness we all received, and grace for grace.
 17 For the law was given ³by Moses; grace and truth came ⁴by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time; ⁴the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.
 19 And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent unto him from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him,
 20 Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; and he confessed, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elijah? And he saith, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. They said therefore unto him, Who art thou? that we may give an answer to them that sent us.
 23 What sayest thou of thyself? He said, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as said Isaiah the prophet. ⁵And they had been sent from the Pharisees.
 25 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why then baptizest thou, if thou art not the Christ, neither Elijah, neither the prophet? John answered them, saying, I baptize ⁶with water: in the midst of you standeth one whom ye know not,
 27 even he that cometh after me, the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to
 28 unloose. These things were done in ⁷Bethany beyond Jordan, where John was baptizing.
 29 On the morrow he seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God, which ⁸taketh away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is become
 31 before me: for he was ²before me. And I knew him not; but that he should be made manifest to Israel, for this cause
 32 came I baptizing ⁶with water. And John bare witness, saying, I have beheld the Spirit descending as a dove out of heaven; and it abode upon him.
 33 And I knew him not: but he that sent me to baptize ⁶with water, he said unto me, Upon whomsoever thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and abiding upon him, the same is he that baptizeth ⁶with
 34 the Holy Spirit. And I have seen, and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.
 35 Again on the morrow John was standing, and two of his disciples; and he looked upon Jesus as he walked, and
 37 saith, Behold, the Lamb of God! And the two disciples heard him speak, and
 38 they followed Jesus. And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? And they said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, being interpreted, ⁹Master), where
 39 abidest thou? He saith unto them, Come, and ye shall see. They came therefore and saw where he abode; and

they abode with him that day: it was 40 about the tenth hour. One of the two that heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He findeth first his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being 42 interpreted, ¹⁰Christ). He brought him unto Jesus. Jesus looked upon him, and said, Thou art Simon the son of ¹¹John: thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, ¹²Peter).
 43 On the morrow he was minded to go forth into Galilee, and he findeth Philip: and Jesus saith unto him, Follow me.
 44 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus
 46 of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. And Nathanael said unto him, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip
 47 saith unto him, Come and see. Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold, an Israelite indeed, in
 48 whom is no guile! Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before Philip called thee, when thou wast under
 49 the fig tree, I saw thee. Nathanael answered him, Rabbi, thou art the Son
 50 of God; thou art King of Israel. Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee underneath the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt
 51 see greater things than these. And he saith unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye shall see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.
 2 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: and Jesus also was bidden, and his disciples, to the
 3 marriage. And when the wine failed, the mother of Jesus saith unto him,
 4 They have no wine. And Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come.
 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.
 6 Now there were six waterpots of stone set there after the Jews' manner of purifying, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And
 8 they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the ¹³ruler of the feast. And
 9 they bare it. And when the ruler of the feast tasted the water ¹⁴now become wine, and knew not whence it was (but the servants which had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast
 10 calleth the bridegroom, and saith unto him, Every man setteth on first the good wine; and when men have drunk freely, then that which is worse:

¹⁰ That is, Anointed.

¹¹ Gr. Joanna: called in Matt. xvi. 17, Jemah.

¹² That is, Rock or Stone.

¹³ Or, steward

¹⁴ Or, that it had become

⁹ Or, Teacher

thou hast kept the good wine until now.

11 This beginning of his signs did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples: and there they abode not many days.

13 And the passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

14 And he found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: and he made a scourge of cords, and cast all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers' money, and overthrew their tables; and to them that sold the doves he said, Take these things hence; make not my Father's house a house of merchandise. His disciples remembered that it was written, The zeal of thine house shall eat me up.

15 The Jews therefore answered and said unto him, What sign shewest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things?

16 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. The Jews therefore said, Forty and six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou raise it up in three days? But he spake of the temple of his body. When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he spake this; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

17 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, during the feast, many believed on his name, beholding his signs which he did. But Jesus did not trust himself unto them, for that he knew all men, and because he needed not that any one should bear witness concerning him; for he himself knew what was in man.

18 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: the same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these signs that thou doest, except God be with him. Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born anew.

19 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things be? Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou the teacher of Israel, and understandest not these things? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and bear witness of that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness. If I told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you heavenly things? And no man hath ascended into heaven, but he that descended out of heaven, even the Son of man, which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever believeth may in him have eternal life.

20 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For every one that doeth ill hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved. But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, that they have been wrought in God.

21 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judæa; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. And John also was baptizing in Ænon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. For John was not yet cast into prison. There arose therefore a questioning on the part of John's disciples with a Jew about purifying. And they came unto John, and said to him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou hast borne witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it have been given him from heaven. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but, that I am sent before him. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled. He must increase, but I must decrease.

22 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is

1 Or, sanctuary

2 Or, a man; for... the man

3 Or, from above

4 Or, The Spirit breatheth

5 Many ancient authorities omit which is in heaven.

6 Or, I am sent in Adam may have

7 Or, reproved

8 Or, convicted

9 Or, because

10 Or, were many waters.

¹ Some ancient authorities read *he that cometh from heaven beareth witness of what he hath seen and heard.*

² Or, *beloveth* not

³ Or, *spring*: and so in ver. 14; but not in ver. 11, 12.
⁴ Or, *as he was*

⁵ Some ancient authorities omit *For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.*

⁶ Or, *Lord*

of the earth, and of the earth he speaketh: ¹he that cometh from heaven is ³²above all. What he hath seen and heard, of that he beareth witness; and ³³no man receiveth his witness. He that hath received his witness hath set his ³⁴seal to *this*, that God is true. For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for he giveth not the ³⁵Spirit by measure. The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things ³⁶into his hand. He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life; but he that ²obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.

⁴ When therefore the Lord knew how that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more ²disciples than John (although Jesus himself baptized not, but his disciples), ³he left Judæa, and departed again into ⁴Galilee. And he must needs pass ⁵through Samaria. So he cometh to a city of Samaria, called Sychar, near to the parcel of ground that Jacob gave to ⁶his son Joseph: and Jacob's ³well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied with his journey, sat *thus by the* ³well.

⁷ It was about the sixth hour. There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water: Jesus saith unto her, Give me ⁸to drink. For his disciples were gone ⁹away into the city to buy food. The Samaritan woman therefore saith unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a Samaritan woman? (⁶For Jews have no ¹⁰dealings with Samaritans.) Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

¹¹ The woman saith unto him, ⁶Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou ¹²that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and ¹³his sons, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Every one that drinketh of this water shall thirst ¹⁴again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water ¹⁵springing up unto eternal life. The woman saith unto him, ⁶Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come ¹⁶all the way hither to draw. Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and ¹⁷come hither. The woman answered and said unto him, I have no husband. Jesus saith unto her, Thou saidst well, ¹⁸I have no husband: for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: this hast thou ¹⁹said truly. The woman saith unto him,

⁶Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. ²¹Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall ²²ye worship the Father. Ye worship that which ye know not: we worship that which we know: for salvation is ²³from the Jews. But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: ⁷for such doth the Father seek ²⁴to be his worshippers. ⁸God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh (which is called Christ): when he is come, he will declare unto us all ²⁶things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am *he*.

²⁷ And upon this came his disciples; and they marvelled that he was speaking with a woman; yet no man said, What seekest thou? or, Why speakest ²⁸thou with her? So the woman left her waterpot, and went away into the city, ²⁹and saith to the men, Come, see a man, which told me all things that *ever* I ³⁰did: can this be the Christ? They went out of the city, and were coming ³¹to him. In the mean while the disciples prayed him, saying, Rabbi, eat. ³²But he said unto them, I have meat ³³to eat that ye know not. The disciples therefore said one to another, Hath any ³⁴man brought him *ought* to eat? Jesus saith unto them, My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to accomplish his work. Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh the harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are ⁹white already unto harvest. ³⁶He that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal; that he that soweth and he that reapeth may ³⁷rejoice together. For herein is the saying true, One soweth, and another ³⁸reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye have not laboured: others have laboured, and ye are entered into their labour.

³⁹ And from that city many of the Samaritans believed on him because of the word of the woman, who testified, He ⁴⁰told me all things that *ever* I did. So when the Samaritans came unto him, they besought him to abide with them: ⁴¹and he abode there two days. And many more believed because of his ⁴²word; and they said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy speaking: for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world.

⁴³ And after the two days he went ⁴⁴forth from thence into Galilee. For

⁷ Or, *for such the Father also seeketh*
⁹ Or, *God is spirit*

⁹ Or, *white* unto harvest. *Already he that reapeth do.*

Jesus himself testified, that a prophet
45 hath no honour in his own country. So
when he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 He came therefore again unto Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.
47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son; for he
48 was at the point of death. Jesus therefore said unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will in no wise believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, Sir,
50 come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. The man believed the word that Jesus spake unto him, and he went
51 his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, saying,
52 that his son lived. So he inquired of them the hour when he began to amend. They said therefore unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour
53 the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his
54 whole house. This is again the second sign that Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

5 After these things there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew

3 Bethesda, having five porches. In these lay a multitude of them that were sick, blind, halt, withered. And a certain man was there, which had been thirty and eight years in his infirmity.

6 When Jesus saw him lying, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wouldest thou

7 be made whole? The sick man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another
8 steppeth down before me. Jesus saith unto him, Arise, take up thy bed, and
9 walk. And straightway the man was made whole, and took up his bed and walked.

Now it was the sabbath on that day.

10 So the Jews said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath, and it is not
11 lawful for thee to take up thy bed. But he answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up
12 thy bed, and walk. They asked him, Who is the man that said unto thee,
13 Take up thy bed, and walk? But he that was healed wist not who it was: for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a

14 multitude being in the place. Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art made whole: sin no more, lest a worse
15 thing befall thee. The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus
16 which had made him whole. And for this cause did the Jews persecute Jesus, because he did these things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh even until now, and I
17 work. For this cause therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only brake the sabbath, but also called God his own Father, making himself equal with God.
19 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them,

Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing: for what things soever he doeth, these the Son also doeth in like manner. For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and greater works than these will he shew
21 him, that ye may marvel. For as the Father raiseth the dead and quickeneth them, even so the Son also quickeneth whom he will. For neither doth the Father judge any man, but he hath
23 given all judgement unto the Son; that all may honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honour-eth not the Son honoureth not the Father which sent him. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgement, but hath passed out of
25 death into life. Verily, verily, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear
26 shall live. For as the Father hath life in himself, even so gave he to the Son
27 also to have life in himself: and he gave him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of man.
28 Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs
29 shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done ill, unto the resurrection of judgement.

30 I can of myself do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgement is righteous; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.
31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. It is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth
33 of me is true. Ye have sent unto John, and he hath borne witness unto the
34 truth. But the witness which I receive is not from man: howbeit I say these
35 things, that ye may be saved. He

1 Or, king's officer

2 Or, Lord

3 Gr. bond-servants.

4 Many ancient authorities read the feast.

5 Some ancient authorities read Bethesda, others, Bethesda.

6 Many ancient authorities insert, wholly or in part, waiting for the moving of the water: 4 for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and troubled the water: whoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole, with whatsoever disease he was holden.

7 Or, of man

8 Or, perdition

was the lamp that burneth and shineth :
 36 and ye were willing to rejoice for a
 season in his light. But the witness
 which I have is greater than *that* of
 John : for the works which the Father
 hath given me to accomplish, the very
 works that I do, bear witness of me,
 37 that the Father hath sent me. And
 the Father which sent me, he hath
 borne witness of me. Ye have neither
 heard his voice at any time, nor seen
 38 his form. And ye have not his word
 abiding in you : for whom he sent, him
 39 ye believe not. ¹Ye search the scrip-
 tures, because ye think that in them ye
 have eternal life ; and these are they
 40 which bear witness of me ; and ye will
 not come to me, that ye may have life.
 41 I receive not glory from men. But
 42 I know you, that ye have not the love
 43 of God in yourselves. I am come in
 my Father's name, and ye receive me
 not : if another shall come in his own
 44 name, him ye will receive. How can
 ye believe, which receive glory one of
 another, and the glory that *cometh* from
 45 ²the only God ye seek not ? Think
 not that I will accuse you to the Father :
 there is one that accuseth you, *even*
 Moses, on whom ye have set your hope.
 46 For if ye believed Moses, ye would
 47 believe me ; for he wrote of me. But
 if ye believe not his writings, how shall
 ye believe my words ?
 6 After these things Jesus went away
 to the other side of the sea of Galilee,
 2 which is the sea of Tiberias. And a
 great multitude followed him, because
 they beheld the signs which he did on
 3 them that were sick. And Jesus went
 up into the mountain, and there he sat
 4 with his disciples. Now the passover,
 the feast of the Jews, was at hand.
 5 Jesus therefore lifting up his eyes,
 and seeing that a great multitude
 cometh unto him, saith unto Philip,
 Whence are we to buy ³bread, that
 6 these may eat ? And this he said to
 prove him : for he himself knew what
 7 he would do. Philip answered him,
 Two hundred ⁴pennyworth of ⁵bread
 is not sufficient for them, that every
 8 one may take a little. One of his dis-
 ciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother,
 9 saith unto him, There is a lad here,
 which hath five barley loaves, and two
 fishes : but what are these among so
 10 many ? Jesus said, Make the people
 sit down. Now there was much grass
 in the place. So the men sat down, in
 11 number about five thousand. Jesus
 therefore took the loaves ; and having
 given thanks, he distributed to them
 that were set down ; likewise also of
 12 the fishes as much as they would. And
 when they were filled, he saith unto
 his disciples, Gather up the broken
 pieces which remain over, that no-
 13 thing be lost. So they gathered them

up, and filled twelve baskets with
 broken pieces from the five barley
 loaves, which remained over unto them
 14 that had eaten. When therefore the
 people saw the ⁵sign which he did, they
 said, This is of a truth the prophet
 that cometh into the world.

15 Jesus therefore perceiving that they
 were about to come and take him by
 force, to make him king, withdrew
 again into the mountain himself alone.

16 And when evening came, his disciples
 17 went down unto the sea ; and they
 entered into a boat, and were going
 over the sea unto Capernaum. And it
 was now dark, and Jesus had not yet
 18 come to them. And the sea was rising
 by reason of a great wind that blew.

19 When therefore they had rowed about
 five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they
 behold Jesus walking on the sea, and
 drawing nigh unto the boat : and they
 20 were afraid. But he saith unto them,
 21 It is I ; be not afraid. They were
 willing therefore to receive him into
 the boat : and straightway the boat
 was at the land whither they were
 going.

22 On the morrow the multitude which
 stood on the other side of the sea saw
 that there was none other ⁶boat there,
 save one, and that Jesus entered not
 with his disciples into the boat, but *that*
 23 his disciples went away alone (howbeit
 there came ⁷boats from Tiberias nigh
 unto the place where they ate the
 bread after the Lord had given thanks) :

24 when the multitude therefore saw that
 Jesus was not there, neither his dis-
 ciples, they themselves got into the
 7 boats, and came to Capernaum, seek-
 ing Jesus.

25 And when they found him
 on the other side of the sea, they said
 unto him, Rabbi, when camest thou
 26 hither ? Jesus answered them and said,
 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek
 me, not because ye saw signs, but
 because ye ate of the loaves, and

27 were filled. Work not for the meat
 which perisheth, but for the meat
 which abideth unto eternal life, which
 the Son of man shall give unto you :

for him the Father, *even* God, hath
 28 sealed. They said therefore unto
 him, What must we do, that we may
 29 work the works of God ? Jesus an-
 swered and said unto them, This is the
 work of God, that ye believe on him

30 whom ⁸he hath sent. They said there-
 fore unto him, What then doest thou
 for a sign, that we may see, and be-

31 lieve thee ? what workest thou ? Our
 fathers ate the manna in the wilder-
 ness ; as it is written, He gave them
 32 bread out of heaven to eat. Jesus there-
 fore said unto them, Verily, verily, I
 say unto you, It was not Moses that
 gave you the bread out of heaven ; but
 my Father giveth you the true bread out

⁵ Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
signa.

⁶ Gr.
little
boats.

⁷ Gr.
little
boats.

⁸ Or.
he sent

¹ Or.
Search
the scrip-
tures

² Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
the only
one.

³ Gr.
loaves.

⁴ See
marginal
note on
Matt.
xviii. 28.

33 of heaven. For the bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven, 34 and giveth life unto the world. They said therefore unto him, Lord, ever- 35 more give us this bread. Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never 36 thirst. But I said unto you, that ye 37 have seen me, and yet believe not. All that which the Father giveth me shall come unto me; and him that cometh 38 to me I will in no wise cast out. For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him 39 that sent me. And this is the will of him that sent me, that of all that which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the 40 last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life; and ¹ I will raise him up at the last day.

¹ Or, that I should raise him up

41 The Jews therefore murmured concerning him, because he said, I am the bread which came down out of heaven. 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how doth he now say, I am 43 come down out of heaven? Jesus answered and said unto them, Murmur 44 not among yourselves. No man can come to me, except the Father which sent me draw him: and I will raise 45 him up in the last day. It is written in the prophets, And they shall all be taught of God. Every one that hath heard from the Father, and hath learn- 46 ed, cometh unto me. Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he which is from God, he hath seen the Father. 47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that 48 believeth hath eternal life. I am the 49 bread of life. Your fathers did eat the manna in the wilderness, and they 50 died. This is the bread which cometh down out of heaven, that a man may 51 eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: yea and the bread which I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove one with another, saying, How can this man 53 give us his flesh to eat? Jesus therefore said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, 54 ye have not life in yourselves. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will 55 raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is ² meat indeed, and my 56 blood is ³ drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood 57 abideth in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live

² Or, true meat.
³ Or, true drink.

because of the Father; so he that eateth me, he also shall live because 58 of me. This is the bread which came down out of heaven: not as the fathers did eat, and died: he that eateth this bread shall live for ever. 59 These things said he in ⁴ the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

⁴ Or, a synagogue

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they heard ⁵ this, said, This is a 61 hard saying; who can hear ⁶ it? But Jesus knowing in himself that his disciples murmured at this, said unto them, Doth this cause you to stum- 62 ble? ⁷ What then if ye should behold the Son of man ascending where 63 he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken 64 unto you are spirit, and are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who it was that should betray 65 him. And he said, For this cause have I said unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it be given unto him of the Father.

⁵ Or, him

66 Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Jesus said therefore unto the twelve, 68 Would ye also go away? Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou ⁸ hast the words of eternal 69 life. And we have believed and know that thou art the Holy One of God. 70 Jesus answered them, Did not I choose you the twelve, and one of you is a 71 devil? Now he spake of Judas the son of Simon Iscariot, for he it was that should betray him, ⁹ being one of the twelve.

⁸ Or, hast words

7 And after these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Judæa, because the Jews sought to kill him. 2 Now the feast of the Jews, the feast of 3 tabernacles, was at hand. His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judæa, that thy disciples also may behold thy works which 4 thou doest. For no man doeth anything in secret, ¹⁰ and himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou doest these things, manifest thyself to the 5 world. For even his brethren did not 6 believe on him. Jesus therefore saith unto them, My time is not yet come; 7 but your time is always ready. The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that its works 8 are evil. Go ye up unto the feast: I go not up ¹¹ yet unto this feast; because 9 my time is not yet fulfilled. And having said these things unto them, he abode ¹² still in Galilee.

¹⁰ Some ancient authorities thus read and seeketh it to be known openly.

¹¹ Many ancient authorities thus omit yet.

10 But when his brethren were gone up unto the feast, then went he also up, not publicly, but as it were in 11 secret. The Jews therefore sought him at the feast, and said, Where is

12 he? And there was much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him: some said, He is a good man; others said, Not so, but he leadeth the multitude astray. Howbeit no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

14 But when it was now the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. The Jews therefore marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? Jesus therefore answered them, and said, My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me. If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it be of God, or whether I speak from myself. He that speaketh from himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh the glory of him that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you doeth the law? Why seek ye to kill me?

20 The multitude answered, Thou hast a devil: who seeketh to kill thee? Jesus answered and said unto them, I did one work, and ye all marvel. For this cause hath Moses given you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers); and on the sabbath ye circumsise a man. If a man receiveth circumcision on the sabbath, that the law of Moses may not be broken; are ye wroth with me, because I made a man every whit whole on the sabbath? Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgement.

25 Some therefore of them of Jerusalem said, Is not this he whom they seek to kill? And lo, he speaketh openly, and they say nothing unto him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is the Christ? Howbeit we know this man whence he is: but when the Christ cometh, no one knoweth whence he is. Jesus therefore cried in the temple, teaching and saying, Ye both know me, and know whence I am; and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. I know him; because I am from him, and he sent me. They sought therefore to take him: and no man laid his hand on him, because his hour was not yet come. But of the multitude many believed on him; and they said, When the Christ shall come, will he do more signs than those which this man hath done? The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to take him.

38 Jesus therefore said, Yet a little while am I with you, and I go unto him that sent me. Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, ye cannot come. The Jews therefore said among themselves, Whither will this man go that we shall not find him? will he go

unto the Dispersion^a among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? What is this word that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, ye cannot come?

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: ⁴for the Spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified. Some of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, said, This is of a truth the prophet. Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, What, doth the Christ come out of Galilee? Hath not the scripture said that the Christ cometh of the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was? So there arose a division in the multitude because of him. And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

45 The officers therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why did ye not bring him? The officers answered, Never man so spake. The Pharisees therefore answered them, Are ye also led astray? Hath any of the rulers believed on him, or of the Pharisees? But this multitude which knoweth not the law are accursed. Nicodemus saith unto them (he that came to him before, being one of them), Doth our law judge a man, except it first hear from himself and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and ⁵see that out of Galilee ariseth no prophet.

58 ⁶[And they went every man unto his own house: but Jesus went unto the mount of Olives. And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them. And the scribes and the Pharisees bring a woman taken in adultery; and having set her in the midst, they say unto him, Master, this woman hath been taken in adultery, in the very act. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such: what then sayest thou of her? And this they said, ⁷tempting him, that they might have whereof to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground. But when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he

³ Gr. of.

⁴ Some ancient authorities read for the Holy Spirit was not yet given.

¹ Gr. demon.

² Or, *me read because of this. Moses hath given you circumcision*

⁵ Or, *see that out of Galilee etc.*

⁶ Most of the ancient authorities omit John vii. 53-viii. 11. Those which contain it vary much from each other.

⁷ Or, Teacher

⁸ Or, trying

stooped down, and with his finger wrote
9 on the ground. And they, when they
heard it, went out one by one, begin-
ning from the eldest, *even* unto the last:
and Jesus was left alone, and the wo-
man, where she was, in the midst.
10 And Jesus lifted up himself, and said
unto her, Woman, where are they? did
11 no man condemn thee? And she said,
No man, Lord. And Jesus said, Neither
do I condemn thee: go thy way; from
henceforth sin no more.]

12 Again therefore Jesus spake unto
them, saying, I am the light of the
world: he that followeth me shall not
walk in the darkness, but shall have the
13 light of life. The Pharisees therefore
said unto him, Thou bearest witness of
14 thyself; thy witness is not true. Jesus
answered and said unto them, Even if I
bear witness of myself, my witness is
true; for I know whence I came, and
whither I go; but ye know not whence
15 I come, or whither I go. Ye judge
16 after the flesh; I judge no man. Yea
and if I judge, my judgement is true;
for I am not alone, but I and the Father
17 that sent me. Yea and in your law it
is written, that the witness of two men
18 is true. I am he that beareth witness
of myself, and the Father that sent me
19 beareth witness of me. They said there-
fore unto him, Where is thy Father?
Jesus answered, Ye know neither me,
nor my Father: if ye knew me, ye
20 would know my Father also. These
words spake he in the treasury, as he
taught in the temple: and no man took
him; because his hour was not yet come.
21 He said therefore again unto them, I
go away, and ye shall seek me, and shall
die in your sin: whither I go, ye cannot
22 come. The Jews therefore said, Will
he kill himself, that he saith, Whither
23 I go, ye cannot come? And he said
unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am
from above: ye are of this world; I
24 am not of this world. I said therefore
unto you, that ye shall die in your sins:
for except ye believe that I am *he*,
25 ye shall die in your sins. They said
therefore unto him, Who art thou?
Jesus said unto them, ² Even that which
I have also spoken unto you from the
26 beginning. I have many things to
speak and to judge concerning you:
howbeit he that sent me is true; and
the things which I heard from him,
27 these speak I ³ unto the world. They
perceived not that he spake to them of
28 the Father. Jesus therefore said, When
ye have lifted up the Son of man, then
shall ye know that ⁴ I am *he*, and that
I do nothing of myself, but as the
Father taught me, I speak these things.
29 And he that sent me is with me;

he hath not left me alone; for I do
always the things that are pleasing to
30 him. As he spake these things, many
believed on him.

31 Jesus therefore said to those Jews
which had believed him, If ye abide in
my word, *then* are ye truly my disciples;
32 and ye shall know the truth, and the
33 truth shall make you free. They an-
swered unto him, We be Abraham's
seed, and have never yet been in bond-
age to any man: how sayest thou, Ye
34 shall be made free? Jesus answered
them, Verily, verily, I say unto you,
Every one that committeth sin is the
35 bondservant of sin. And the bondservant
abideth not in the house for ever:
36 the son abideth for ever. If therefore
the Son shall make you free, ye shall be
37 free indeed. I know that ye are Abra-
ham's seed; yet ye seek to kill me, be-
cause my word ⁵ hath not free course in
38 you. I speak the things which I have
seen with ⁶ my Father: and ye also do
the things which ye heard from *your*
39 father. They answered and said unto
him, Our father is Abraham. Jesus
saith unto them, If ye ⁷ were Abraham's
children, ⁸ ye would do the works of
40 Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me,
a man that hath told you the truth,
which I heard from God: this did not
41 Abraham. Ye do the works of your
father. They said unto him, We were
not born of fornication; we have one
42 Father, *even* God. Jesus said unto
them, If God were your Father, ye
would love me: for I came forth and
am come from God; for neither have
43 I come of myself, but he sent me. Why
do ye not ⁹ understand my speech? *Even*
because ye cannot hear my word.
44 Ye are of your father the devil, and
the lusts of your father it is your will to
do. He was a murderer from the be-
ginning, and ¹⁰ stood not in the truth,
because there is no truth in him. ¹¹ When
he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his
own: for he is a liar, and the father
45 thereof. But because I say the truth,
46 ye believe me not. Which of you con-
victeth me of sin? If I say truth, why
47 do ye not believe me? He that is of God
heareth the words of God: for this
cause ye hear *them* not, because ye are
48 not of God. The Jews answered and
said unto him, Say we not well that thou
art a Samaritan, and hast a ¹² devil?
49 Jesus answered, I have not a ¹³ devil;
but I honour my Father, and ye dis-
50 honour me. But I seek not mine own
glory: there is one that seeketh and
51 judgeth. Verily, verily, I say unto you,
If a man keep my word, he shall never
52 see death. The Jews said unto him,
Now we know that thou hast a ¹⁴ devil.
Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and
thou sayest, If a man keep my word, he
53 shall never taste of death. Art thou

¹ Or, I
am

² Or, How is it
that I
even
speak to
you at
all?

³ Gr.
into.

⁴ Or, I
am
Or, I am
he; and
I do

⁵ Or, hath no
place in
you
⁶ Or, the
Father
do ye
also
therefrom
the
things
which ye
heard
from the
Father.
⁷ Gr. are
⁸ Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
ye do the
works of
Abraham.

⁹ Or,
know

¹⁰ Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
stand-
eth.

¹¹ Or, When
one
speaketh
a lie, he
speaketh
of his
own: for
his father
also is a
liar.

¹² Gr.
demon.

greater than our father Abraham, which is dead? and the prophets are dead: 54 whom makest thou thyself? Jesus answered, If I glorify myself, my glory is nothing: it is my Father that glorifieth me; of whom ye say, that he is 55 your God; and ye have not known him: but I know him; and if I should say, I know him not, I shall be like unto you, a liar: but I know him, and 56 keep his word. Your father Abraham rejoiced¹ to see my day; and he saw 57 it, and was glad. The Jews therefore said unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham² was, I 59 am. They took up stones therefore to cast at him: but Jesus³ hid himself, and went out of the temple⁴.

9 And as he passed by, he saw a man⁵ blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, saying, Rabbi, who did sin, this man, or his parents, that he should 3 be born blind? Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made 4 manifest in him. We must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man 5 can work. When I am in the world, 6 I am the light of the world. When he had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, and made clay of the spittle, 7 and anointed his eyes with the clay, 7 and said unto him, Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which is by interpretation, Sent). He went away therefore, and 8 washed, and came seeing. The neighbours therefore, and they which saw him aforetime, that he was a beggar, said, Is not this he that sat and begged? 9 Others said, It is he: others said, No, but he is like him. He said, I am he.

10 They said therefore unto him, How 11 then were thine eyes opened? He answered, The man that is called Jesus made clay, and anointed mine eyes, and said unto me, Go to Siloam, and wash: so I went away and washed, 12 and I received sight. And they said unto him, Where is he? He saith, I know not.

13 They bring to the Pharisees him 14 that aforetime was blind. Now it was the sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes.

15 Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. And he said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and do 16 see. Some therefore of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God, because he keepeth not the sabbath. But others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such signs? And there was a 17 division among them. They say therefore unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, in that he opened

¹ Or, that he should see

² Gr. was born.

³ Or, was hidden, and went &c.

⁴ Many ancient authorities add and going through the midst of them went his way, and so passed by.

⁵ Or, and with the clay thereby anointed his eyes

thine eyes? And he said, He is a 18 prophet. The Jews therefore did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him that 19 had received his sight, and asked them, saying, Is this your son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he 20 now see? His parents answered and said, We know that this is our son, and 21 that he was born blind: but how he now seeth, we know not; or who opened his eyes, we know not: ask him; he is of age; he shall speak for himself.

22 These things said his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man should confess him to be Christ, he should be 23 put out of the synagogue. Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him.

24 So they called a second time the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give glory to God: we know that this man 25 is a sinner. He therefore answered, Whether he be a sinner, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was 26 blind, now I see. They said therefore unto him, What did he to thee? how 27 opened he thine eyes? He answered them, I told you even now, and ye did not hear: wherefore would ye hear it again? would ye also become his dis- 28 ciples? And they reviled him, and said, Thou art his disciple; but we are dis- 29 ciples of Moses. We know that God hath spoken unto Moses: but as for this man, we know not whence he is.

30 The man answered and said unto them, Why, herein is the marvel, that ye know not whence he is, and yet he opened 31 mine eyes. We know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and do his will, 32 him he heareth. Since the world began it was never heard that any one opened 33 the eyes of a man born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do 34 nothing. They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and finding him, he said, Dost 36 thou believe on⁶ the Son of God? He answered and said, And who is he, Lord, that I may believe on him? 37 Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and he it is that speaketh 38 with thee. And he said, Lord, I 39 believe. And he worshipped him. And Jesus said, For judgement came I into this world, that they which see may 40 become blind. Those of the Pharisees which were with him heard these things, and said unto him, Are we also blind? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye would have no sin: but now ye say, We see: your sin remaineth.

⁶ Many ancient authorities read the Son of man.

10 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. But he that entereth in by the door is ¹the shepherd of the sheep.

9 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth 4 them out. When he hath put forth all his own, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know 5 his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they 6 know not the voice of strangers. This ²parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Jesus therefore said unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am 8 the door of the sheep. All that came before me are thieves and robbers: but 9 the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go 10 out, and shall find pasture. The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have life, and may ³have it 11 abundantly. I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his life 12 for the sheep. He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, beholdeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth, and the wolf snatcheth them, 13 and scattereth them: *he fleeth* because he is a hireling, and careth not for the 14 sheep. I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know 15 me, even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down 16 my life for the sheep. And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must ⁴bring, and they shall hear my voice; and ⁵they shall become one 17 flock, one shepherd. Therefore doth the Father love me, because I lay down 18 my life, that I may take it again. No one ⁶taketh it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have ⁷power to lay it down, and I have ⁷power to take it again. This commandment received I from my Father.

19 There arose a division again among 20 the Jews because of these words. And many of them said, He hath a ⁸devil, 21 and is mad; why hear ye him? Others said, These are not the sayings of one possessed with a ⁸devil. Can a ⁸devil open the eyes of the blind?

22 ⁹And it was the feast of the dedication at Jerusalem: it was winter; 23 and Jesus was walking in the temple 24 in Solomon's porch. The Jews therefore came round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou hold us in suspense? If thou art the 25 Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered

them, I told you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in my Father's 26 name, these bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of 27 my sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand.

29 ¹⁰My Father, which hath given *them* unto me, is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch ¹¹them out of the 30 Father's hand. I and the Father are 31 one. The Jews took up stones again 32 to stone him. Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from the Father; for which of those 33 works do ye stone me? The Jews answered him, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, 34 makest thyself God. Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I 35 said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), 36 say ye of him, whom the Father ¹²sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am *the* 37 Son of God? If I do not the works of 38 my Father, believe me not. But if I do them, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know and understand that the Father is in me, and I in 39 the Father. They sought again to take him: and he went forth out of their hand.

40 And he went away again beyond Jordan into the place where John was at the 41 first baptizing; and there he abode. And many came unto him; and they said, John indeed did no sign: but all things whatsoever John spake of this man were 42 true. And many believed on him there.

11 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, of the village of Mary and 2 her sister Martha. And it was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.

3 The sisters therefore sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom thou 4 lovest is sick. But when Jesus heard it, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of 5 God may be glorified thereby. Now Jesus loved Martha, and her sister, and 6 Lazarus. When therefore he heard that he was sick, he abode at that time two days in the place where he was.

7 Then after this he saith to the disciples, 8 Let us go into Judaea again. The disciples say unto him, Rabbi, the Jews were but now seeking to stone thee; and 9 goest thou thither again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If a man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the 10 light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, be-

¹ Or, a shepherd

² Or, proverb

³ Or, have abundance

⁴ Or, lead
⁵ Or, there shall be one flock

⁶ Some ancient authorities read took it away.
⁷ Or, right

⁸ Or, demon.

⁹ Some ancient authorities read At that time was the feast.

¹⁰ Some ancient authorities read That which my Father hath given unto me.
¹¹ Or, might

¹² Or, sanctified

11 cause the light is not in him. These things spake he: and after this he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus is fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. The disciples therefore said unto him, Lord, if he is fallen asleep, he will recover. Now Jesus had spoken of his death: but they thought that he spake of taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus therefore said unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him.

12 Thomas therefore, who is called ²Didymus, said unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

13 So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off; and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met him: but Mary still sat in the house. Martha therefore said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. And even now I know that, whatsoever thou shalt ask of God, God will give thee. Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall never die. Believest thou this? She saith unto him, Yea, Lord: I have believed that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, *even* he that cometh into the world. And when she had said this, she went away, and called Mary ³her sister secretly, saying, The Master is here, and calleth thee.

29 And she, when she heard it, arose quickly, and went unto him. (Now Jesus was not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met him.) The Jews then which were with her in the house, and were comforting her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going unto the tomb to weep there. Mary therefore, when she came where Jesus was, and saw him, fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled, and said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. The Jews therefore said, Behold how he loved him! But some of them said, Could

not this man, which opened the eyes of him that was blind, have caused that this man also should not die? Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. Jesus saith, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days.

40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou believedst, thou shouldst see the glory of God? So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hearest me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the multitude which standeth around I said it, that they may believe that thou didst send me.

43 And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Many therefore of the Jews, which came to Mary and beheld that which he did, believed on him. But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

47 The chief priests therefore and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many signs. If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation. But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, nor do ye take account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. Now this he said not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for the nation; and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God that are scattered abroad. So from that day forth they took counsel that they might put him to death.

54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but departed thence into the country near to the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there he tarried with the disciples. Now the passover of the Jews was at hand: and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the passover, to purify themselves. They sought therefore for Jesus, and spake one with another, as they stood in the temple, What think ye? That he will not come to the feast?

57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given commandment, that, if any man knew where he was, he should shew it, that they might take him.

¹ Gr. he moved.

² That is, Twin.

³ Or, her sister, saying secretly.
⁴ Or, Teacher

⁵ Gr. weail.

⁶ Gr. weeping.
⁷ Or, was moved with indignation in the spirit.
⁸ Gr. troubled himself.

⁹ Or, being moved with indignation in himself; or, upon

¹¹ Or, grave-bands

¹² Many ancient authorities read the things which he did.

12 Jesus therefore six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead. So they made him a supper there: and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at meat with him. Mary therefore took a pound of ointment of ¹spikenard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, which should betray him, saith, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred ²pence, and given to the poor? Now this he said, not because he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and having the ³bag ⁴took away what was put therein.

7 Jesus therefore said, ⁵Suffer her to keep it against the day of my burying. For the poor ye have always with you; but me ye have not always.

9 The common people therefore of the Jews learned that he was there: and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus also to death; because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

12 On the morrow ⁶a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel. And Jesus, having found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. The multitude therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, bare witness. For this cause also the multitude went and met him, for that they heard that he had done this sign. The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, ⁷Behold how ye prevail nothing: lo, the world is gone after him.

20 Now there were certain Greeks among those that went up to worship at the feast: these therefore came to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: Andrew cometh, and Philip, and they tell Jesus. And Jesus answereth them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a grain of wheat fall into the earth and die, it abideth by itself alone; but if it die, it beareth much fruit. He that loveth his ⁸life loseth it; and he that hateth his ⁹life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will the Father honour. Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this ¹⁰hour. But for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name. There came therefore a voice out of heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

29 The multitude therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it had thundered: others said, An angel hath spoken to him. Jesus answered and said, This voice hath not come for my sake, but for your sakes. Now is ¹¹the judgement of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up ¹²from the earth, will draw all men unto myself. But this he said, signifying by what manner of death he should die. The multitude therefore answered him, We have heard out of the law that the Christ abideth for ever: and how sayest thou, The Son of man must be lifted up? who is this Son of man? Jesus therefore said unto them, Yet a little while is the light ¹³among you. Walk while ye have the light, that darkness overtake you not: and he that walketh in the darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. While ye have the light, believe on the light, that ye may become sons of light.

These things spake Jesus, and he departed and ¹⁴hid himself from them.

37 But though he had done so many signs before them, yet they believed not on him: that the word of Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, which he spake,

Lord, who hath believed our report?
And to whom hath the arm of the Lord been revealed?

39 For this cause they could not believe, for that Isaiah said again,

40 He hath blinded their eyes, and he hardened their heart;
Lest they should see with their eyes,
and perceive with their heart,
And should turn,
And I should heal them.

41 These things said Isaiah, because he saw his glory; and he spake of him.

42 Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess ¹⁵it, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: for they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God.

44 And Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on

* Or, soul

* Or, hour

* Or, a Judge-ment

* Or, and of

* Or, do

* Or, unto hidden from them

* Or, him

45 me, but on him that sent me. And he that beareth me beareth him that
 46 sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in the darkness.
 47 And if any man hear my sayings, and keep them not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the
 49 same shall judge him in the last day. For I spake not from myself; but the Father which sent me, he hath given me a commandment, what I should say, and what
 50 I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life eternal: the things therefore which I speak, even as the Father hath said unto me, so I speak.
 13 Now before the feast of the passover, Jesus knowing that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them
 2¹ unto the end. And during supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray
 3 him, Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God, and goeth unto
 4 God, riseth from supper, and layeth aside his garments; and he took a towel, and girded himself. Then he poureth water into the bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with
 6 the towel wherewith he was girded. So he cometh to Simon Peter. He saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?
 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but
 8 thou shalt understand hereafter. Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.
 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and
 10 my head. Jesus saith to him, He that is bathed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye
 11 are clean, but not all. For he knew him that should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.
 12 So when he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and sat down again, he said unto them, Know ye
 13 what I have done to you? Ye call me, Master, and, Lord: and ye say well;
 14 for so I am. If I then, the Lord and the Master, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another's
 15 feet. For I have given you an example, that ye also should do as I have done
 16 to you. Verily, verily, I say unto you, A servant is not greater than his lord; neither one that is sent greater than
 17 he that sent him. If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them.
 18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I have chosen: but that the scripture

may be fulfilled, He that eateth my bread lifted up his heel against me.
 19 From henceforth I tell you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he.
 20 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.
 21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in the spirit, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that
 22 one of you shall betray me. The disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom
 23 he spake. There was at the table reclining in Jesus' bosom one of his disciples,
 24 whom Jesus loved. Simon Peter therefore beckoneth to him, and saith unto him, Tell us who it is of whom he speak-
 25 eth. He leaning back, as he was, on Jesus' breast saith unto him, Lord, who
 26 is it? Jesus therefore answereth, He it is, for whom I shall dip the sop, and give it him. So when he had dipped the sop, he taketh and giveth it to Judas, the
 27 son of Simon Iscariot. And after the sop, then entered Satan into him. Jesus therefore saith unto him, Man, that thou
 28 doest, do quickly. Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this
 29 unto him. For some thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus said unto him, Buy what things we have need of for the feast; or, that he should give
 30 something to the poor. He then having received the sop went out straightway: and it was night.
 31 When therefore he was gone out, Jesus saith, Now ¹¹ is the Son of man glorified,
 32 and God ¹² is glorified in him; and God shall glorify him in himself, and straight-
 33 way shall he glorify him. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come;
 34 so now I say unto you. A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; ¹³ even as I have loved you,
 35 that ye also love one another. By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.
 36 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow afterwards.
 37 Peter saith unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee even now? I will lay down
 38 my life for thee. Jesus answereth, Wilt thou lay down thy life for me? Verily, verily, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.
 14 Let not your heart be troubled: ¹⁴ ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.
 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there

1 Or, to the supper

1 Some ancient authorities omit and his feet.

2 Or, reclined.

4 Or, Teacher

5 Or, servant.
6 Or, an apostle.

7 Or, chosen

8 Many ancient authorities read his bread with me.
9 Or, I am

10 Or, bag

11 Or, was

12 Or, even as I loved you, that ye also may love one another

13 Or, believe in God
14 Or, abiding places

¹ Many ancient authorities read *And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.*
² Or, *through*

4 ye may be also. ¹And whither I go, ye
5 know the way. Thomas saith unto him,
Lord, we know not whither thou goest;
6 how know we the way? Jesus saith un-
to him, I am the way, and the truth, and
the life: no one cometh unto the Father,
7 but ²by me. If ye had known me, ye
would have known my Father also: from
henceforth ye know him, and have seen
8 him. Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew
9 us the Father, and it sufficeth us. Jesus
saith unto him, Have I been so long
time with you, and dost thou not know
me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath
seen the Father; how sayest thou, Shew
10 us the Father? Believest thou not that
I am in the Father, and the Father in
me? the words that I say unto you I
speak not from myself: but the Father
11 abiding in me doeth his works. Believe
me that I am in the Father, and the
Father in me: or else believe me for the
12 very works' sake. Verily, verily, I say
unto you, He that believeth on me, the
works that I do shall he do also; and
greater works than these shall he do;
13 because I go unto the Father. And what-
soever ye shall ask in my name, that
will I do, that the Father may be glori-
14 fied in the Son. If ye shall ask ³me any-
15 thing in my name, that will I do. If ye
love me, ye will keep my command-
16 ments. And I will ⁴pray the Father, and
he shall give you another ⁵Comforter,
17 that he may be with you for ever, *even*
the Spirit of truth: whom the world can-
not receive; for it beareth him not,
neither knoweth him: ye know him; for
he abideth with you, and shall be in you.
18 I will not leave you ⁶desolate: I come
19 unto you. Yet a little while, and the
world beareth me no more; but ye be-
hold me: because I live, ⁷ye shall live
20 also. In that day ye shall know that I
am in my Father, and ye in me, and I
21 in you. He that hath my command-
ments, and keepeth them, he it is that
loveth me: and he that loveth me shall
be loved of my Father, and I will love
him, and will manifest myself unto him.
22 Judas (not Iscariot) saith unto him,
Lord, what is come to pass that thou
wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not
23 unto the world? Jesus answered and
said unto him, If a man love me, he will
keep my word: and my Father will
love him, and we will come unto him,
24 and make our abode with him. He
that loveth me not keepeth not my
words: and the word which ye hear
is not mine, but the Father's who
sent me.
25 These things have I spoken unto you,
26 while yet abiding with you. But the
⁸Comforter, *even* the Holy Spirit, whom
the Father will send in my name, he
shall teach you all things, and bring to
your remembrance all that I said unto
27 you. Peace I leave with you; my peace

³ Many ancient authorities omit *me.*
⁴ Or, *make request of*
⁵ Or, *Advocate*
⁶ Or, *Helper*
⁷ Or, *Paraclete.*
⁸ Or, *orphans*

⁷ Or, *and ye shall live*

I give unto you: not as the world giveth,
give I unto you. Let not your heart be
troubled, neither let it be fearful. Ye
28 heard how I said to you, I go away, and
I come unto you. If ye loved me, ye
would have rejoiced, because I go unto
the Father: for the Father is greater
29 than I. And now I have told you before
it come to pass, that, when it is come to
30 pass, ye may believe. I will no more
speak much with you, for the prince
of the world cometh: and he hath no-
31 thing in me; but that the world may
know that I love the Father, and
as the Father gave me command-
ment, even so I do. Arise, let us go
hence.
15 I am the true vine, and my Father is
2 the husbandman. Every branch in me
that beareth not fruit, *ne* taketh it away:
and every branch that beareth fruit, he
cleanseth it, that it may bear more
3 fruit. Already ye are clean because of
the word which I have spoken unto you.
4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the
branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except
it abide in the vine; so neither can ye,
5 except ye abide in me. I am the vine,
ye are the branches: He that abideth in
me, and I in him, the same beareth
much fruit: for apart from me ye can
6 do nothing. If a man abide not in me,
he is cast forth as a branch, and is
withered; and they gather them, and
cast them into the fire, and they are
7 burned. If ye abide in me, and my
words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye
will, and it shall be done unto you.
8 Herein ⁹is my Father glorified, ⁹that
ye bear much fruit; and so shall ye be
9 my disciples. Even as the Father hath
loved me, I also have loved you: abide
10 ye in my love. If ye keep my command-
ments, ye shall abide in my love; even
as I have kept my Father's command-
11 ments, and abide in his love. These
things have I spoken unto you, that
my joy may be in you, and *that* your
12 joy may be fulfilled. This is my com-
mandment, that ye love one another,
13 even as I have loved you. Greater love
hath no man than this, that a man lay
14 down his life for his friends. Ye are
my friends, if ye do the things which I
15 command you. No longer do I call you
¹⁰servants; for the ¹¹servant knoweth
not what his lord doeth: but I have called
you friends; for all things that I
heard from my Father I have made
16 known unto you. Ye did not choose
me, but I chose you, and appointed
you, that ye should go and bear fruit,
and *that* your fruit should abide: that
whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father
17 in my name, he may give it you. These
things I command you, that ye may
18 love one another. If the world hateth
you, ¹²ye know that it hath hated
19 me before it *hated* you. If ye were

⁹ Or, *and*
¹⁰ Many ancient authorities read *that ye bear much fruit, and so shall ye be my disciples.*

¹⁰ Or, *bond-servants*
¹¹ Or, *bond-servants*

¹² Or, *know ye*

1 Gr.
bened.
servant.

2 Or,
Adorate
Or,
Helper
Gr. Pa-
racles.
3 Or,
with
forth
from
4 Or, and
bear ye
also
witness

of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, A ¹servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me. If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no excuse for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. But *this cometh to pass*, that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. But when the ²Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which ³proceedeth from the Father, he will bear witness of me: ⁴and ye also bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning. These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be made to stumble. They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you shall think that he offereth service unto God. And these things will they do, because they have not known the Father, nor me. But these things have I spoken unto you, that when their hour is come, ye may remember them, how that I told you. And these things I said not unto you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I go unto him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? But because I have spoken these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the ²Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send him unto you. And he, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgement: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye behold me no more; of judgement, because the prince of this world hath been judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he shall guide you into all the truth: for he shall not speak from himself; but what things soever he shall hear, these shall he speak: and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come. He shall glorify me: for he shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you. All things whatsoever

the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he taketh of mine, and shall declare it unto you. A little while, and ye behold me no more; and again a little while, and ye shall see me. Some of his disciples therefore said one to another, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye behold me not; and again a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? They said therefore, What is this that he saith, A little while? We know not what he saith. Jesus perceived that they were desirous to ask him, and he said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, A little while, and ye behold me not, and again a little while, and ye shall see me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but when she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for the joy that a man is born into the world. And ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you. And in that day ye shall ⁵ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, If ye shall ask anything of the Father, he will give it you in my name. Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be fulfilled. These things have I spoken unto you in ⁶parables: the hour cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in ⁶parables, but shall tell you plainly of the Father. In that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will ⁷pray the Father for you; for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go unto the Father. His disciples say, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest not ⁸in parables. Now know we that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? Behold, the hour cometh, yea, is come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the Father is with me. These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. These things spake Jesus; and lifting up his eyes to heaven, he said, Father, the hour is come; glorify

5 Or, ask
me no
question

6 Or,
parables

7 Gr.
make re-
quest of.

8 Or,
parable

thy Son, that the Son may glorify thee: 2 even as thou gavest him authority over all flesh, that whatsoever thou hast given him, to them he should give eternal life. And this is life eternal, that they should know thee the only true God, and him whom thou didst send, 4 even Jesus Christ. I glorified thee on the earth, having accomplished the work which thou hast given me to do. 5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I 6 had with thee before the world was. I manifested thy name unto the men whom thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them to me; and they have kept thy word. 7 Now they know that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are from thee: 8 for the words which thou gavest me I have given unto them; and they received them, and knew of a truth that I came forth from thee, and they believed that thou didst send me. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for those whom thou hast given me; for they are thine: and all things that are mine are thine, and thine are mine: and I am glorified in them. 11 And I am no more in the world, and these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that 12 they may be one, even as we are. While I was with them, I kept them in thy name which thou hast given me: and I guarded them, and not one of them perished, but the son of perdition; that 13 the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I come to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they may 14 have my joy fulfilled in themselves. I have given them thy word; and the world hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the 15 world. I pray not that thou shouldst take them from the world, but that thou shouldst keep them from the 16 evil one. They are not of the world, 17 even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou didst send me into the world, 19 even so send I them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified 20 in truth. Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on 21 me through their word; that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe 22 that thou didst send me. And the glory which thou hast given me I have given unto them; that they may be one, even 23 as we are one; I in them, and thou in me, that they may be perfected into one; that the world may know that thou didst send me, and lovedst them, 24 even as thou lovedst me. Father, that

which thou hast given me, I will that, where I am, they also may be with me; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the 25 world. O righteous Father, the world knew thee not, but I knew thee; and these knew that thou didst send me; 26 and I made known unto them thy name, and will make it known; that the love wherewith thou lovedst me may be in them, and I in them.

18 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Kidron, where was a garden, into the which he entered, himself 2 and his disciples. Now Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oft-times resorted thither 3 with his disciples. Judas then, having received the band of soldiers, and officers from the chief priests and the Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns 4 and torches and weapons. Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon him, went forth, and saith 5 unto them, Whom seek ye? They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, which betrayed him, was standing 6 with them. When therefore he said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground. Again 7 therefore he asked them, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. 8 Jesus answered, I told you that I am he: if therefore ye seek me, let these 9 go their way: that the word might be fulfilled which he spake. Of those whom thou hast given me I lost not one. 10 Simon Peter therefore having a sword drew it, and struck the high priest's servant, and cut off his right ear. Now 11 the servant's name was Malchus. Jesus therefore said unto Peter, Put up the sword into the sheath: the cup which the Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

12 So the band and the chief captain, and the officers of the Jews, seized Jesus 13 and bound him, and led him to Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, which was high priest that year. 14 Now Caiaphas was he which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known unto the high priest, and entered in with Jesus into the court of the high priest; 16 but Peter was standing at the door without. So the other disciple, which was known unto the high priest, went out and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in 17 Peter. The maid therefore that kept the door saith unto Peter, Art thou

1 Gr. make request.

2 Gr. out of.
3 Or, evil

4 Or, Consecrate

5 Many ancient authorities read those whom.

4 Or. receive
Gr. winter resorted.
5 Or. of the Children
6 Or. cohort

8 Gr. bound servant.

10 Gr. military prefect
Gr. chief arch.

¹ Gr. *bond-servants.*
² Gr. *a fire of charcoal.*

³ Gr. *synagogue.*

⁴ Or, *with a rod*

⁵ Gr. *Procurator.*

⁶ Or, *officers:*
 as in ver. 3, 13, 22.

⁷ Or, *Thou art yet it, because I am a king.*

⁸ Or, *with rods*

⁹ Or, *authority*

¹⁰ Or, *opposite Caesar*

also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. Now the ¹servants and the officers were standing *there*, having made ²a fire of coals; for it was cold; and they were warming themselves: and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

19 The high priest therefore asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his teaching.

20 Jesus answered him, I have spoken openly to the world; I ever taught in ³synagogues, and in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and in

21 secret spake I nothing. Why askest thou me? ask them that have heard me, what I spake unto them: behold, these

22 know the things which I said. And when he had said this, one of the officers standing by struck Jesus ⁴with his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high

23 priest so? Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me?

24 Annas therefore sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore unto him, Art thou also one of his disciples? He denied, and said, I am not.

26 One of the ¹servants of the high priest, being a kinsman of him whose ear Peter cut off, saith, Did not I see thee

27 in the garden with him? Peter therefore denied again: and straightway the cock crew.

28 They lead Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the ⁶palace: and it was early; and they themselves entered not into the ⁶palace, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover.

29 Pilate therefore went out unto them, and saith, What accusation bring ye

30 against this man? They answered and said unto him, If this man were not an evil-doer, we should not have delivered

31 him up unto thee. Pilate therefore said unto them, Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law. The Jews said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death:

32 that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should die.

33 Pilate therefore entered again into the ⁶palace, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the

34 Jews? Jesus answered, Sayest thou this of thyself, or did others tell it thee

35 concerning me? Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests delivered thee unto

36 me: what hast thou done? Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my ⁶servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom

37 not from hence. Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus

answered, ⁷Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the

38 truth heareth my voice. Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find no crime in him.

39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover: will ye therefore that I release unto

40 you the King of the Jews? They cried out therefore again, saying, Not this man, but Barabbas. Now Barabbas was a robber.

19 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. And the soldiers plaited a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple

8 garment; and they came unto him, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they

4 struck him ⁸with their hands. And Pilate went out again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him out to you, that ye may know that I find no crime

5 in him. Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And Pilate saith unto

6 them, Behold, the man! When therefore the chief priests and the officers saw him, they cried out, saying, Crucify him, crucify him. Pilate saith

unto them, Take him yourselves, and crucify him: for I find no crime in him.

7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of

8 God. When Pilate therefore heard this saying, he was the more afraid;

9 and he entered into the ⁶palace again, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer.

10 Pilate therefore saith unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have ⁹power to release thee, and have ⁹power to crucify thee?

11 Jesus answered him, Thou wouldest have no ⁹power against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee

12 hath greater sin. Upon this Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou release this man, thou art not Caesar's friend: every one that maketh himself a king

13 ¹⁰speaketh against Caesar. When Pilate therefore heard these words, he brought Jesus out, and sat down on the judgment-seat at a place called The Pavement, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. Now it was about the sixth hour. And he saith unto the Jews, Behold, your King!

15 They therefore cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him. Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered,

16 We have no king but Cæsar. Then therefore he delivered him unto them to be crucified.

17 They took Jesus therefore: and he went out, bearing the cross for himself, unto the place called The place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew

18 Golgotha: where they crucified him, and with him two others, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. And Pilate wrote a title also, and put it on the cross. And there was written,

JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE

20 JEWS. This title therefore read many of the Jews: ^{1 Or, for the place of the city where Jesus was crucified was nigh at hand} 'For the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city: and it was written in Hebrew, and in

21 Latin, and in Greek. The chief priests of the Jews therefore said to Pilate, Write not, The King of the Jews; but, that he said, I am King of the Jews.

22 Pilate answered, What I have written I have written.

23 The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments, and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the ^{2 Or, tunic} ²coat: now the ³coat was without seam, woven from the top

24 throughout. They said therefore one to another, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, which saith, They parted my garments among them,

And upon my vesture did they cast lots. These things therefore the soldiers

25 did. But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of

26 Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Wo-

27 man, behold, thy son! Then saith he to the disciple, Behold, thy mother! And from that hour the disciple took her unto his own home.

28 After this Jesus, knowing that all things are now finished, that the scripture might be accomplished, saith, I

29 thirst. There was set there a vessel full of vinegar: so they put a sponge full of the vinegar upon hyssop, and brought it

30 to his mouth. When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up his spirit.

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain on the cross upon the sabbath (for the day of that sabbath was a high

32 day), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might

32 be taken away. The soldiers therefore came, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other which was crucified

33 with him: but when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead

34 already, they brake not his legs: how-

beit one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and straightway there

35 came out blood and water. And he that hath seen hath borne witness, and his witness is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye also may be-

36 lieve. For these things came to pass, that the scripture might be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be ^{3 Or, crucified} broken.

37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look on him whom they pierced.

38 And after these things Joseph of Arimathea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took

39 away his body. And there came also Nicodemus, he who at the first came to him by night, bringing a 'mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pound

40 weight. So they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to

41 bury. Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb wherein was never

42 man yet laid. There then because of the Jews' Preparation (for the tomb was nigh at hand) they laid Jesus.

20 Now on the first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, while it was yet dark, unto the tomb, and seeth the stone taken away from the tomb.

2 She runneth therefore, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple, whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them. They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they

3 have laid him. Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they

4 went toward the tomb. And they ran both together: and the other disciple outran Peter, and came first to the

5 tomb; and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths lying; yet entered

6 he not in. Simon Peter therefore also cometh, following him, and entered into the tomb; and he beholdeth the linen

7 cloths lying, and the napkin, that was upon his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in a place by itself.

8 Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, which came first to the tomb, and he saw, and believed. For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he

10 must rise again from the dead. So the disciples went away again unto their own home.

11 But Mary was standing without at the tomb weeping: so, as she wept, she

12 stooped and looked into the tomb; and she beholdeth two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain.

13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they

3 Or, crucified

4 Some ancient authorities read: the road roll.

1 Or, for the place of the city where Jesus was crucified was nigh at hand

2 Or, tunic

14 have laid him. When she had thus said, she turned herself back, and beholdeth Jesus standing, and knew
 15 not that it was Jesus. Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seekest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and
 16 I will take him away. Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turneth herself, and saith unto him in Hebrew, *Rabboni*;
 17 which is to say, ¹Master. Jesus saith to her, ²Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended unto the Father: but go unto my brethren, and say to them, I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and my God and your God. Mary Magdalene cometh and telleth the disciples, I have seen the Lord; and *how* that he had said these things unto her.
 19 When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first *day* of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace *be* unto you. And when he had said this, he shewed unto them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad,
 21 when they saw the Lord. Jesus therefore said to them again, Peace *be* unto you: as the Father hath sent me,
 22 even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the ³Holy Ghost: whose soever sins ye forgive, they are forgiven unto them; whose soever *sins* ye retain, they are retained.
 24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called ⁴Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.
 26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace *be* unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach *hither* thy hand, and put it into my side: and
 28 be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord
 29 and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Because thou hast seen me, ⁵thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed.
 30 Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the presence of the disciples, which
 31 are not written in this book: but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name.

21 After these things Jesus manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and he manifested *himself* on this wise. There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called ⁶Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the *sons* of Zebedee, and 3 two other of his disciples. Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also come with thee. They went forth, and entered into the boat; and that night they took nothing. But when day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach: howbeit the disciples knew not that
 5 it was Jesus. Jesus therefore saith unto them, Children, have ye aught to eat? They answered him, No. And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the
 7 multitude of fishes. That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. So when Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he girt his coat about him (for he was naked), and cast himself into the sea. But the other disciples came in the little boat (for they were not far from the land, but about two hundred cubits off),
 9 dragging the net *full* of fishes. So when they got out upon the land, they see ⁶a fire of coals there, and ⁷fish
 10 laid thereon, and ⁸bread. Jesus saith unto them, Bring of the fish which ye
 11 have now taken. Simon Peter therefore went ⁹up, and drew the net to land, full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty and three: and for all there were so
 12 many, the net was not rent. Jesus saith unto them, Come *and* break your fast. And none of the disciples durst inquire of him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. Jesus cometh, and taketh the ¹⁰bread, and giveth them, and the fish likewise.
 14 This is now the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.
 15 So when they had broken their fast, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of ¹¹John, ¹²lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I ¹³love thee. He
 16 saith unto him, Feed my lambs. He saith to him again a second time, Simon, *son* of ¹¹John, ¹²lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I ¹³love thee. He saith unto him,
 17 Tend my sheep. He saith unto him the third time, Simon, *son* of ¹¹John, ¹²lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, ¹³Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou ¹⁴knowest that I ¹³love thee. Jesus saith unto him,
 18 Feed my sheep. Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou gird-

¹ Or, Teacher
² Or, Take not hold on me

³ Or, Holy Spirit

⁴ That is, Twin.

⁵ Or, Hast thou believed?

⁶ Or, a fire of charcoal.
⁷ Or, a fish
⁸ Or, a loaf
⁹ Or, aboard

¹⁰ Or, loaf

¹¹ Or, Joanes. See ch. i. 42, margin.
¹² Is Love in these places represents two different Greek words.

¹⁴ Or, persecute

edst thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. Now this he spake, signifying by what manner of death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned back on his breast at the supper, and said, Lord, who is he that betrayeth thee? Peter therefore seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do? Jesus saith unto him, If I

will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. This saying therefore went forth among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, that he should not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? This is the disciple which beareth witness of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his witness is true. And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written.

¹ Gr. and this man, what?

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

¹ Gr. first.

² Or, Holy Spirit: and so throughout this book.

³ Gr. presented.

⁴ Or, eating with them

⁵ Or, in

⁶ Or, appointed by

1 THE ¹former treatise I made, O Theophilus, concerning all that Jesus ²began both to do and to teach, until the day in which he was received up, after that he had given commandment through the ³Holy Ghost unto the ⁴apostles whom he had chosen: to whom he also ⁵shewed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days, and speaking the things ⁶concerning the kingdom of God: and, ⁷being assembled together with them, he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, *said he*, ye heard from me: for John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized ⁸with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. ⁹They therefore, when they were come together, asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at this time restore ¹⁰the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath ¹¹set within his own authority. ¹²But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the ¹³earth. And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him ¹⁴out of their sight. And while they were looking stedfastly into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them ¹⁵in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? this Jesus, which was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven. ¹⁶Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet,

which is nigh unto Jerusalem, a ¹⁷sabbath day's journey off. And when they were come in, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were abiding; both Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the ¹⁸son of James. These all with one accord continued stedfastly in prayer, ¹⁹with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren. ²⁰And in these days Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren, and said (and there was a multitude of ²¹persons gathered together, about a hundred ²²and twenty), Brethren, it was needful that the scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Ghost spake before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who was guide to them that took Jesus. ²³For he was numbered among us, and received his ²⁴portion in this ministry. (Now this man obtained a field with the reward of his iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels ²⁵gushed out. And it became known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem; inasmuch that in their language that field was called Akeldama, that is, ²⁶The field of blood.) For it is written in the book of Psalms,

Let his habitation be made desolate, And let no man dwell therein: and,

His ²⁷office let another take. ²⁸Of the men therefore which have accompanied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and went out ²⁹among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto the day that he was received up from us, of these must one become a witness with

⁷ Or, brother. See Jude 1.
⁸ Or, with certain women

¹ Gr. number.

¹⁰ Or, in

¹¹ Gr. conversant abode.

¹² Or, near

23 us of his resurrection. And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed, and said, Thou, Lord, which knowest the hearts of all men, shew of these two the one whom thou hast chosen, to take the place in this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place. And they gave lots ¹ for them; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

2 And when the day of Pentecost ² was now come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues ³ parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound was heard, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speaking in his own language. And they were all amazed and marvelled, saying, Behold, are not all these which speak Galileans? And how hear we, every man in our own language, where- 9 in we were born? Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judaea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and sojourners from 11 Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we do hear them speaking in our tongues the mighty 12 works of God. And they were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying one to another, What meaneth this? 13 But others mocking said, They are filled with new wine.

14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spake forth unto them, saying, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and give ear unto my 15 words. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose; seeing it is *but* the third hour of 16 the day; but this is that which hath been spoken ⁴ by the prophet Joel;

17 And it shall be in the last days, saith God,
I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh:

And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
And your young men shall see visions,
And your old men shall dream dreams:

18 Yea and on my ⁵servants and on my

⁶handmaidens in those days
Will I pour forth of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

19 And I will shew wonders in the heaven above,
And signs on the earth beneath;
Blood, and fire, and vapour of smoke:
20 The sun shall be turned into darkness,
And the moon into blood,
Before the day of the Lord come,
That great and notable day:
21 And it shall be, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by ⁷mighty works and wonders and signs, which God did by him in the midst of you, even as ye yourselves know; him, being delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye by the hand of ⁸lawless men did crucify and slay:
24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.
25 For David saith concerning him,
I beheld the Lord always before my face;

For he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
Moreover my flesh also shall ⁹dwell in hope:

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul in Hades,
Neither wilt thou give thy Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou madest known unto me the ways of life;
Thou shalt make me full of gladness ¹⁰with thy countenance.

29 Brethren, I may say unto you freely of the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us 30 unto this day. Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins ¹¹he would set one upon his

31 throne; he foreseeing *this* spake of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he left in Hades, nor did his flesh 32 see corruption. This Jesus did God raise up, ¹²whereof we all are witnesses.

33 Being therefore ¹³by the right hand of God exalted, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, he hath poured forth this, which ye see 34 and hear. For David ascended not into the heavens: but he saith himself,
The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet.

36 Let ¹⁴all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified.

⁶ Gr.
bond-
maidens.

⁷ Gr.
powers.

⁸ Or, men
without
the law

⁹ Or, to-
bernacle

¹⁰ Or,
in thy
presence

¹¹ Or, one
should
sit

¹² Or,
of whom
¹³ Or, at

¹⁴ Or,
every
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¹ Or,
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² Gr. was
being
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tributing
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⁴ Or,
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⁵ Gr.
bond-
men.

37 Now when they heard *this*, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Bre-
 38 thren, what shall we do? And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy
 39 Ghost. For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God
 40 shall call unto him. And with many other words he testified, and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this
 41 crooked generation. They then ¹that received his word were baptized: and there were added *unto* them in that day
 42 about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' teaching and ²fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.
 43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done ³by
 44 the apostles ⁴. And all that believed were together, and had all things com-
 45 mon; and they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all, ac-
 46 cording as any man had need. And day by day, continuing stedfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they did take their food with
 47 gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added ⁵to them day by day those that were being saved.

3 Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, *2 being the ninth hour*. And a certain man that was lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered
 3 into the temple; who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked
 4 to receive an alms. And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him, with John, said,
 5 Look on us. And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something
 6 from them. But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ
 7 of Nazareth, walk. And he took him by the right hand, and raised him up: and immediately his feet and his ankle-
 8 bones received strength. And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk; and he entered with them into the temple, walk-
 ing, and leaping, and praising God.
 9 And all the people saw him walking and
 10 praising God: and they took knowledge of him, that it was he which sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple: and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as he held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the ⁶porch that is called Solomon's, great-

12ly wondering. And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this
 7 man? or why fasten ye your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk?

13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his ⁸Servant Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied before the face of Pilate, when he had
 14 determined to release him. But ye denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be grant-

15 ed unto you, and killed the ⁹Prince of life; whom God raised from the
 16 dead; ¹⁰whereof we are witnesses. And ¹¹by faith in his name hath his name made this man strong, whom ye be- hold and know: yea, the faith which is through him hath given him this perfect soundness in the presence of

17 you all. And now, brethren, I wot that in ignorance ye did it, as did also
 18 your rulers. But the things which God foresaw by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should

19 suffer, he thus fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and turn again, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from
 20 the presence of the Lord; and that he may send the Christ who hath been

21 appointed for you, *even* Jesus: whom the heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, whereof God spake by the mouth of his holy prophets which have been since the

22 world began. Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren,
 23 like unto me; to him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak
 24 unto you. And it shall be, that every soul, which shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed

25 from among the people. Yea and all the prophets from Samuel and them that followed after, as many as have spoken, they also told of these days.
 26 Ye are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God ¹²made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the

27 families of the earth be blessed. Unto you first God, having raised up his Servant, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.

4 And as they spake unto the people, ¹⁴the priests and the ¹⁵s captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon
 2 them, being sore troubled because they taught the people, and proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the dead.

3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in ward unto the morrow: for it was now eventide. But many of them that heard the word be-

1 Or, having received

2 Or, in fellowship

3 Or, through
 4 Many ancient authorities add in Jerusalem; and great fear was upon all.

5 Or, together

6 Or, portico

7 Or, thing

8 Or, Child; and so in ver. 29: 14, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000

9 Or, a father
 10 Or, of whom
 11 Or, over the ground

12 Or, as he raised up

13 Or, covenant

14 Some ancient authorities read the church

lieved; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

5 And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; and Annas the high priest was there, and Caiaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest.

7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, By what power, or in what name, have ye done this?

8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders, if we this day are examined concerning a good deed done to an impotent man, ¹by what

10 means this man is ²made whole; be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, ³even in ⁴him doth this man stand

11 here before you whole. He is the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which was made the head of

12 the corner. And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.

13 Now when they beheld the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with

14 Jesus. And seeing the man which was healed standing with them, they could

15 say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among

16 themselves, saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable

17 miracle hath been wrought through them, is manifest to all that dwell in Je-

18 rusalem; and we cannot deny it. But that it spread no further among the people, let us threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this

19 name. And they called them, and charged them not to speak at all nor

20 teach in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John answered and said unto them,

21 Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto

22 God, judge ye: for we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard.

23 And they, when they had further threatened them, let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because

24 of the people; for all men glorified God for that which was done. For the man was more than forty years old,

25 on whom this ⁴miracle of healing was wrought.

26 And being let go, they came to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said

27 unto them. And they, when they heard

it, lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, O ⁵Lord, ⁶thou that didst make the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: ⁷who by the Holy Ghost, by the mouth of our father David thy servant, didst say,

Why did the Gentiles rage, And the peoples ⁸imagine vain things?

28 The kings of the earth set themselves in array,

And the rulers were gathered together,

Against the Lord, and against his ⁹Anointed:

27 for of a truth in this city against thy holy Servant Jesus, whom thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel,

28 were gathered together, to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel foreor-

29 dained to come to pass. And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings: and grant unto thy ¹⁰servants to speak thy word

30 with all boldness, while thou stretchest forth thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done through the

31 name of thy holy Servant Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered to-

gether; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one of them said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but

33 they had all things common. And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord

Jesus¹¹: and great grace was upon them

34 all. For neither was there among them any that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them,

and brought the prices of the things

35 that were sold, and laid them at the apostles' feet: and distribution was made unto each, according as any one had need.

36 And Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of ¹²exhortation), a

37 Levite, a man of Cyprus by race, having a field, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet.

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, and kept back part of the price,

his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles' feet. But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thy heart to ¹³lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, did it not remain thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power? How is it that thou hast conceived this thing in thy heart? thou hast not lied unto

⁵ Or, Master
⁶ Or, thou art he that didst make

⁷ The Greek text in this clause is somewhat uncertain.
⁸ Or, meditate

⁹ Gr. Christ.

¹⁰ Gr. bond-servants.

¹¹ Some ancient authorities add Christ.

¹² Or, consolation

¹³ Or, deceive

¹ Or, in whom
² Or, saved

³ Or, this name

⁴ Gr. sign.

¹ Gr.
younger.

² Or, and
there
were the
more
added to
them, be-
lieving
on the
Lord

5 men, but unto God. And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the ghost: and great fear came upon all that heard it. And the ¹ young men arose and wrapped him round, and they carried him out and buried him.

7 And it was about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what was done, came in. And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much. And she said, Yea, for so much. But Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them which have buried thy husband are at the door, and they shall carry thee out. And she fell down immediately at his feet, and gave up the ghost: and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband. And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all that heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

13 But of the rest durst no man join himself to them: howbeit the people magnified them; ² and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes

15 both of men and women; insomuch that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that, as Peter came by, at the least his shadow might overshadow some one of them. And there also came together the multitude from the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folk, and them that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 But the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy, and laid hands on the apostles, and put them in public ward. But an angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said, Go ye, and stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life. And when they heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the children of Israel, and sent to the prison-house to have them brought.

22 But the officers that came found them not in the prison; and they returned, and told, saying, The prison-house we found shut in all safety, and the keepers standing at the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within. Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were much perplexed

concerning them whereunto this would 25 grow. And there came one and told them, Behold, the men whom ye put in the prison are in the temple standing 26 and teaching the people. Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them, but without violence; for they feared the people, lest they 27 should be stoned. And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked 28 them, saying, We straitly charged you not to teach in this name: and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man's 29 blood upon us. But Peter and the apostles answered and said, We must obey 30 God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew, 31 hanging him on a tree. Him did God exalt ³ with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance 32 to Israel, and remission of sins. And we are witnesses ⁴ of these ⁵ things; ⁶ and so is the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.

33 But they, when they heard this, were cut to the heart, and were minded to 34 slay them. But there stood up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in honour of all the people, and commanded to 35 put the men forth a little while. And he said unto them, Ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves as touching these men, what ye are about to do.

36 For before these days rose up Theudas, giving himself out to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed, and came to nought.

37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the enrolment, and drew away some of the people after him: he also perished; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad.

38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men,

39 it will be overthrown: but if it is of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them; lest haply ye be found even to be 40 fighting against God. And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles unto them, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name 41 of Jesus, and let them go. They therefore departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonour for the 42 Name. And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ.

6 Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring

³ Or, at

⁴ Some ancient authorities add to him.

⁵ Gr. sayings.

⁶ Some ancient authorities: the real and true God, who hath given the Holy Spirit to them that obey him.

¹ Gr. *Hellenists.*

² Gr. *pleasing.*
³ Or. *minister to tables.*
⁴ Some ancient authorities read *But, brethren, look ye out from among you.*

of the ¹Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not ²fit that we should forsake the word of God, and ³serve tables. 3 ⁴Look ye out therefore, brethren, from among you seven men of good report, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. But we will continue stedfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word. And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch: whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. 7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith. 8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the people. But there arose certain of them that were of the synagogue called *the synagogue of the Libertines*, and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake. Then they suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God. And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and seized him, and brought him into the council, and set up false witnesses, which said, This man ceaseth not to speak words against this holy place, and the law: for we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered unto us. And all that sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel. 7 And the high priest said, Are these things so? And he said, Brethren and fathers, hearken. The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, and said unto him, Get thee out of thy land, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee. Then came he out of the land of the Chaldeans, and dwelt in Haran: and from thence, when his father was dead, God removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell: and he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: and he promised that he would give it to him in possession, and to his seed after him,

6 when as yet he had no child. And God spake on this wise, that his seed should sojourn in a strange land, and that they should bring them into bondage, and entreat them evil, four hundred years. 7 And the nation to which they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and I will serve me in this place. And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs. And the patriarchs, moved with jealousy against Joseph, sold him into Egypt: and God was with him, and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favour and wisdom before Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. Now there came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance. But when Jacob heard that there was corn in Egypt, he sent forth our fathers the first time. 13 And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph's race became manifest unto Pharaoh. And Joseph sent, and called to him Jacob his father, and all his kindred, threescore and fifteen souls. And Jacob went down into Egypt; and he died, himself, and our fathers; and they were carried over unto Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abraham bought for a price in silver of the sons of Hamor in Shechem. But as the time of the promise drew nigh, which God vouchsafed unto Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, till there arose another king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph. The same dealt subtilly with our race, and evil entreated our fathers, that they should cast out their babes to the end they might not live. At which season Moses was born, and was exceeding fair; and he was nourished three months in his father's house: and when he was cast out, Pharaoh's daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was mighty in his words and works. But when he was well-nigh forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the children of Israel. And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, smiting the Egyptian: and he supposed that his brethren understood how that God by his hand was giving them deliverance; but they understood not. And the day following he appeared unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? But he that did his

⁵ Gr. *Emmor.*

⁶ Or. *he*

⁷ Gr. *he preserved alive.*
⁸ Or. *fair unto God*

⁹ Or. *salvation*

neighbour wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge 28 over us? Wouldest thou kill me, as thou 29 killedst the Egyptian yesterday? And Moses fled at this saying, and became a sojourner in the land of Midian, 30 where he begat two sons. And when forty years were fulfilled, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of mount 31 Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. And when Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold, 32 there came a voice of the Lord, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob. And Moses 33 trembled, and durst not behold. And the Lord said unto him, Loose the shoes from thy feet: for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. 34 I have surely seen the affliction of my people which is in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I am come down to deliver them: and now come, I will send thee into Egypt. 35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? him hath God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the hand of the angel which appeared to him 36 in the bush. This man led them forth, having wrought wonders and signs in Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years. 37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall God raise up unto you from among 38 your brethren, like unto me. This is he that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers, who received living oracles 39 to give unto us: to whom our fathers would not be obedient, but thrust him from them, and turned back in 40 their hearts unto Egypt, saying unto Aaron, Make us gods which shall go before us: for as for this Moses, which led us forth out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. 41 And they made a calf in those days, and brought a sacrifice unto the idol, and 42 rejoiced in the works of their hands. But God turned, and gave them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets,

Did ye offer unto me slain beasts and sacrifices

Forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

43 And ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, And the star of the god Rephan, The figures which ye made to worship them:

And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of the testimony in the wilderness, even as he appointed who spake unto Moses,

that he should make it according to the 45 figure that he had seen. Which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with 46 Joshua when they entered on the possession of the nations, which God thrust out before the face of our fathers, unto 47 the days of David; who found favour in the sight of God, and asked to find a 48 habitation for the God of Jacob. But Solomon built him a house. Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in houses made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 The heaven is my throne, And the earth the footstool of my feet: What manner of house will ye build me? saith the Lord:

Or what is the place of my rest?

50 Did not my hand make all these things?

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do 52 ye. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? and they killed them which shewed before of the coming of the Righteous One; of whom ye have now become betrayers and murderers; 53 ye who received the law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not.

54 Now when they heard these things, they were cut to the heart, and they 55 gnashed on him with their teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on 56 the right hand of God, and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of 57 God. But they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed 58 upon him with one accord; and they cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man 59 named Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon the Lord, and saying, 60 Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he 61 fell asleep. And Saul was consenting unto his death.

And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judaea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men buried Stephen, and made great lamentation over him. 62 But Saul laid waste the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison. 63 They therefore that were scattered abroad went about preaching 64 the word. And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed unto them the Christ. And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken

1 Gr. Jesus

2 Gr. as the angels of angels Gr. with order measure angels

1 Gr. reverent

2 Gr. as he raised up me
3 Gr. congregation

by Philip, when they heard, and saw 7 the signs which he did. ¹For from many of those which had unclean spirits, they came out, crying with a loud voice: and many that were palsied, and that 8 were lame, were healed. And there was much joy in that city.

9 But there was a certain man, Simon by name, which beforetime in the city used sorcery, and amazed the ²people of Samaria, giving out that himself was 10 some great one: to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is that power of God 11 which is called Great. And they gave heed to him, because that of long time he had amazed them with his sorceries. 12 But when they believed Philip preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and wo-

13 men. And Simon also himself believed: and being baptized, he continued with Philip; and beholding signs and great ³miracles wrought, he was amazed. 14 Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto 15 them Peter and John: who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that 16 they might receive the Holy Ghost: for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the 17 name of the Lord Jesus. Then laid they their hands on them, and they re- 18 ceived the Holy Ghost. Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the ⁴Holy Ghost

19 was given, he offered them money, saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay my hands, he may re- 20 ceive the Holy Ghost. But Peter said unto him, Thy silver perish with thee, because thou hast thought to obtain the 21 gift of God with money. Thou hast neither part nor lot in this ⁵matter: for 22 thy heart is not right before God. Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the thought of thy heart shall be forgiven 23 thee. For I see that thou ⁶art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of 24 iniquity. And Simon answered and said, Pray ye for me to the Lord, that none of the things which ye have spok-

25 ed come upon me. 25 They therefore, when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

26 But an angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go ⁷toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza: the 27 same is desert. And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was over all her treasure, who

had come to Jerusalem for to wor- 28 ship; and he was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the 29 prophet Isaiah. And the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself 30 to this chariot. And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, Understandest thou 31 what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some one shall guide me? And he besought Philip to come up 32 and sit with him. Now the place of the scripture which he was reading was this,

He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before his shearer is dumb,

So he openeth not his mouth:

33 In his humiliation his judgement was taken away:

His generation who shall declare? For his life is taken from the earth.

34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speakest the prophet this? of himself, or of 35 some other? And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, preached unto him Jesus.

36 And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, *here is water*; what doth hinder me to be baptized? ⁸

37 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the 38 eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, for he went on his 40 way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached the gospel to all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

9 But Saul, yet breathing threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, 2 and asked of him letters to Damascus unto the synagogues, that if he found any that were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them 3 bound to Jerusalem. And as he journeyed, it came to pass that he drew nigh unto Damascus: and suddenly there shone round about him a light out 4 of heaven: and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou 6 persecutest: but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be 7 told thee what thou must do. And the men that journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the 8 ⁹voice, but beholding no man. And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing; and they led him by the

¹ Or, For many of those which had unclean spirits that cried with a loud voice came forth.
² Or, nation.

³ Or, powers.

⁴ Some ancient authorities omit Holy.

⁵ Or, word.

⁶ Or, wilt become gail (or, a gall roof) of bitterness and a bond of iniquity.

⁷ Or, at noon.

⁸ Some ancient authorities insert, wholly or in part, ver. 37. And Philip said, If thou believedst with all thy heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

⁹ Or, sound.

hand, and brought him into Damascus.

9 And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and the Lord said unto him in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I *am here*, Lord.

11 And the Lord *said* unto him, Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one named Saul, a man of Tarsus: for

12 behold, he prayeth; and he hath seen a man named Ananias coming in, and laying his hands on him, that he

13 might receive his sight. But Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard from many of this man, how much evil he

14 did to thy saints at Jerusalem: and here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call upon thy name.

15 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a ¹chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gen-

16 tiles and kings, and the children of Israel: for I will shew him how many things he must suffer for my name's

17 sake. And Ananias departed, and entered into the house; and laying his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord,

18 *even* Jesus, who appeared unto thee in the way which thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mayest receive thy sight,

19 and be filled with the Holy Ghost. And straightway there fell from his eyes as it were scales, and he received his sight;

20 and he arose and was baptized; and he took food and was strengthened.

And he was certain days with the 20 disciples which were at Damascus. And straightway in the synagogues he proclaimed Jesus, that he is the Son of God.

21 And all that heard him were amazed, and said, Is not this he that in Jeru-

22 salem made havock of them which called on this name? and he had come hither for this intent, that he might bring them bound before the chief

23 priests. But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews which dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is the Christ.

24 And when many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel together to kill

25 him: but their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates also day and night that they might kill him:

26 but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

27 And when he was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.

28 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

28 And he was with them going in and 29 going out at Jerusalem, preaching boldly in the name of the Lord: and

he spake and disputed against the ²Grecian Jews; but they went about

30 to kill him. And when the brethren knew it, they brought him down to Cæsarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 So the church throughout all Judæa and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being ³edified; and, walking ⁴in the fear of the Lord and ⁵in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, was multiplied.

32 And it came to pass, as Peter went throughout all parts, he came down also to the saints which dwelt at Lydda.

33 And there he found a certain man named *Eneas*, which had kept his bed eight years; for he was palsied.

34 And Peter said unto him, *Eneas*, Jesus Christ health thee: arise, and make thy

35 bed. And straightway he arose. And all that dwelt at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named *Tabitha*, which by interpretation is called ⁶*Dorcas*: this woman was full of good works and

37 almsdeeds which she did. And it came to pass in those days, that she fell sick, and died: and when they had washed her, they laid her in an

38 upper chamber. And as *Lydda* was nigh unto Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men unto him, intreating him, Delay not to

39 come on unto us. And Peter arose and went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and shewing the coats and garments which

Dorcas made, while she was with 40 them. But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning to the body, he said, *Tabitha*, arise. And she opened her eyes:

and when she saw Peter, she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand, and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42 And it became known throughout all Joppa: and many believed on the Lord.

43 And it came to pass, that he abode many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

10 Now there was a certain man in Cæsarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion of the band called the Italian

2 ⁶band, a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, who gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. He saw in a vision openly, as

it were about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in unto him,

4 and saying to him, Cornelius. And he, fastening his eyes upon him, and being affrighted, said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers

and thine alms are gone up for a

² Gr.
Hæ-
tæmæ.

³ Gr.
edified
sup.
⁴ Or, by

⁶ That is,
Gentile.

⁶ Or,
cohort

¹ Gr.
vessel of
election.

5 memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa, and fetch one Simon, who 6 is surnamed Peter: he lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the 7 sea side. And when the angel that spake unto him was departed, he called two of his household-servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; and having rehearsed all things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 Now on the morrow, as they were on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop 10 to pray, about the sixth hour: and he became hungry, and desired to eat: but while they made ready, he fell into a 11 trance; and he beholdeth the heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet, let down by four 12 corners upon the earth: wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts and creeping things of the earth and fowls of 13 the heaven. And there came a voice to 14 him, Rise, Peter; kill and eat. But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common and un- 15 clean. And a voice came unto him again the second time, What God hath cleans- 16 ed, make not thou common. And this was done thrice: and straightway the vessel was received up into heaven.

17 Now while Peter was much perplexed in himself what the vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men that were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood before 18 the gate, and called and asked whether Simon, which was surnamed Peter, 19 were lodging there. And while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 But arise, and get thee down, and go with them, nothing doubting: for I 21 have sent them. And Peter went down to the men, and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause 22 wherefore ye are come? And they said, Cornelius a centurion, a righteous man and one that feareth God, and well reported of by all the nation of the Jews, was warned of God by a holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear 23 words from thee. So he called them in and lodged them.

And on the morrow he arose and went forth with them, and certain of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him. 24 And on the morrow ¹ they entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his 25 kinsmen and his near friends. And when it came to pass that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and worshipped him. 26 But Peter raised him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. 27 And as he talked with him, he went in, 28 and findeth many come together: and

he said unto them, Ye yourselves know ² how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to join himself or come unto one of another nation; and yet unto me hath God shewed that I should not call any man common or unclean: wherefore also I came without gainsaying, when I was sent for. I ask therefore with what intent 29 ye sent for me. And Cornelius said, Four days ago, until this hour, I was keeping the ninth hour of prayer in my house; and behold, a man stood before me in 31 bright apparel, and saith, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. 32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call unto thee Simon, who is surnamed Peter; he lodgeth in the house of Simon a tanner, 33 by the sea side. Forthwith therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all things that have been com- 34 manded thee of the Lord. And Peter opened his mouth, and said,

Of a truth I perceive that God is no 35 respecter of persons: but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him. 36 ³ The word which he sent unto the children of Israel, preaching 'good tidings of peace by Jesus Christ (he is 37 Lord of all)—that saying ye yourselves know, which was published throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after 38 the baptism which John preached; even Jesus of Nazareth, how that God anointed him with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom also they slew, 40 hanging him on a tree. Him God raised up the third day, and gave him to be 41 made manifest, not to all the people, but unto witnesses that were chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from 42 the dead. And he charged us to preach unto the people, and to testify that this is he which is ordained of God to be the 43 Judge of quick and dead. To him bear all the prophets witness, that through his name every one that believeth on him shall receive remission of sins. 44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which 45 heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and 47 magnify God. Then answered Peter, Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, which have

² Or, how unlawful it is for a man &c.

³ Many ancient authorities read *He sent the word* unto. ⁴ Or, the gospel

¹ Some ancient authorities read *he*.

received the Holy Ghost as well as 48 we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

11 Now the apostles and the brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of 2 God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, 4 and didst eat with them. But Peter began, and expounded the matter unto 5 them in order, saying, I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet let down from heaven by four corners; and it came 6 even unto me: upon the which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw the fourfooted beasts of the earth and wild beasts and creeping 7 things and fowls of the heaven. And I heard also a voice saying unto me, 8 Rise, Peter; kill and eat. But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath ever entered into my 9 mouth. But a voice answered the second time out of heaven, What God hath cleansed, make not thou common. 10 And this was done thrice: and all were 11 drawn up again into heaven. And behold, forthwith three men stood before the house in which we were, having 12 been sent from Cæsarea unto me. And the Spirit bade me go with them, making no distinction. And these six brethren also accompanied me; and we 13 entered into the man's house: and he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, Send to Joppa, and fetch Simon, whose surname is Peter; who shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt be 14 saved, thou and all thy house. And as I began to speak, the Holy Ghost fell on them, even as on us at the beginning. 15 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized 16 with the Holy Ghost. If then God gave unto them the like gift as he did also unto us, when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I 17 could withstand God? And when they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life.

18 They therefore that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phœnicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to none save only to Jews. 19 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the 20 Greeks also, preaching the Lord Jesus.

21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number that believed turned unto the Lord. And the report concerning them came to the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas as far as 22 Antioch: who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and he exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord: for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the 23 Lord. And he went forth to Tarsus to 24 seek for Saul: and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that even for a whole year they were gathered together with the church, and taught much people; and that the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

25 Now in these days there came down prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. 26 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine over all the world: which came to pass in the 27 days of Claudius. And the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren that dwelt in Judæa: which also they did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul. 28 Now about that time Herod the king put forth his hands to afflict certain of the church. And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. And those 29 were the days of unleavened bread. And when he had taken him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quarters of soldiers to guard him; intending after the Passover to bring him 30 forth to the people. Peter therefore was kept in the prison: but prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for 31 him. And when Herod was about to bring him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and guards before the door kept the prison. And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell: and he smote Peter on the side, and awoke him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains 32 fell off from his hands. And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And he did so. And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about 33 thee, and follow me. And he went out, and followed; and he wist not that it was true which was done of the angel, but thought he saw a vision. 34 And when they were past the first and the second ward, they came unto the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out,

3 Some ancient authorities read that they would cleave unto the Lord.

4 Or, in.

5 Or, the temple and earth.

6 Or, for twelve days.

7 Or, through.

1 Or, in.

2 Many ancient authorities read Grecians Jews.

and passed on through one street; and straightway the angel departed from him. And when Peter was come to himself, he said, Now I know of a truth, that the Lord hath sent forth his angel and delivered me out of the hand of Herod, and from all the expectation of the people of the Jews. And when he had considered *the thing*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John whose surname was Mark; where many were gathered together and were praying. And when he knocked at the door of the gate, a maid came to answer, named Rhoda. And when she knew Peter's voice, she opened not the gate for joy, but ran in, and told that Peter stood before the gate. And they said unto her, Thou art mad. But she confidently affirmed that it was even so. And they said, It is his angel. But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened, they saw him, and were amazed. But he, beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him forth out of the prison. And he said, Tell these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went to another place. Now as soon as it was day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the guards, and commanded that they should be ¹put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and tarried there.

20 Now he was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: and they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king's chamberlain their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was fed from the king's country. And upon a set day Herod arrayed himself in royal apparel, and sat on the ²throne, and made an oration unto them. And the people shouted, *saying*, The voice of a god, and not of a man. And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he was eaten of worms, and gave up the ghost.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, taking with them John whose surname was Mark.

13 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was *there*, prophets and teachers, Barnabas, and Symeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen the foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. And as they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. Then, when they

had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, went down to Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

5 And when they were at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John as their attendant. And when they had gone through the whole island unto Paphos, they found a certain ⁴sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew,

7 whose name was Bar-Jesus; which was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding. The same called unto him Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God. But Elymas the ⁴sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the pro-

9 consul from the faith. But Saul, who is also *called* Paul, filled with the Holy Ghost, fastened his eyes on him, and said, O full of all guile and all villany, thou son of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun ⁴for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the teaching of the Lord.

13 Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia: and John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem. But they, passing through from Perga, came to Antioch of Pisidia; and they went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and sat down. And after the reading of the law and the prophets the rulers of the synagogue sent unto them, saying, Brethren, if ye have any word of exhortation for the people, say

16 on. And Paul stood up, and beckoning with the hand said,

Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, hearken. The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they sojourned in the land of Egypt, and with a high arm led he

18 them forth out of it. And for about the time of forty years ⁶suffered he

19 their manners in the wilderness. And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance, for about four hundred and fifty years:

20 and after these things he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet.

21 And afterward they asked for a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for the space of

22 forty years. And when he had re-

⁴ Gr. *Magus*: as in Matt. ii. 1, 7, 18.

⁵ Or, *until*.

¹ Gr. *led away to death*.

² Or, *judges*; *magistrates*.

⁶ Many ancient authorities read *here he them as a warning-father in the wilderness*. See Deut. i. 31.

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¹ Gr. will.

² Gr. before the face of his entering in.

³ Or, served his own generation by the counsel of God, fell on sleep. Or, served his own generation, fell on sleep by the counsel of God.

⁴ Or, wish away.

moved him, he raised up David to be their king; to whom also he bare witness, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who shall do all my ¹will. Of this man's seed hath God according to promise brought unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus; ²⁴ when John had first preached ³before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. And as John was fulfilling his course, he said, What suppose ye that I am? I am not he. But behold, there cometh one after me, the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose. Brethren, children of the stock of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us is the word of this ²⁷salvation sent forth. For they that dwell in Jerusalem, and their rulers, because they knew him not, nor the voices of the prophets which are read every sabbath, fulfilled them by condemning him. And though they found no cause of death in him, yet asked they of Pilate that he should be slain. ²⁹ And when they had fulfilled all things that were written of him, they took him down from the tree, and laid him in a ³⁰tomb. But God raised him from the ³¹dead: and he was seen for many days of them that came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, who are now his ³²witnesses unto the people. And we bring you good tidings of the promise ³³made unto the fathers, how that God hath fulfilled the same unto our children, in that he raised up Jesus; as also it is written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten ³⁴thee. And as concerning that he raised him up from the dead, now no more to return to corruption, he hath spoken on this wise, I will give you the holy and ³⁵sure blessings of David. Because he saith also in another psalm, Thou wilt not give thy Holy One to see corruption. ³⁶ For David, after he had ³in his own generation served the counsel of God, fell on sleep, and was laid unto his ³⁷fathers, and saw corruption: but he whom God raised up saw no corruption. ³⁸ Be it known unto you therefore, brethren, that through this man is proclaimed unto you remission of sins: ³⁹ and by him every one that believeth is justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of ⁴⁰Moses. Beware therefore, lest that come upon you, which is spoken in the prophets; ⁴¹ Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and ⁴perish; For I work a work in your days, A work which ye shall in no wise believe, if one declare it unto you. ⁴² And as they went out, they besought that these words might be spoken to ⁴³them the next sabbath. Now when the synagogue broke up, many of the

Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas: who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ And the next sabbath almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the ⁴⁵word of ⁵God. But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, and ⁶blasphemed. And Paul and Barnabas spake out boldly, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. Seeing ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying,

I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles,

That thou shouldst be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth.

⁴⁸ And as the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of ⁵God: and as many as were ordained to ⁴⁹eternal life believed. And the word of the Lord was spread abroad throughout ⁵⁰all the region. But the Jews urged on the devout women of honourable estate, and the chief men of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and cast them out of their borders. But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto ⁵²Iconium. And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Ghost.

¹⁴ And it came to pass in Iconium, that they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake, that a great multitude both of Jews and of ²Greeks believed. But the Jews that were disobedient stirred up the souls of the Gentiles, and made them evil affected against the brethren. Long time therefore they tarried there speaking boldly in the Lord, which bare witness unto the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their ⁴hands. But the multitude of the city was divided; and part held with the ⁵Jews, and part with the apostles. And when there was made an onset both of the Gentiles and of the Jews with their rulers, to entreat them shamefully, ⁶and to stone them, they became aware of it, and fled unto the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the ⁷region round about: and there they preached the gospel.

⁸ And at Lystra there sat a certain man, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked. ⁹ The same heard Paul speaking: who, fastening his eyes upon him, and seeing that he had faith to be ⁷made whole, ¹⁰said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped up and walked. ¹¹ And when the multitudes saw what

⁵ Many ancient authorities read the Lord.
⁶ Or, reviled.

⁷ Or, made.

Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, ¹Jupiter; and Paul, ²Mercury, because he was the chief speaker.

18 And the priest of ¹Jupiter whose temple was before the city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the multitudes. But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they rent their garments, and sprang forth among the multitude, crying out and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like ³passions with you, and bring you good tidings, that ye should turn from these vain things unto the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: who in the generations gone by suffered all the nations to walk in their own ways. And yet he left not himself without witness, in that he did good, and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness. And with these sayings scarce restrained they the multitudes from doing sacrifice unto them.

19 But there came Jews thither from Antioch and Iconium: and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and entered into the city: and on the morrow he went forth with Barnabas to Derbe. And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch, confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed for them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed. And they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; and thence they sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that God had done with them, and how that he had opened a door of faith unto the Gentiles. And they tarried no little time with the disciples.

15 And certain men came down from Judæa and taught the brethren, saying, Except ye be circumcised after the custom of Moses, ye cannot be saved.

2 And when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and questioning with them, the brethren appointed that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. They therefore, being brought on their way by the church, passed through both Phœnicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren. And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church and the apostles and the elders, and they rehearsed all things that God had done with them. But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees who believed, saying, It is needful to circumcise them, and to charge them to keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider of this matter. And when there had been much questioning, Peter rose up, and said unto them,

Brethren, ye know how that ⁴a good while ago God made choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. And God, which knoweth the heart, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Ghost, even as he did unto us; and he made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. Now therefore why tempt ye God, that ye should put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples, which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?

11 But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in like manner as they.
12 And all the multitude kept silence; and they hearkened unto Barnabas and Paul rehearsing what signs and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles by them. And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying,
14 Brethren, hearken unto me: Symeon hath rehearsed how first God did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

16 After these things I will return, And I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen; And I will build again the ruins thereof,

And I will set it up:
17 That the residue of men may seek after the Lord, And all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called,

18 Saith the Lord, ⁵who maketh these things known from the beginning of the world.

19 Wherefore my judgement is, that we trouble not them which from among the Gentiles turn to God;

¹ Gr. Ζεύς.
² Gr. Ἑρμῆς.

³ Gr. πάθη.

⁴ Gr. From early days.

⁵ Gr. who doeth these things which were known

1 Or, enjoin them

20 but that we ¹write unto them, that they abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from

21 what is strangled, and from blood. For Moses from generations of old hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath.

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; *namely*, Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men among

23 the brethren: and they wrote *thus* by them, The apostles and the elder brethren unto the brethren which are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and

24 Cilicia, greeting: Forasmuch as we have heard that certain ²which went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls; to whom

25 we gave no commandment; it seemed good unto us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men that have hazarded their lives for the name of our Lord

27 Jesus Christ. We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves also shall tell you the same things by word

28 of mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary

29 things; that ye abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; from which if ye keep yourselves, it shall be well with you. Fare ye well.

30 So they, when they were dismissed, came down to Antioch; and having gathered the multitude together, they 31 delivered the epistle. And when they had read it, they rejoiced for the ³con-

32 solation. And Judas and Silas, being themselves also prophets, ⁴exhorted the brethren with many words, and

33 confirmed them. And after they had spent some time *there*, they were dismissed in peace from the brethren unto

35 those that had sent them forth. ⁵ But Paul and Barnabas tarried in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

36 And after some days Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us return now and visit the brethren in every city wherein we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they fare. And Barnabas

37 was minded to take with them John 38 also, who was called Mark. But Paul thought not good to take with them him who withdrew from them from Pamphylia, and went not with them

39 to the work. And there arose a sharp contention, so that they parted asunder one from the other, and Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away

40 unto Cyprus; but Paul chose Silas,

and went forth, being commended by the brethren to the grace of the Lord.

41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

16 And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple

was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess which believed; but his

2 father was a Greek. The same was well reported of by the brethren that

3 were at Lystra and Iconium. Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews that were in those

parts: for they all knew that his father

4 was a Greek. And as they went on their way through the cities, they delivered them the decrees for to keep,

which had been ordained of the apostles

5 and elders that were at Jerusalem. So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Ghost to speak

7 the word in Asia; and when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of

8 Jesus suffered them not; and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us.

10 And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace,

12 and the day following to Neapolis; and from thence to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the first of the district.

a Roman colony: and we were in this

13 city tarrying certain days. And on the sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women

14 which were come together. And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, to give heed unto the things which were spoken by

15 Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide *there*. And she constrained us.

16 And it came to pass, as we were going to the place of prayer, that a certain maid having ⁶a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by sooth-

17 saying. The same following after Paul and us cried out, saying, These men are ⁷servants of the Most High

2 Some ancient authorities omit which went out.

3 Or, exhortation

4 Or, comforted

5 Some ancient authorities insert, with variations, ver. 34 But it seemed good unto Silas to abide there

6 Or, a spirit of Python.

7 Or, bound-servants.

¹ Or,
^a sing

God, which proclaim unto you ¹the 18 way of salvation. And this she did for many days. But Paul, being sore troubled, turned and said to the spirit, I charge thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out that very hour.

² Gr.
come out.

19 But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was ²gone, they laid hold on Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the

³ Gr.
priests.

20 rulers, and when they had brought them unto the ³magistrates, they said, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble

21 our city, and set forth customs which it is not lawful for us to receive, or

22 to observe, being Romans. And the multitude rose up together against them: and the ³magistrates rent their garments off them, and commanded to

23 beat them with rods. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the

24 jailor to keep them safely: who, having received such a charge, cast them into the inner prison, and made their feet

25 fast in the stocks. But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns unto God, and the prisoners

26 were listening to them; and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison-house

were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened; and every one's

27 bands were loosed. And the jailor being roused out of sleep, and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword, and was about to kill himself, supposing

28 that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here.

29 And he called for lights, and sprang in, and, trembling for fear, fell down

30 before Paul and Silas, and brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must

31 I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house.

32 And they spake the word of ⁴the Lord unto him, with all that were in his

33 house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all

34 his, immediately. And he brought them up into his house, and set ⁵meat before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his house, ⁶having believed in God.

35 But when it was day, the ³magistrates sent the ⁷serjeants, saying, Let those

36 men go. And the jailor reported the words to Paul, saying, The ³magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore come forth, and go in peace.

37 But Paul said unto them, They have beaten us publicly, uncondemned, men that are Romans, and have cast us into prison; and do they now cast us out privily? nay verily; but let them come themselves and bring us

⁴ Some
ancient
authorities
read
God.

⁵ Or,
a table.

⁶ Or,
having
believed
God
⁷ Gr.
vicitors.

38 out. And the ⁷serjeants reported these words unto the ³magistrates: and they feared, when they heard that they were

39 Romans; and they came and besought them; and when they had brought them out, they asked them to go away from

40 the city. And they went out of the prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they ⁸comforted them, and departed.

⁸ Or,
exhorted.

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a syna-

2 gogue of the Jews: and Paul, as his custom was, went in unto them, and for three ⁹sabbath days reasoned with

3 them from the scriptures, opening and alleging, that it behoved the Christ to suffer, and to rise again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom, *said he*, I

4 proclaim unto you, is the Christ. And some of them were persuaded, and consorted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few.

⁹ Or,
sabbats

5 But the Jews, being moved with jealousy, took unto them certain vile fellows of the rabble, and gathering a crowd, set the city on an uproar; and assailing the house of Jason, they sought to bring them forth to the

6 people. And when they found them not, they dragged Jason and certain brethren before the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned ¹⁰the world upside down are come hither

7 also; whom Jason hath received: and these all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another

8 king, *one* Jesus. And they troubled the multitude and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things.

9 And when they had taken security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who when they were come thither went into the synagogue of

11 the Jews. Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so.

12 Many of them therefore believed; also of the Greek women of honourable estate, and of men, not a few.

13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed of Paul at Berea also, they came thither likewise, stirring up and troubling the mul-

14 titudes. And then immediately the brethren sent forth Paul to go as far as to the sea: and Silas and

15 Timothy abode there still. But they that conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timo-

¹⁰ Or, the
inhabited
earth.

thy that they should come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him, as he beheld the city full of idols.

17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with

18 them that met with him. And certain also of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers encountered him. And some said, What would this babbler say? other some, He seemeth to be a setter forth of strange ¹gods: because he

preached Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took hold of him, and brought him ²unto ³the Areopagus, saying,

May we know what this new teaching ⁴is, which is spoken by thee? For thou bringest certain strange things to our

ears: we would know therefore what 21 these things mean. (Now all the Athenians and the strangers sojourning there

spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new 22 thing.) And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and said,

Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that ye are somewhat ⁵superstitious. For as I passed along, and

observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, ⁶TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What

therefore ye worship in ignorance, this 24 set I forth unto you. The God that made the world and all things therein,

he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in ⁷temples made with

25 hands; neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life,

26 and breath, and all things; and he made of one every nation of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth,

having determined ⁸their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek God, if

haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he is not far from 28 each one of us: for in him we live, and move, and have our being; as

certain even of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. 29 Being then the offspring of God, we

ought not to think that ⁹the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, 30 graven by art and device of man. The

times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he ¹⁰commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent:

31 inasmuch as he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge ¹¹the world in righteousness ¹²by ¹³the man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath

given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead. 32 Now when they heard of the resur-

rection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, We will hear thee

33 concerning this yet again. Thus Paul 34 went out from among them. But certain men clave unto him, and believed: among whom also was Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

18 After these things he departed from 2 Athens, and came to Corinth. And he found a certain Jew named Aquila,

a man of Pontus by race, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome: and

3 he came unto them; and because he was of the same trade, he abode with them, and they wrought; for by their

4 trade they were tentmakers. And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and ¹⁵persuaded Jews and Greeks.

5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the word, testifying to the

6 Jews that Jesus was the Christ. And when they opposed themselves, and ¹⁴blasphemed, he shook out his raiment,

and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the

7 Gentiles. And he departed thence, and went into the house of a certain man named Titus Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined

8 hard to the synagogue. And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, ¹⁵believed in the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed,

9 and were baptized. And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy

10 peace: for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee: for I 11 have much people in this city. And he dwelt ¹⁶there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul, and brought him be-

13 fore the judgement-seat, saying, This man persuadeth men to worship God 14 contrary to the law. But when Paul

was about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If indeed it were a matter of wrong or of wicked villany,

O ye Jews, reason would that I should 15 bear with you: but if they are questions about words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves; I am not

minded to be a judge of these matters. 16 And he drave them from the judgement-seat. And they all laid hold on

Sosthenes, the ruler of the synagogue, and beat him before the judgement-seat. And Gallio cared for none of these things.

18 And Paul, having tarried after this yet many days, took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila; having shorn his head

1 Gr. demons.

2 Or, before
3 Or, the hall of Mars

4 Or, And leisure for nothing else

5 Or, religious

6 Or, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD.

7 Or, sanctuaries

8 Or, that which is divine

9 Some ancient authorities read declareth to men.

10 Gr. the inhabitant earth.
11 Gr. in.
12 Or, a man

13 Gr. sought to persuade.

14 Or, raised

15 Gr. believed the Lord

19 in Cenchrea: for he had a vow. And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews.

20 And when they asked him to abide a longer time, he consented not; but taking his leave of them, and saying, I will return again unto you, if God will, 21 he set sail from Ephesus. And when he had landed at Cæsarea, he went up and saluted the church, and went down to Antioch. And having spent some time there, he departed, and went through the region of Galatia and Phrygia in order, establishing all the disciples.

24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, ¹a learned man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty 25 in the scriptures. This man had been

²instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught carefully the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of 26 John: and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way

27 of God more carefully. And when he was minded to pass over into Achaia, the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him: and when he was come, he ³helped them much which had believed through 28 grace: for he powerfully confuted the Jews, ⁴and that publicly, shewing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

19 And it came to pass, that, while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples:

2 and he said unto them, Did ye receive the Holy Ghost when ye believed? And they said unto him, Nay, ⁵we did not so much as hear whether ⁶the Holy Ghost

8 was given. And he said, Into what then were ye baptized? And they said, Into 4 John's baptism. And Paul said, John baptized with the baptism of repentance, saying unto the people, that they should believe on him which should

5 come after him, that is, on Jesus. And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.

6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. And they were in all about twelve men.

8 And he entered into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, reasoning and persuading as to the things concerning the kingdom of

9 God. But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyran-

10 nus. And this continued for the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the

11 Lord, both Jews and Greeks. And God wrought special ⁹miracles by the hands 12 of Paul: inasmuch that unto the sick were carried away from his body handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits

13 went out. But certain also of the strolling Jews, exorcists, took upon them to name over them which had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, say-

ing, I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul 14 preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, a chief priest,

15 which did this. And the evil spirit answered and said unto them, Jesus I ⁷know, and Paul I know; but who are

16 ye? And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and mastered both of them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked

17 and wounded. And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, that dwelt at Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was

18 magnified. Many also of them that had believed came, confessing, and declar- 19 ing their deeds. And not a few of them that practised ⁸curious arts brought their books together, and burned them in the sight of all: and they counted the price of them, and found it fifty thou-

20 sand pieces of silver. So mightily grew the word of the Lord and prevailed.

21 Now after these things were ended, Paul purposed in the spirit, when he had passed through Macedonia and Achaia, to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have

22 been there, I must also see Rome. And having sent into Macedonia two of them that ministered unto him, Timothy and Erastus, he himself stayed in Asia for a while.

23 And about that time there arose no 24 small stir concerning the Way. For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, which made silver shrines of ⁹Diana, brought no little business unto the

25 craftsmen; whom he gathered together, with the workmen of like occupation, and said, Sirs, ye know that by this 26 business we have our wealth. And ye see and hear, that not alone at Ephesus, but almost throughout all Asia, this Paul hath persuaded and turned away much people, saying that they be no gods, which are made with

27 hands: and not only is there danger that this our trade come into disrepute; but also that the temple of the great goddess ¹⁰Diana be made of no account, and that she should even be deposed from her magnificence, whom all Asia and ¹⁰the world worship-

28 peth. And when they heard this, they were filled with wrath, and cried out, saying, Great is ¹⁰Diana of the

¹ Or, an eloquent man

² Or, taught by word of mouth.

³ Or, helped much through grace them which had believed.

⁴ Or, shewing publicly

⁵ Or, there is a Holy Ghost

⁹ Or, powers.

⁷ Or, recognise

⁸ Or, magical

⁹ Or, Artemis.

¹⁰ Or, the inhabited earth.

29 Ephesians. And the city was filled with the confusion: and they rushed with one accord into the theatre, having seized Gaius and Aristarchus, men of Macedonia, Paul's companions in 30 travel. And when Paul was minded to enter in unto the people, the disciples 31 suffered him not. And certain also of the chief officers of Asia, being his friends, sent unto him, and besought him not to adventure himself into the 32 theatre. Some therefore cried one thing, and some another: for the assembly was in confusion; and the more part knew not wherefore they were 33 come together. ³And they brought Alexander out of the multitude, the Jews putting him forward. And Alexander beckoned with the hand, and would have made a defence unto the 34 people. But when they perceived that he was a Jew, all with one voice about the space of two hours cried out, Great 35 is ³Diana of the Ephesians. And when the townclerk had quieted the multitude, he saith, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there who knoweth not how that the city of the Ephesians is temple-keeper of the great ³Diana, and of the *image* which fell down from ⁴Jupiter? 36 Seeing then that these things cannot be gainsaid, ye ought to be quiet, and to 37 do nothing rash. For ye have brought *hither* these men, which are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our 38 goddess. If therefore Demetrius, and the craftsmen that are with him, have a matter against any man, ⁵the courts are open, and there are proconsuls: let 39 them accuse one another. But if ye seek anything about other matters, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. 40 For indeed we are in danger to be ⁶accused concerning this day's riot, there being no cause for it: and as touching it we shall not be able to give account 41 of this concourse. And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly. 20 And after the uproar was ceased, Paul having sent for the disciples and exhorted them, took leave of them, and 2 departed for to go into Macedonia. And when he had gone through those parts, and had given them much exhortation, 3 he came into Greece. And when he had spent three months *there*, and a plot was laid against him by the Jews, as he was about to set sail for Syria, he determined to return through Macedonia. And there accompanied him ⁷as far as Asia Sopater of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and of 5 Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus. But these ⁸had gone before, and were waiting for us at Troas. And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to

Troas in five days; where we tarried seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul discoursed with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and prolonged his speech until midnight. 8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber, where we were gathered 9 together. And there sat in the window a certain young man named Eutychus, borne down with deep sleep; and as Paul discoursed yet longer, being borne down by his sleep he fell down from the third story, and was taken up dead. 10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Make ye no 11 ado; for his life is in him. And when he was gone up, and had broken the bread, and eaten, and had talked with them a long while, even till break of day, so 12 he departed. And they brought the lad alive, and were not a little comforted. 13 But we, going before to the ship, set sail for Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, in- 14 tending himself to go ⁹by land. And when he met us at Assos, we took him 15 in, and came to Mitylene. And sailing from thence, we came the following day over against Chios; and the next day we touched at Samos; and ¹⁰the day after 16 we came to Miletus. For Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus, that he might not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to him the ¹¹elders of the 18 church. And when they were come to him, he said unto them,

Ye yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, after what manner I was with you all the time, serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind, and with tears, and with trials which 20 befell me by the plots of the Jews: how that I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from house 21 to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus ¹²Christ. 22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the 23 things that shall befall me there: save that the Holy Ghost testifieth unto me in every city, saying that bonds and 24 afflictions abide me. But I hold not my life of any account, as dear unto myself, ¹³so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel 25 of the grace of God. And now, behold, I know that ye all, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, shall see my face no more. 26 Wherefore I testify unto you this

1 Gr. Aristarchus.

2 Or, And some of the multitude instructed Alexander.

3 Gr. Artemis.

4 Or, heaven.

5 Or, courts days are kept.

6 Or, accused of riot concerning this day.

7 Many ancient authorities omit as far as Asia.

8 Many ancient authorities read came, and were waiting.

9 Or, on foot.

10 Many ancient authorities insert having hurried at Troas.

11 Or, presbyters.

12 Many ancient authorities omit Christ.

13 Or, to accomplish my course.

day, that I am pure from the blood of 27 all men. For I shrank not from declaring unto you the whole counsel of God.

28 Take heed unto yourselves, and to all the flock, in the which the Holy Ghost hath made you ¹ bishops, to feed the church of ² God, which he ³ purchased with his own blood. I know that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in 30 among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw 31 away the disciples after them. Wherefore watch ye, remembering that by the space of three years I ceased not to admonish every one night and day with 32 tears. And now I commend you to ⁴ God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are 33 sanctified. I coveted no man's silver, 34 or gold, or apparel. Ye yourselves know that these hands ministered unto my necessities, and to them that were with 35 me. In all things I gave you an example, how that so labouring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down, and prayed with them all. 37 And they all wept sore, and fell on Paul's 38 neck, and kissed him, sorrowing most of all for the word which he had spoken, that they should behold his face no more. And they brought him on his way unto the ship.

21 And when it came to pass that we were parted from them, and had set sail, we came with a straight course unto Cos, and the next day unto Rhodes, and from 2 thence unto Patara: and having found a ship crossing over unto Phœnicia, we 3 went aboard, and set sail. And when we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed unto Syria, and landed at Tyre: for there the ship 4 was to unlade her burden. And having found the disciples, we tarried there seven days: and these said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not 5 set foot in Jerusalem. And when it came to pass that we had accomplished the days, we departed and went on our journey; and they all, with wives and children, brought us on our way, till we were out of the city: and kneeling 6 down on the beach, we prayed, and bade each other farewell; and we went on board the ship, but they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we saluted the brethren, and abode 8 with them one day. And on the morrow we departed, and came unto Cæsarea: and entering into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of

9 the seven, we abode with him. Now this man had four daughters, virgins, which 10 did prophesy. And as we tarried there ⁵ many days, there came down from Judæa a certain prophet, named Agabus. 11 And coming to us, and taking Paul's girdle, he bound his own feet and hands, and said, Thus saith the Holy Ghost, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of 12 the Gentiles. And when we heard these things, both we and they of that place besought him not to go up to 13 Jerusalem. Then Paul answered, What do ye, weeping and breaking my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the 14 name of the Lord Jesus. And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after these days we ⁶ took up our baggage, and went up to Jerusalem. 16 And there went with us also *certain* of the disciples from Cæsarea, bringing with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, 18 the brethren received us gladly. And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were 19 present. And when he had saluted them, he rehearsed one by one the things which God had wrought among 20 the Gentiles by his ministry. And they, when they heard it, glorified God; and they said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many ⁷ thousands there are among the Jews of them which have believed; and they are all zealous for 21 the law: and they have been informed concerning thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children, neither to 22 walk after the customs. What is it therefore? they will certainly hear that 23 thou art come. Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men 24 which have a vow on them; these take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges for them, that they may shave their heads: and all shall know that there is no truth in the things whereof they have been informed concerning thee; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, keeping the law.

25 But as touching the Gentiles which have believed, we ⁸ wrote, giving judgment that they should keep themselves from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what is strangled, and from fornication. Then Paul ⁹ took the men, and the next day purifying himself with them went into the temple, declaring the fulfilment of the days of purification,

¹ Or, overseers.
² Many ancient authorities read the Lord.
³ Or, acquired.

⁴ Some ancient authorities read the Lord.

⁵ Or, some.

⁶ Or, made ready.

⁷ Or, multitude.

⁸ Or, enjoined. Many ancient authorities read sent.
⁹ Or, took the men the next day, and purifying himself, &c.

until the offering was offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost completed, the Jews from Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up all the multitude, and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, Men of Israel, help: This is the man, that teacheth all men everywhere against the people, and the law, and this place: and moreover he brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath 29 defiled this holy place. For they had before seen with him in the city Trophimus the Ephesian, whom they supposed that Paul had brought into the 30 temple. And all the city was moved, and the people ran together: and they laid hold on Paul, and dragged him out of the temple: and straightway the 31 doors were shut. And as they were seeking to kill him, tidings came up to the ¹chief captain of the ²band, that 32 all Jerusalem was in confusion. And forthwith he took soldiers and centurions, and ran down upon them: and they, when they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, left off beating Paul.

33 Then the chief captain came near, and laid hold on him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and inquired who he was, and what he had 34 done. And some shouted one thing, some another, among the crowd: and when he could not know the certainty for the uproar, he commanded him to 35 be brought into the castle. And when he came upon the stairs, so it was, that he was borne of the soldiers for the 36 violence of the crowd; for the multitude of the people followed after, crying out, Away with him.

37 And as Paul was about to be brought into the castle, he saith unto the chief captain, May I say something unto thee? And he said, Dost thou know 38 Greek? Art thou not then the Egyptian, which before these days stirred up to sedition and led out into the wilderness the four thousand men of the Assassins? 39 But Paul said, I am a Jew, of Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city: and I beseech thee, give me leave to 40 speak unto the people. And when he had given him leave, Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with the hand unto the people; and when there was made a great silence, he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, saying,

22 Brethren and fathers, hear ye the defence which I now make unto you.

2 And when they heard that he spake unto them in the Hebrew language, they were the more quiet: and he saith,

3 I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God,

4 even as ye all are this day: and I persecuted this Way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both 5 men and women. As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and all the estate of the elders: from whom also I received letters unto the brethren, and journeyed to Damascus, to bring them also which were there unto Jerusalem in 6 bonds, for to be punished. And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew nigh unto Damascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light round about me.

7 And I fell unto the ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, 8 why persecutest thou me? And I answered, Who art thou, Lord? And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, 9 whom thou persecutest. And they that were with me beheld indeed the light, but they heard not the voice of 10 him that spake to me. And I said,

What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be told thee of all things which are appointed 11 for thee to do. And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were 12 with me, I came into Damascus. And one Ananias, a devout man according to the law, well reported of by all the 13 Jews that dwelt there, came unto me, and standing by me said unto me, Brother Saul, receive thy sight. And in that very hour I ³looked up on him.

14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath appointed thee to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to 15 hear a voice from his mouth. For thou shalt be a witness for him unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard.

16 And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, 17 calling on his name. And it came to pass, that, when I had returned to Jerusalem, and while I prayed in the 18 temple, I fell into a trance, and saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem: because they will not receive of thee 19 testimony concerning me. And I said,

Lord, they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat in every synagogue 20 them that believed on thee: and when the blood of Stephen thy witness was shed, I also was standing by, and consenting, and keeping the garments 21 of them that slew him. And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee forth far hence unto the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word; and they lifted up their voice, and said, Away with such a fellow from the earth: for it is not 23 fit that he should live. And as they cried out, and threw off their gar-

¹ Or, military tribune
² Or, chief of the band:
and so throughout this book.
³ Or, cohort

³ Or, received my sight and looked upon him

1 Or, for

24 ments, and cast dust into the air, the chief captain commanded him to be brought into the castle, bidding that he should be examined by scourging, that he might know for what cause they 25 so shouted against him. And when they had tied him up¹ with the thongs, Paul said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned? And when the centurion heard it, he went to the chief captain, and told him, saying, What art thou about to 27 do? for this man is a Roman. And the chief captain came, and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? And 28 he said, Yes. And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this citizenship. And Paul said, But I 29 am a Roman born. They then which were about to examine him straightway departed from him: and the chief captain also was afraid, when he knew that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

30 But on the morrow, desiring to know the certainty; wherefore he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him, and commanded the chief priests and all the council to come together, and brought Paul down, and set him before them.

23 And Paul, looking stedfastly on the council, said, Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until 2 this day. And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him 3 to smite him on the mouth. Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: and sittest thou to judge me according to the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary 4 to the law? And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? 5 And Paul said, I wist not, brethren, that he was high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of a ruler 6 of thy people. But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees, and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees: touching the hope and resurrection of the dead I am 7 called in question. And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees: 8 and the assembly was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit: 9 but the Pharisees confess both. And there arose a great clamour: and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' part stood up, and strove, saying, We find no evil in this man: and what if a spirit hath spoken to him, or an angel? 10 And when there arose a great dissension, the chief captain, fearing lest Paul should be torn in pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down

and take him by force from among them, and bring him into the castle.

11 And the night following the Lord stood by him, and said, Be of good cheer: for as thou hast testified concerning me at Jerusalem, so must thou bear witness also at Rome.

12 And when it was day, the Jews banded together, and bound themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink till they had killed Paul. And they were more than 14 forty which made this conspiracy. And they came to the chief priests and the elders, and said, We have bound ourselves under a great curse, to taste nothing until we have killed Paul. Now therefore do ye with the council signify to the chief captain that he bring him down unto you, as though ye would judge of his case more exactly: and we, or ever he come near, are ready to 16 slay him. But Paul's sister's son heard of their lying in wait, ² and he came and entered into the castle, and told

17 Paul. And Paul called unto him one of the centurions, and said, Bring this young man unto the chief captain: for 18 he hath something to tell him. So he took him, and brought him to the chief captain, and saith, Paul the prisoner called me unto him, and asked me to bring this young man unto thee, who 19 hath something to say to thee. And the chief captain took him by the hand, and going aside asked him privately, What is that thou hast to tell me?

20 And he said, The Jews have agreed to ask thee to bring down Paul to-morrow unto the council, as though thou wouldst inquire somewhat more exactly concerning him. Do not thou therefore yield unto them: for there lie in wait for him of them more than forty men, which have bound themselves under a curse, neither to eat nor to drink till they have slain him: and now are they ready, looking for the 22 promise from thee. So the chief captain let the young man go, charging him, Tell no man that thou hast signified these things to me. And he called unto him two of the centurions, and said, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go as far as Cæsarea, and horsemen threescore and ten, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the 24 night: and he bade them provide beasts, that they might set Paul thereon, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor. And he wrote a letter after this form:

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix, greeting. This man was seized by the Jews, and was about to be slain of them, when I came upon them with the soldiers, and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman. 28 And desiring to know the cause where-

² Or, having come in upon them, and he entered &c.

¹ Some ancient authorities omit / brought him down unto their council.

² Many ancient authorities add / Farewell.

³ Gr. *Protorium*.

⁴ Gr. *the inhabitant of earth*.

⁵ Some ancient authorities insert and so would have judged him according to our law. ⁶ But the chief captain Lysias came, and with great violence took him away out of our hands, ⁸ commanding his accusers to come before these.

⁹ Or, *heresy*.

fore they accused him, ¹ I brought him down unto their council: whom I found to be accused about questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds. ³⁰ And when it was shewn to me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to thee forthwith, charging his accusers also to speak against him before thee.²

³¹ So the soldiers, as it was commanded them, took Paul, and brought him by ³² night to Antipatris. But on the morrow they left the horsemen to go with ³³ him, and returned to the castle: and they, when they came to Caesarea, and delivered the letter to the governor, ³⁴ presented Paul also before him. And when he had read it, he asked of what province he was; and when he understood that he was of Cilicia, I will hear thy cause, said he, when thine accusers also are come: and he commanded him to be kept in Herod's ³ palace.

²⁴ And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with certain elders, and with an orator, one Tertullus; and they informed the governor ² against Paul. And when he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying,

Seeing that by thee we enjoy much peace, and that by thy providence evils ³ are corrected for this nation, we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness.

⁴ But, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I intreat thee to hear us of thy ⁵ clemency a few words. For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of insurrections among all the Jews throughout ⁴ the world, and a ring-

⁶ leader of the sect of the Nazarenes: who moreover assayed to profane the tem-

⁸ ple: on whom also we laid hold:⁵ from whom thou wilt be able, by examining him thyself, to take knowledge of all these things, whereof we accuse ⁹ him. And the Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that these things were so.

¹⁰ And when the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, Paul answered,

Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I do cheerfully make my de-

¹¹ fence: seeing that thou canst take knowledge, that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship ¹² at Jerusalem: and neither in the temple did they find me disputing with any man or stirring up a crowd, nor in the ¹³ synagogues, nor in the city. Neither can they prove to thee the things ¹⁴ whereof they now accuse me. But this I confess unto thee, that after the Way which they call ⁶ a sect, so serve I the God of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the law, and which are written in the prophets:

15 having hope toward God, which these also themselves ⁷ look for, that there shall be a resurrection both of the just ¹⁶ and unjust. Herein do I also exercise myself to have a conscience void of of-

¹⁷ fence toward God and men alway. Now after ⁸ many years I came to bring alms ¹⁸ to my nation, and offerings: ⁹ amidst which they found me purified in the temple, with no crowd, nor yet with tumult: but there were certain Jews

¹⁹ from Asia—who ought to have been here before thee, and to make accusation, if they had sought against me.

²⁰ Or else let these men themselves say what wrong-doing they found, when I ²¹ stood before the council, except it be for this one voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question before you this day.

²² But Felix, having more exact knowledge concerning the Way, deferred them, saying, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will deter-

²³ mine your matter. And he gave order to the centurion that he should be kept in charge, and should have indulgence; and not to forbid any of his friends to minister unto him.

²⁴ But after certain days, Felix came with Drusilla, ¹⁰ his wife, which was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ

²⁵ Jesus. And as he reasoned of righteousness, and ¹¹ temperance, and the judgement to come, Felix was terrified, and answered, Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient

²⁶ season, I will call thee unto me. He hoped withal that money would be given him of Paul: wherefore also he sent for him the oftener, and commun-

²⁷ ed with him. But when two years were fulfilled, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and desiring to gain favour with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds.

²⁵ Festus therefore, ¹² having come into the province, after three days went up

² to Jerusalem from Caesarea. And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews informed him against Paul;

³ and they besought him, asking favour against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem; laying wait to kill

⁴ him on the way. Howbeit Festus answered, that Paul was kept in charge at Caesarea, and that he himself was ⁵ about to depart thither shortly. Let them therefore, saith he, which are of power among you, go down with me, and if there is anything amiss in the man, let them accuse him.

⁶ And when he had tarried among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and on the morrow he sat on the judgement-seat, and commanded

⁷ Or, *except*.

⁸ Or, *many*.
⁹ Or, *in presence*.
¹⁰ Or, *which*.

¹⁰ Or, *his own wife*.

¹¹ Or, *self-confessed*.

¹² Or, *having returned upon his previous*.

7 Paul to be brought. And when he was come, the Jews which had come down from Jerusalem stood round about him, bringing against him many and grievous charges, which they could not 8 prove; while Paul said in his defence, Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against 9 Cæsar, have I sinned at all. But Festus, desiring to gain favour with the Jews, answered Paul, and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be 10 judged of these things before me? But Paul said, I am standing before Cæsar's judgement-seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews have I done no wrong, as thou also very well 11 knowest. If then I am a wrong-doer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die: but if none of those things is true, whereof these accuse me, no man can give me up unto 12 them. I appeal unto Cæsar. Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Thou hast appealed unto Cæsar: unto Cæsar shalt thou go. 13 Now when certain days were passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived 14 at Cæsarea, and saluted Festus. And as they tarried there many days, Festus laid Paul's case before the king, saying, There is a certain man left a 15 prisoner by Felix: about whom, when I was at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, asking for sentence against him. 16 To whom I answered, that it is not the custom of the Romans to give up any man, before that the accused have the accusers face to face, and have had opportunity to make his defence concerning the matter laid against him. 17 When therefore they were come together here, I made no delay, but on the next day sat down on the judgement-seat, and commanded the man to be 18 brought. Concerning whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of such evil things as I supposed; but had certain questions against him of their own religion, and of one Jesus, who was dead, whom Paul 19 affirmed to be alive. And I, being perplexed how to inquire concerning these things, asked whether he would go to Jerusalem, and there be judged 20 of these matters. But when Paul had appealed to be kept for the decision of the emperor, I commanded him to be kept till I should send him to Cæsar. 21 And Agrippa said unto Festus, I also could wish to hear the man myself. Tomorrow, saith he, thou shalt hear him. 22 So on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and they were entered into the place of hearing, with the chief captains, and the principal men of the city, at the command of Festus Paul was

24 brought in. And Festus saith, King Agrippa, and all men which are here present with us, ye behold this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews made suit to me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying that he ought not to live 25 any longer. But I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death: and as he himself appealed to the emperor I determined to send him. Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, king Agrippa, that, after examination had, I may have somewhat 27 to write. For it seemeth to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not without to signify the charges against him.

26 And Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak for thyself. Then Paul stretched forth his hand, and made his defence:

2 I think myself happy, king Agrippa, that I am to make my defence before thee this day touching all the things 3 whereof I am accused by the Jews: especially because thou art expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to 4 hear me patiently. My manner of life then from my youth up, which was from the beginning among mine own nation, and at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; 5 having knowledge of me from the first, if they be willing to testify, how that after the straitest sect of our religion I 6 lived a Pharisee. And now I stand here to be judged for the hope of the promise 7 made of God unto our fathers; unto which promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. And concerning this hope I 8 am accused by the Jews, O king! Why is it judged incredible with you, if God 9 doth raise the dead? I verily thought with myself, that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of 10 Nazareth. And this I also did in Jerusalem: and I both shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death, I gave my vote 11 against them. And punishing them oftentimes in all the synagogues, I strove to make them blasphemous; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto foreign cities. 12 Whereupon as I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission 13 of the chief priests, at midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them that 14 journeyed with me. And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying unto me in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee 15 to kick against the goad. And I

1 Gr. grant me by favour: and so in ver. 18.

2 Or, having asked

3 Or, supererogation

4 Gr. the Augustus.

5 Or, were wishing

6 Or, because thou art especially expert

7 Or, On which errand

8 Or, goads

said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou per-
 16 secutest. But arise, and stand upon thy
 feet: for to this end have I appeared
 unto thee, to appoint thee a minister
 and a witness both of the things ¹where-
 in thou hast seen me, and of the things
 17 wherein I will appear unto thee; deli-
 vering thee from the people, and from
 the Gentiles, unto whom I send thee,
 18 to open their eyes, ²that they may turn
 from darkness to light, and from the
 power of Satan unto God, that they may
 receive remission of sins and an inheri-
 tance among them that are sanctified by
 19 faith in me. Wherefore, O king Agrippa,
 I was not disobedient unto the heavenly
 20 vision: but declared both to them of
 Damascus first, and at Jerusalem, and
 throughout all the country of Judea,
 and also to the Gentiles, that they
 should repent and turn to God, doing
 21 works worthy of ³repentance. For this
 cause the Jews seized me in the tem-
 22 ple, and assayed to kill me. Having
 therefore obtained the help that is from
 God, I stand unto this day testifying
 both to small and great, saying nothing
 but what the prophets and Moses did
 23 say should come; ⁴how that the Christ
⁵must suffer, and ⁶how that he first by
 the resurrection of the dead should pro-
 claim light both to the people and to
 the Gentiles.
 24 And as he thus made his defence, Fes-
 tus saith with a loud voice, Paul, thou
 art mad; thy much learning doth turn
 25 thee to madness. But Paul saith, I am
 not mad, most excellent Festus; but
 speak forth words of truth and sober-
 26 ness. For the king knoweth of these
 things, unto whom also I speak freely:
 for I am persuaded that none of these
 things is hidden from him; for this hath
 27 not been done in a corner. King Agrip-
 pa, believest thou the prophets? I know
 28 that thou believest. And Agrippa said
 unto Paul, With but little persuasion
 thou wouldest fain make me a Chris-
 29 tian. And Paul said, I would to God,
 that whether with little or with much,
 not thou only, but also all that hear me
 this day, might become such as I am,
 except these bonds.
 30 And the king rose up, and the gover-
 nor, and Bernice, and they that sat
 31 with them: and when they had with-
 drawn, they spake one to another, say-
 ing, This man doeth nothing worthy of
 32 death or of bonds. And Agrippa said
 unto Festus, This man might have been
 set at liberty, if he had not appealed
 unto Cæsar.
 27 And when it was determined that
 we should sail for Italy, they delivered
 Paul and certain other prisoners to a
 centurion named Julius, of the Augus-
 28 tan ⁷band. And embarking in a ship
 of Adramyttium, which was about to

sail unto the places on the coast of Asia,
 we put to sea, Aristarchus, a Macedo-
 nian of Thessalonica, being with us.
 3 And the next day we touched at Sidon:
 and Julius treated Paul kindly, and
 gave him leave to go unto his friends
 4 and ⁸refresh himself. And putting to
 sea from thence, we sailed under the lee
 of Cyprus, because the winds were con-
 5 trary. And when we had sailed across
 the sea which is off Cilicia and Pam-
 phylia, we came to Myra, a city of
 6 Lycia. And there the centurion found
 a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy;
 7 and he put us therein. And when
 we had sailed slowly many days, and
 were come with difficulty over against
 Cnidus, the wind not ⁹further suffer-
 ing us, we sailed under the lee of
 8 Crete, over against Salmone; and
 with difficulty coasting along it we
 came unto a certain place called Fair
 Havens; nigh whereunto was the city
 of Lasea.
 9 And when much time was spent, and
 the voyage was now dangerous, because
 the Fast was now already gone by, Paul
 10 admonished them, and said unto them,
 Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be
 with injury and much loss, not only of
 the lading and the ship, but also of our
 11 lives. But the centurion gave more heed
 to the master and to the owner of the
 ship, than to those things which were
 12 spoken by Paul. And because the haven
 was not commodious to winter in, the
 more part advised to put to sea from
 thence, if by any means they could reach
 Phoenix, and winter there; ¹⁰which is a
 haven of Crete, looking ¹¹north-east and
 13 south-east. And when the south wind
 blew softly, supposing that they had ob-
 tained their purpose, they weighed an-
 chor and sailed along Crete, close in
 14 shore. But after no long time there beat
 down from it a tempestuous wind, which
 15 is called Euraquilo: and when the ship
 was caught, and could not face the wind,
 we gave way to it, and were driven.
 16 And running under the lee of a small is-
 land called ¹²Cauda, we were able, with
 17 difficulty, to secure the boat: and when
 they had hoisted it up, they used helps,
 under-girding the ship; and, fearing
 lest they should be cast upon the Syrtis,
 they lowered the gear, and so were
 18 driven. And as we laboured exceeding-
 ly with the storm, the next day they
 began to throw the freight overboard;
 19 and the third day they cast out with
 their own hands the ¹³tackling of the
 20 ship. And when neither sun nor stars
 shone upon us for many days, and no
 small tempest lay on us, all hope that we
 should be saved was now taken away.
 21 And when they had been long without
 food, then Paul stood forth in the
 midst of them, and said, Sirs, ye
 should have hearkened unto me, and not

¹ Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
which
thou hast
seen.

² Or,
to turn
them

³ Or,
their re-
pentance

⁴ Or, *if*
Or,
whether

⁵ Or, *is*
subject to
suffering

⁶ Or,
cohort

⁷ Or,
military
attain-
ment.

⁸ Or,
enjoining
us to get
there

⁹ Or,
down the
south-
west wind
and
across
the north-
west wind.

¹⁰ Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
Cauda.

¹¹ Or,
furni-
ture

have set sail from Crete, and have gotten this injury and loss. And now I exhort you to be of good cheer: for there shall be no loss of life among you, but *only* of the ship. For there stood by me this night an angel of the God whose I am, whom also I serve, saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must stand before Cæsar: and lo, God hath granted thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even so as it hath been spoken unto me. Howbeit we must be cast upon a certain island.

But when the fourteenth night was come, as we were driven to and fro in the sea of Adria, about midnight the sailors surmised that they were drawing near to some country; and they sounded, and found twenty fathoms: and after a little space, they sounded again, and found fifteen fathoms. And fearing lest haply we should be cast ashore on rocky ground, they let go four anchors from the stern, and wished for the day. And as the sailors were seeking to flee out of the ship, and had lowered the boat into the sea, under colour as though they would lay out anchors from the foreship, Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, Except these abide in the ship, ye cannot be saved. Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat, and let her fall off. And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take some food, saying, This day is the fourteenth day that ye wait and continue fasting, having taken nothing. Wherefore I beseech you to take some food: for this is for your safety: for there shall not a hair perish from the head of any of you. And when he had said this, and had taken bread, he gave thanks to God in the presence of all: and he brake it, and began to eat. Then were they all of good cheer, and themselves also took food. And we were in all in the ship ²two hundred threescore and sixteen souls. And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. And when it was day, they knew not the land: but they perceived a certain bay with a beach, and they took counsel whether they could drive the ship upon it. And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders; and hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. But lighting upon a place where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the foreship struck and remained unmoveable, but the stern began to break up by the violence of the waves. And the soldiers' counsel was to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. But the centurion, de-

siring to save Paul, stayed them from their purpose; and commanded that they which could swim should cast themselves overboard, and get first to the land: and the rest, some on planks, and some on other things from the ship. And so it came to pass, that they all escaped safe to the land.

And when we were escaped, then we knew that the island was called ⁴'Melita.' And the barbarians shewed us no common kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks, and laid them on the fire, a viper came out ⁵by reason of the heat, and fastened on his hand. And when the barbarians saw the beast hanging from his hand, they said one to another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped from the sea, yet Justice hath not suffered to live. Howbeit he shook off the beast into the fire, and took no harm. But they expected that he would have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but when they were long in expectation, and beheld nothing amiss come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

Now in the neighbourhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius; who received us, and entertained us three days courteously. And it was so, that the father of Publius lay sick of fever and dysentery: unto whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laying his hands on him healed him. And when this was done, the rest also which had diseases in the island came, and were cured: who also honoured us with many honours; and when we sailed, they put on board such things as we needed.

And after three months we set sail in a ship of Alexandria, which had wintered in the island, whose sign was ⁶The Twin Brothers. And touching at Syracuse, we tarried there three days. And from thence we made a circuit, and arrived at Rhegium: and after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli: where we found brethren, and were intreated to tarry with them seven days: and so we came to Rome. And from thence the brethren, when they heard of us, came to meet us as far as The Market of Appius, and The Three Taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

And when we entered into Rome, Paul was suffered to abide by himself with the soldier that guarded him.

And it came to pass, that after three days he called together those that were the chief of the Jews: and when they were come together, he said unto them, I, brethren, though

⁴ Some ancient authorities read *Melites*.

⁵ Or, *from the heat*.

⁶ Gr. *Decurion*.

⁷ Some ancient authorities read *cast loose*.

⁸ Some ancient authorities insert the centurion delivered the prisoners to the captain of the praetorian guard: but, Or, those that were of the Jews first.

¹ Or, *prayed*.

² Some ancient authorities read *about three-score and sixteen souls*.

³ Some ancient authorities read *bringing the ship safe to shore*.

I had done nothing against the people, or the customs of our fathers, yet was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans: who, when they had examined me, desired to set me at liberty, because there was no cause of death in me. But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Cæsar; not that I had aught to accuse my nation of. For this cause therefore did I intreat you to see and to speak with me: for because of the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. And they said unto him, We neither received letters from Judæa concerning thee, nor did any of the brethren come hither and report or speak any harm of thee. But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, they came to him into his lodging in great number; to whom he expounded the matter, testifying the kingdom of God, and persuading them concerning Jesus, both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning till evening. And some believed the things which were spoken, and some

25 disbelieved. And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost¹ by Isaiah 26 the prophet unto your fathers, saying, Go thou unto this people, and say, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand; And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:

27 For this people's heart is waxed gross, And their ears are dull of hearing, And their eyes they have closed; Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And should turn again, And I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that this salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles: they will also hear.²

30 And he abode two whole years in his own hired dwelling, and received 31 all that went in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him.

¹ Or, through

² Some ancient authorities insert ver. 29 And when he had said these words, the Jews departed, hearing much disputing among themselves.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE ROMANS.

1 PAUL, a¹ servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto 2 the gospel of God, which he promised afore² by his prophets in the holy 3 scriptures, concerning his Son, who was born of the seed of David according to 4 the flesh, who was³ declared to be the Son of God⁴ with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection of the dead; even Jesus Christ our 5 Lord, through whom we received grace and apostleship, unto obedience⁵ of faith among all the nations, for his 6 name's sake: among whom are ye 7 also, called to be Jesus Christ's: to all that are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all,⁶ that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole 9 world. For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his Son, how unceasingly I make mention 10 of you, always in my prayers making request, if by any means now at length I may be prospered⁷ by the will of 11 God to come unto you. For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you

some spiritual gift, to the end ye may 12 be established; that is, that I with you may be comforted in you, each of us by the other's faith, both yours and mine.

13 And I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you (and was hindered hitherto), that I might have some fruit in you also, even as in the rest of the Gentiles.

14 I am debtor both to Greeks and to Barbarians, both to the wise and to the 15 foolish. So, as much as in me is, I am ready to preach the gospel to you 16 also that are in Rome. For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and 17 also to the Greek. For therein is revealed a righteousness of God⁸ by faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live⁹ by faith.

18 For⁹ the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who 19 hold down the truth in unrighteousness; because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God manifested it unto them.

20 For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world

¹ Or, call for you, to see and to speak with you

¹ Or, bond-servant.

² Or, through

³ Or, determined.

⁴ Or, in

⁵ Or, to the faith

⁶ Or, because

⁷ Or, in.

⁸ Or, from.

⁹ Or, of wrath

¹⁰ Or, hold the truth

are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, *even* his everlasting power and divinity;

21¹ that they may be without excuse: because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened.

22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

24 Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonoured among themselves: for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

26 For this cause God gave them up unto vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, men with men working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due.

28 And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; 30 whisperers, backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful: who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they which practise such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practise them.

2 Wherefore thou art without excuse, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest dost practise the same things.

7 And we know that the judgement of God is according to truth against them that practise such things. And reckonest thou this, O man, who judgest them that practise such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgement of God? Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance? but after thy hardness and impenitent heart treasurest up for thyself wrath in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgement of God; who will render to every man ac-

7 cording to his works: to them that by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honour and incorruption, eternal life: but unto them that are factious, and obey not the truth, but obey unrighteousness, shall be wrath and indignation, tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that worketh evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Greek; 10 but glory and honour and peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, 11 and also to the Greek: for there is no respect of persons with God. For as many as have sinned without law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned under law shall be judged by law; for not the hearers of a law are just before God, but the doers of a law shall be justified: for when Gentiles which have no law do by nature the things of the law, these, having no law, are a law unto themselves; 15 in that they shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and their thoughts one with another accusing 16 or else excusing them; in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ.

17 But if thou bearest the name of a Jew, and retest upon the law, and gloriest in God, and knowest his will, and approvest the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, and art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them that are in darkness, a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth; thou therefore that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man should not steal, dost thou steal? thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, dost thou commit adultery? thou that abhorrest idols, dost thou rob temples? thou who gloriest in the law, through thy transgression of the law dishonourest thou God? For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you, even as it is written. For circumcision indeed profiteth, if thou be a doer of the law: but if thou be a transgressor of the law, thy circumcision becomes uncircumcision. If therefore the uncircumcision keep the ordinances of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be reckoned for circumcision? and shall not the uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who with the letter and circumcision art a transgressor of the law? For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: 29 but he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

¹ Or, so that they are

² Gr. unto the ages.
³ Gr. passions of dishonour.

⁴ Gr. did not approve.

⁵ Or. haters of God

⁶ Gr. the other.

⁷ Many ancient authorities omit For.

⁸ Or, righteous
⁹ Or, accounted righteous

¹⁰ Or, reasonings
¹¹ Or, judgeth

¹² Or, a law
¹³ Or, the will
¹⁴ Or, precept
¹⁵ Or, the things that differ
¹⁶ Or, an instructor

¹⁷ Or, commit sacrilege

3 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what is the profit of circumcision?
2 Much every way: first of all, that they were intrusted with the oracles of God.

3 For what if some were without faith? shall their want of faith make of none effect the faithfulness of God? ¹God forbid: yea, let God be found true, but every man a liar; as it is written,

That thou mightest be justified in thy words,

And mightest prevail when thou comest into judgement.

5 But if our unrighteousness commendeth the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who visiteth with wrath? (I speak after the 6 manner of men.) God forbid: for then

7 how shall God judge the world? ²But if the truth of God through my lie abounded unto his glory, why am I

8 also still judged as a sinner? and why not (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil, that good may come? whose condemnation is just.

9 What then? ³are we in worse case than they? No, in no wise: for we before laid to the charge both of Jews and Greeks, that they are all under 10 sin; as it is written,

There is none righteous, no, not one;

11 There is none that understandeth, There is none that seeketh after God;

12 They have all turned aside, they are together become unprofitable; There is none that doeth good, no, not so much as one:

13 Their throat is an open sepulchre; With their tongues they have used deceit:

The poison of asps is under their lips:

14 Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness:

15 Their feet are swift to shed blood;

16 Destruction and misery are in their ways;

17 And the way of peace have they not known:

18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it speaketh to them that are under the law; that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may be brought under the

20 judgement of God: because ⁴by ⁵the works of the law shall no flesh be ⁶justified in his sight: for ⁷through the law cometh the knowledge of sin.

21 But now apart from the law a righteousness of God hath been manifested, being witnessed by the law

22 and the prophets; even the righteousness of God through faith ⁸in Jesus Christ unto all ⁹them that be-

23 lieve; for there is no distinction; for all have sinned, and fall short of the 24 glory of God; being justified freely

by his grace through the redemption 25 that is in Christ Jesus: whom God ¹⁰set forth ¹¹to be a propitiation, through ¹²faith, by his blood, to shew his righteousness, because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime,

26 in the forbearance of God; for the shewing, *I say*, of his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be ¹³just, and the ¹⁴justifier of him that ¹⁵hath faith ¹⁶in Jesus.

27 Where then is the glorying? It is excluded. By what manner of law? of works? Nay: but by a law of faith.

28 ¹⁵We reckon therefore that a man is justified by faith apart from ¹⁶the works

29 of the law. Or is God the God of Jews only? is he not the God of Gentiles 30 also? Yea, of Gentiles also: if so be that God is one, and he shall justify the circumcision ⁴by faith, and the un-

31 circumcision ¹⁶through faith. Do we then make ¹⁷the law of none effect ¹⁸through faith? God forbid: nay, we establish ¹⁷the law.

4 What then shall we say ¹⁸that Abraham, our forefather according to the 2 flesh, hath found? For if Abraham was justified ⁴by works, he hath where-

3 of to glory; but not toward God. For what saith the scripture? And Abraham believed God, and it was reckon-

4 ed unto him for righteousness. Now to him that worketh, the reward is not reckoned as of grace, but as of debt.

5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is reckoned for right-

6 eousness. Even as David also pronounceth blessing upon the man, unto whom God reckoneth righteousness

7 apart from works, *saying*,

Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven,
And whose sins are covered.

8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not reckon sin.

9 Is this blessing then pronounced upon the circumcision, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say, To Abraham his faith was reckoned for righteous-

10 ness. How then was it reckoned? when he was in circumcision, or in uncircum-

11 cision? Not in circumcision, but in un-

circumcision: and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteous-

ness of the faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision: that he might be the father of all them that believe,

though they be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might be reckoned unto

12 them; and the father of circumcision to them who not only are of the circum-

cision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham which

18 he had in uncircumcision. For not

through the law was the promise to Abraham or to his seed, that he should be

heir of the world, but through the right-

1 Gr. Be it not so: and so elsewhere.

2 Many ancient authorities read For.

3 Or, do we ex-cuse ourselves?

4 Gr. out of.
5 Or, works of law
6 Or, accounted righteous
7 Or, through law
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9 Some ancient authorities add and upon all.

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14 eousness of faith. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of none effect: for the law worketh wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. For this cause it is of faith, that it may be according to grace; to the end that the promise may be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, A father of many nations have I made thee) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth the things that are not, as though they were. Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, So shall thy seed be. And without being weakened in faith he considered his own body now as good as dead (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb: yea, looking unto the promise of God, he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. Wherefore also it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was reckoned unto him; but for our sake also, unto whom it shall be reckoned, who believe on him that raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, to us who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.

5 Being therefore justified by faith, let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; through whom also we have had our access by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and let us rejoice in hope of the glory of God. And not only so, but let us also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; and patience, probation; and probation, hope: and hope putteth not to shame; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Ghost which was given unto us. For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man some one would even dare to die. But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from the wrath of God through him. For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life; and not only so, but we also rejoice in God through

our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

12 Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned:—for until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the likeness of Adam's transgression, who is a figure of him that was to come. But not as the trespass, so also is the free gift. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound unto the many. And not as through one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgement came of one unto condemnation, but the free gift came of many trespasses unto justification. For if, by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; much more shall they that receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, even Jesus Christ. So then as through one trespass the judgement came unto all men to condemnation; even so through one act of righteousness the free gift came unto all men to justification of life. For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one shall the many be made righteous. And the law came in beside, that the trespass might abound; but where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly: that, as sin reigned in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein? Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him through baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with him by the likeness of his death, we shall be also by the likeness of his resurrection; knowing this, that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we should no longer be in bondage to sin; for he that hath died is justified from sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him; knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him. For the death that he died, he died unto sin once: but the life that he liveth, he liveth

1 Many ancient authorities omit *here*.

2 Gr. out of.

3 Some authorities read *we have*.

4 Some ancient authorities omit *by faith*.

5 Or, *we also rejoice*.

6 Or, *glory*.

7 Or, *we also rejoice*.

8 Or, *Holy Spirit*: and so through this book.

9 Or, *that which is good*.

10 Gr. *in*.

11 Gr. *but also glorifying*.

12 Gr. *an act of righteousness*.

13 Some ancient authorities omit *of the gift*.

14 Or, *last*.

15 Or, *united with the likeness*: with the likeness.

16 Or, *in that*.

17 Gr. *once for all*.

11 eth unto God. Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the

13 lusts thereof: neither present your members unto sin as ¹instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as ¹instruments of

14 righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace?

16 God forbid. Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as ²servants unto obedience, his ²servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or

17 of obedience unto righteousness? But thanks be to God, ²that, whereas ye were ²servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that ⁴form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered;

18 and being made free from sin, ye became ²servants of righteousness. I

19 speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye presented your members as servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members as servants to righteousness unto

20 sanctification. For when ye were ²servants of sin, ye were free in regard

21 of righteousness. What fruit then had ye at that time in the things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those

22 things is death. But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctifi-

23 cation, and the end eternal life. For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

7 Or are ye ignorant, brethren (for I speak to men that know ⁵the law), how that the law hath dominion over a man for so long time as he liveth?

2 For the woman that hath a husband is bound by law to the husband while he liveth; but if the husband die, she is discharged from the law of the husband.

3 So then if, while the husband liveth, she be joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if the husband die, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulteress, though

4 she be joined to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ; that ye should be joined to another, even to him who was raised from the dead, that we might bring

5 forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the ⁶sinful passions, which were through the law, wrought in our members to bring forth fruit unto

6 death. But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to

that wherein we were holden; so that we serve in newness of the spirit, and not in oldness of the letter.

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Howbeit, I had not known sin, except through ⁵the law: for I had not known ⁷coveting, except

8 the law had said, Thou shalt not ⁷covet: but sin, finding occasion, wrought in me through the commandment all manner of ⁷coveting: for apart from ⁵the law

9 sin is dead. And I was alive apart from ⁵the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died;

10 and the commandment, which was unto

11 life, this I found to be unto death: for sin, finding occasion, through the commandment beguiled me, and through it

12 slew me. So that the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and righteous,

13 and good. Did then that which is good become death unto me? God forbid. But sin, that it might be shewn to be sin, by working death to me through that which is good;—that through the commandment sin might become ex-

14 ceeding sinful. For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold

15 under sin. For that which I ⁹do I know not: for not what I would, that do I practise; but what I hate, that I do.

16 But if what I would not, that I do, I

17 consent unto the law that it is good. So now it is no more I that ⁹do it, but sin

18 which dwelleth in me. For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me, but to ⁹do that which is good is not.

19 For the good which I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I

20 practise. But if what I would not, that I do, it is no more I that ⁹do it, but sin

21 which dwelleth in me. I find then ⁹the law, that, to me who would do good, evil

22 is present. For I delight ¹⁰in the law of

23 God after the inward man: but I see a different law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity ¹¹under the law of

24 sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me out of ¹²the body of this death? ¹³I

25 thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then I myself with the mind serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

8 There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin

3 and of death. For what the law could not do, ¹⁴in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of ¹⁵sinful flesh ¹⁶and as an offering for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: that the ¹⁷ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the

5 flesh, but after the spirit. For they that are after the flesh do mind the things

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1 Gr. bond-servants.

3 Or, that ye were... but ye became

4 Or, pattern

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6 Gr. passions of sin.

7 Or, lust

9 Or, work.

9 Or, as regard of the law
10 Gr. with.

11 Gr. in. Many ancient authorities read so.

12 Or, the body of death

13 Many ancient authorities read But thanks be to God.

14 Or, weakness

15 Gr. flesh of sin.

16 Or, as an offering for sin.

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of the flesh; but they that are after the 6 spirit the things of the spirit. For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind 7 of the spirit is life and peace: because the mind of the flesh is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of 8 God, neither indeed can it be: and they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you. But if any man hath not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of 10 his. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the spirit is 11 life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwelleth in you, he that raised up Christ Jesus from the dead shall quicken also your mortal bodies 12 through his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 So then, brethren, we are debtors, not 13 to the flesh, to live after the flesh: for if ye live after the flesh, ye must die; but if by the spirit ye ¹⁴ mortify the 14 deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, 15 these are sons of God. For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: 17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall 19 be revealed to us-ward. For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to vanity, not of its own will, but by reason 21 of him who subjected it, ²² in hope that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children 22 of God. For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in 23 pain ²⁴ together until now. And not only so, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption, to wit, the 24 redemption of our body. For by hope we were saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: ²⁵ for who ²⁶ hopeth for 25 that which he seeth? But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

26 And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be 27 uttered; and he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, ²⁸ because he maketh inter-

cession for the saints according to the 28 will of God. And we know that to them that love God ²⁹ all things work together for good, even to them that are called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he foreknew, he also fore-ordained to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the first- 30 born among many brethren: and whom he foreordained, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against 32 us? He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all 33 things? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? ³⁴ It is God that 34 justifieth; who is he that shall condemn? ³⁵ It is Christ Jesus that died, yea rather, that was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who 35 also maketh intercession for us. Who shall separate us from the love ³⁶ of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or 36 peril, or sword? Even as it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long;

We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that 38 loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor 39 things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other ⁴⁰ creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

9 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing witness with me in 2 the Holy Ghost, that I have great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart. 3 For I could ⁴ wish that I myself were anathema from Christ for my brethren's sake, my kinsmen according to the flesh: 4 who are Israelites; whose is the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service 5 of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom is Christ as concerning the flesh, ⁶ who is over all, God 6 blessed ⁷ for ever. Amen. But it is not as though the word of God hath come to nought. For they are not all Israel, 7 which are of Israel: neither, because they are Abraham's seed, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed 8 be called. That is, it is not the children of the flesh that are children of God; but the children of the promise are 9 reckoned for a seed. For this is a word of promise, According to this season will I come, and Sarah shall have 10 a son. And not only so; but Rebecca also having conceived by one, even

²⁹ Some ancient authorities read God worketh all things with them for good.

¹⁰ Or, Shall God that justifieth?

¹¹ Or, Shall Christ Jesus that died...

¹² Some ancient authorities read of God.

¹³ Or, creation

¹⁴ Or, pray

¹⁵ Some modern interpreters place a full stop after flesh, and translate, He who is God over all be (be) blessed for ever.

¹⁶ Or, He who is over all is God, blessed for ever. Others punctuate, flesh, and translate, He who is over all is God be (be) blessed for ever. ¹⁷ Or, unto the ages.

¹ Many ancient authorities read because of.

²⁰ Or, hope; creative or creation etc.

²¹ Or, with us

²² Many ancient authorities read, and what man, etc. ²³ Or, doth ye possess? ²⁴ Some ancient authorities read, with-
²⁵ out, that

11 by our father Isaac—for the children being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth, it was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger. Even as it is written, Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion. So then it is not of him that will-eth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that hath mercy. For the scriptures saith unto Pharaoh, For this very purpose did I raise thee up, that I might shew in thee my power, and that my name might be published abroad in all the earth. So then he hath mercy on whom he will, and whom he will he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he still find fault? For who withstandeth his will? Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why didst thou make me thus? Or hath not the potter a right over the clay, from the same lump to make one part a vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour? What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering vessels of wrath fitted unto destruction: ¹ and that he might make known the riches of his glory upon vessels of mercy, which he afore prepared unto glory, ² even us, whom he also called, not from the Jews only, but also from the Gentiles? As he saith also in Hosea,

I will call that my people, which was not my people;
And her beloved, which was not beloved.

26 And it shall be, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people,
There shall they be called sons of the living God.

27 And Isaiah crieth concerning Israel, If the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that shall be saved: for the Lord will execute his word upon the earth, finishing it and cutting it short. And, as Isaiah hath said before,

Except the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed,
We had become as Sodom, and had been made like unto Gomorrah.

30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith: but Israel, following after a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. Wherefore? ³ Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were

¹ Some ancient authorities omit and.

² Or, Because, doing it not by faith, but as it were by works, they stumbled

by works. They stumbled at the stone of stumbling; even as it is written,

Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence:
And he that believeth on ⁴ him shall not be put to shame.

³ Or, ⁴

⁴ Gr. great pleasure.

10 Brethren, my heart's ⁵ desire and my supplication to God is for them, that they may be saved. For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to every one that believeth. For Moses writeth that the man that doeth the righteousness which is of the law shall live thereby. But the righteousness which is of faith saith thus, Say not in thy heart, Who shall ascend into heaven? (that is, to bring Christ down:) or, Who shall descend into the abyss? (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.) But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: ⁶ because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame.

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: for the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him: for, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? even as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that bring ⁷ glad tidings of good things!

⁵ Or, that
⁶ Some ancient authorities read confer the word with thy mouth, that Jesus is Lord.

⁷ Or, a gospel

⁸ Or, gospel

16 But they did not all hearken to the ⁸ glad tidings. For Isaiah saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ. But I say, Did they not hear? Yea, verily,
Their sound went out into all the earth,
And their words unto the ends of ⁹ the world.

⁹ Gr. the truth, and such.

19 But I say, Did Israel not know? First Moses saith,
I will provoke you to jealousy with that which is no nation,
With a nation void of understanding will I anger you.

20 And Isaiah is very bold, and saith,
I was found of them that sought me not;

I became manifest unto them that asked not of me.

21 But as to Israel he saith, All the day long did I spread out my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

11 I say then, Did God cast off his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of

2 the tribe of Benjamin. God did not cast off his people which he foreknew. Or wot ye not what the scripture saith

1 of Elijah? how he pleadeth with God 3 against Israel, Lord, they have killed thy prophets, they have digged down thine altars: and I am left alone, and

4 they seek my life. But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have left for myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to Baal.

5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace. But if it is by grace,

6 it is no more of works: otherwise grace 7 is no more grace. What then? That which Israel seeketh for, that he obtained not; but the election obtained it,

8 and the rest were hardened: according as it is written, God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, un-

9 to this very day. And David saith, Let their table be made a snare, and a trap,

And a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them:

10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, And bow thou down their back al-

way.

11 I say then, Did they stumble that they might fall? God forbid: but by their 2 fall salvation is come unto the Gen-

12 tiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if their fall is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the

13 Gentiles; how much more their fullness? But I speak to you that are Gentiles.

14 Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of 14 Gentiles, I glorify my ministry: if by any means I may provoke to jealousy

15 them that are my flesh, and may save some of them. For if the casting away of them is the reconciling of the world,

16 what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? And if the first-

17 fruit is holy, so is the lump: and if the root is holy, so are the branches. But

18 if some of the branches were broken off, and thou, being a wild olive, wast grafted in among them, and didst be-

19 come partaker with them 3 of the root of the fatness of the olive tree; glory not over the branches: but if thou

20 gloriest, it is not thou that bearest the root, but the root thee. Thou wilt say then, Branches were broken off, that

21 I might be grafted in. Well; by their unbelief they were broken off, and thou

standest by thy faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: for if God spared not the natural branches, neither will he

22 spare thee. Behold then the goodness and severity of God: toward them that fell, severity; but toward thee, God's

23 goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. And they also, if they continue

24 not in their unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. For if thou wast cut out of that

25 which is by nature a wild olive tree, and wast grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree: how much more shall

26 these, which are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree? For I would not, brethren, have you

ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come

27 in; and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer;

He shall turn away 4 ungodliness from Jacob:

28 And this is 5 my covenant unto them, When I shall take away their sins. As touching the gospel, they are ene-

29 mies for your sake: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the 29 fathers' sake. For the gifts and the calling of God are 6 without repentance.

30 For as ye in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy

31 by their disobedience, even so have these also now been disobedient, that by the mercy shewn to you they also

32 may now obtain mercy. For God hath shut up all unto disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth 7 of the riches 8 both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgements,

34 and his ways past tracing out! For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor? or

35 who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompensed unto him again? For of him, and through him, and un-

36 to him, are all things. To him be the glory 9 for ever. Amen. I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your

37 bodies a living sacrifice, holy, 10 acceptable to God, which is your 11 reason-

38 able 12 service. And be not fashioned according to this 13 world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your

39 mind, that ye may prove what is 14 the good and 15 acceptable and perfect will of God.

40 For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself

41 more highly than he ought to think; but so to think as to think soberly,

1 Or, to

2 Or, trespass

3 Many ancient authorities read of the root and of the fatness.

4 Gr. ungodlinesses.

5 Gr. the covenant from me.

6 Gr. not repented of.

7 Or, of the riches and the wisdom &c.

8 Or, both of wisdom &c.

9 Gr. unto the ages.

10 Gr. well-pleasing.

11 Or, spiritual

12 Or, worship

13 Or, age

14 Or, the will of God, even the thing which is good and acceptable and perfect

according as God hath dealt to each 4 man a measure of faith. For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same 5 office: so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members 6 one of another. And having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, whether prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to the proportion of 7 ¹our faith; or ministry, *let us give ourselves* to our ministry; or he that teacheth, to his teaching; or he that exhorteth, to his exhorting; he that giveth, *let him do it with* ²liberality; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth 9 mercy, with cheerfulness. Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honour 11 preferring one another; in diligence not slothful; fervent in spirit; serving ³the 12 Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing stedfastly in 13 prayer; communicating to the necessities of the saints; ⁴given to hospitality. 14 Bless them that persecute you; bless, 15 and curse not. Rejoice with them that 16 rejoice; weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another. Set not your mind on high things, but ⁵condescend to ⁶things that are lowly. Be not wise in your own conceits. 17 Render to no man evil for evil. Take thought for things honourable in the 18 sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with 19 all men. Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto ⁷wrath: for it is written, Vengeance belongeth unto me; I will recompense, saith the 20 Lord. But if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire 21 upon his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. 13 Let every soul be in subjection to the higher powers: for there is no power but of God; and the *powers* that be are 2 ordained of God. Therefore he that resisteth the power, withstandeth the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves judgement. For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. And wouldest thou have no fear of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise from the same: 4 for ⁸he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for ⁹he beareth not the sword in vain: for ¹⁰he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that 5 doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be in subjection, not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause ye pay tribute also; for they are ministers of God's service,

attending continually upon this very 7 thing. Render to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is *due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. 8 Owe no man anything, save to love one another: for he that loveth ⁹his neighbour hath fulfilled ¹⁰the law. For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not covet, and if there be any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, namely, Thou shalt love thy 10 neighbour as thyself. Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: love therefore is the fulfilment of ¹¹the law. 11 And this, knowing the season, that now it is high time for you to awake out of sleep: for now is ¹²salvation nearer to us than when we *first* believed. 12 The night is far spent, and the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the 13 armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in revelling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy. 14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to *fulfil the lusts thereof*. 14 But him that is weak in faith receive ye, yet not ¹⁵to doubtful disputations. 2 One man hath faith to eat all things: 3 but he that is weak eateth herbs. Let not him that eateth set at nought him that eateth not; and let not him that eateth not judge him that eateth: 4 for God hath received him. Who art thou that judgest the ¹⁶servant of another? to his own lord he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be made to stand; for the Lord hath power to make him stand. One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let each man be 6 fully assured in his own mind. He that regardeth the day, regardeth it unto the Lord; and he that eateth, eateth unto the Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, unto the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God 7 thanks. For none of us liveth to himself, and none dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; or whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or 9 die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died, and lived *again*, that he might be Lord of both the dead and 10 the living. But thou, why dost thou judge thy brother? or thou again, why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the 11 judgement-seat of God. For it is written,
As I live, saith the Lord, to me every knee shall bow,
And every tongue shall ¹⁴confess to God.

¹ Or, the faith

² Gr. singleness.

³ Some ancient authorities read the opportunity.
⁴ Gr. praising.

⁵ Gr. be carried away with.
⁶ Or, them

⁷ Or, the wrath of God

⁸ Or, it

⁹ Gr. the other.
¹⁰ Or, law

¹¹ Or, our salvation nearer than when we first believed.

¹² Or, for decisions of doubts

¹³ Gr. Answered according to

¹⁴ Or, give praise

12 So then each one of us shall give account of himself to God.

13 Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge ye this rather, that no man put a stumbling-block in his brother's way, or an occasion of falling. I know, and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean of itself: save that to him who accounteth anything to be unclean,

14 to him it is unclean. For if because of meat thy brother is grieved, thou walkest no longer in love. Destroy not with thy meat him for whom Christ died.

15 Let not then your good be evil spoken of: for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

16 For he that herein serveth Christ is well-pleasing to God, and approved

17 of men. So then let us follow after things which make for peace, and things whereby we may edify one another.

18 Overthrow not for meat's sake the work of God. All things indeed are clean; howbeit it is evil for that man

19 who eateth with offence. It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth.¹

20 The faith which thou hast, have thou to thyself before God. Happy is he that judgeth not himself in that which he ²approveth.

21 But he that doubteth is condemned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith; and whatsoever is not of faith is sin.³

22 Now we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each one of us please his neighbour for that

23 which is good, unto edifying. For Christ also pleased not himself; but, as it is written, The reproaches of them

24 that reproached thee fell upon me. For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might

25 have hope. Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of the same mind one with another according

26 to Christ Jesus: that with one accord ye may with one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus

27 Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, even as Christ also received

28 you, to the glory of God. For I say that Christ hath been made a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm the promises *given* unto the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written,

29 Therefore will I give praise unto thee among the Gentiles, And sing unto thy name.

30 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people.

11 And again,

Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; And let all the peoples praise him.

12 And again, Isaiah saith,

There shall be the root of Jesse, And he that ariseth to rule over the Gentiles;

On him shall the Gentiles hope.

13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Ghost.

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge,

15 able also to admonish one another. But I write to the more boldly unto you in some measure, as putting you again in remembrance, because of the grace that

16 was given me of God, that I should be a minister of Christ Jesus unto the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be made acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. I have therefore

17 my glorying in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God. For I will not dare to speak of any⁴ things save those which Christ wrought through me, for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and

18 deed, in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of⁵ the Holy Ghost; so that from Jerusalem, and round about even

19 unto Illyricum, I have⁶ fully preached the gospel of Christ; yea, making it my aim so to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build upon another

20 man's foundation; but, as it is written, They shall see, to whom no tidings of him came,

And they who have not heard shall understand.

21 Wherefore also I was hindered these many times from coming to you: but now, having no more any place in these regions, and having these many years

22 a longing to come unto you, whensoever I go unto Spain (for I hope to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first in some measure I shall have been satisfied with your company)—but now, I say, I go unto Jerusalem, ministering

23 unto the saints. For it hath been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor among the saints that are at Jerusalem. Yea, it hath been their good pleasure; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, they owe it to them also to minister unto them in

24 carnal things. When therefore I have accomplished this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will go on by you unto Spain. And I know that, when I come unto you, I shall come in the fulness of the blessing of Christ.

¹ Many ancient authorities read we follow.

² Many ancient authorities add or is offended, or is weak.

³ Or, putreth to the test.

⁴ Many authorities, some ancient, insert here ch. xvi. 25—27.

⁵ Some ancient authorities read us.

⁶ Or, confess.

⁷ Gr. ministering in sacrifice.

⁸ Gr. of those things which Christ wrought not through me. Many ancient authorities read the Spirit of God. One reads the Spirit.

⁹ Gr. fulfilled. ¹⁰ Gr. being am. obnoxious.

30 Now I beseech you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with
31 me in your prayers to God for me; that I may be delivered from them that are disobedient in Judæa, and that my ministration which I have for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints;
32 that I may come unto you in joy through the will of God, and together
33 with you find rest. Now the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

16 I commend unto you Phœbe our sister, who is a ¹servant of the church that is at Cenchræ: that ye receive her in the Lord, worthily of the saints, and that ye assist her in whatsoever matter she may have need of you: for she herself also hath been a succourer of many, and of mine own self.

3 Salute Prisca and Aquila my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus, who for my life laid down their own necks; unto whom not only I give thanks, but also
5 all the churches of the Gentiles: and salute the church that is in their house. Salute Epænetus my beloved, who is
6 the firstfruits of Asia unto Christ. Salute Mâry, who bestowed much labour
7 on you. Salute Andronicus and Junias, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners,

who are of note among the apostles, who also have been in Christ before
8 me. Salute Ampliatus my beloved in the Lord. Salute Urbanus our fellow-worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved.
10 Salute Apelles the approved in Christ. Salute them which are of the
11 household of Aristobulus. Salute Herodion my kinsman. Salute them of the household of Narcissus, which are in
12 the Lord. Salute Tryphæna and Tryphosa, who labour in the Lord. Salute Persis the beloved, which laboured
13 much in the Lord. Salute Rufus the chosen in the Lord, and his mother

14 and mine. Salute Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the
15 brethren that are with them. Salute Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints
16 that are with them. Salute one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ salute you.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which are causing the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the ²doctrine which ye learned: and
18 turn away from them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts
19 of the innocent. For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I rejoyce therefore over you: but I would have you wise unto that which is good, and
20 simple unto that which is evil. And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

21 Timothy my fellow-worker saluteth you; and Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen. I Tertius, ⁴who write the epistle, salute you in the
23 Lord. Gaius my host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the treasurer of the city saluteth you, and Quartus the brother.⁵

25 ⁶Now to him that is able to stablish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times
26 eternal, but now is manifested, and ⁷by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known unto all the nations unto obedience ⁸of faith;
27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, ⁹to whom be the glory ¹⁰for ever. Amen.

³ Or, teaching.

⁴ Or, who writes the epistle in the Lord's name.

⁵ Some ancient authorities insert Tertius the scribe here ver. 21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. I Tertius, and all the church, salute you in the Lord.

⁶ Some ancient authorities omit ver. 25-27 Compare the end of ch. xii.

⁷ Or, through.

⁸ Or, in the faith.

⁹ Some ancient authorities omit then to whom.

¹⁰ Or, unto the ages.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

TO THE

CORINTHIANS.

1 PAUL, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and
2 Sosthenes ¹our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, even them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, their Lord
3 and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I thank ²my God always concerning

you, for the grace of God which was
5 given you in Christ Jesus; that in everything ye were enriched in him, in all utterance and all knowledge;
6 even as the testimony of Christ was
7 confirmed in you: so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye be unproveable in the day of
9 our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, through whom ye were called

³ Or, word.

¹ Or, doctress.

² Or, Junias.

¹ Or, the brother.

² Some ancient authorities omit my.

into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgement.

11 For it hath been signified unto me concerning you, my brethren, by them *which are of the household of Chloe*, that 12 there are contentions among you. Now this I mean, that each one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I

13 of Cephas; and I of Christ. ¹Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of

14 Paul? ²I thank God that I baptized none of you, save Crispus and Gaius; 15 lest any man should say that ye were

16 baptized into my name. And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized

17 any other. For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made void.

18 For the word of the cross is to them that are perishing foolishness; but unto us which are being saved it is the

19 power of God. For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the prudence of the prudent will I reject.

20 Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this ³world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom

21 of the world? For seeing that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God, it was God's good pleasure through the foolishness of the ⁴preaching to save them that

22 believe. Seeing that Jews ask for signs, and Greeks seek after wisdom:

23 but we preach ⁵Christ crucified, unto Jews a stumblingblock, and unto Gen-

24 tiles foolishness; but unto ⁶them that are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of

25 God. Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

26 For ⁷behold your calling, brethren, how that not many wise after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, ⁸are

27 called: but God chose the foolish things of the world, that he might put to shame them that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might

put to shame the things that are strong; 28 and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, *yea* ⁹and the things that are not, that he might bring to nought

29 the things that are: that no flesh should glory before God. But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who was made

unto us wisdom from God, ¹⁰and righteousness and sanctification, and re-

demption: that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

2 And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of

¹¹speech or of wisdom, proclaiming 2 to you the ¹²mystery of God. For

I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much

4 trembling. And my ¹¹speech and my ⁴preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstra-

5 tion of the Spirit and of power: that your faith should not ¹³stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

6 Howbeit we speak wisdom among the ¹⁴perfect: yet a wisdom not of this

¹⁵world, nor of the rulers of this ¹⁵world, which are coming to nought:

7 but we speak God's wisdom in a mystery, *even* the wisdom that hath been hidden, which God foreordained before

8 the worlds unto our glory: which none of the rulers of this world knoweth: for had they known it, they would not

9 have crucified the Lord of glory: but as it is written,

Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not,

And which entered not into the heart of man,

Whatsoever things God prepared for them that love him.

10 ¹⁶But unto us God revealed ¹⁷them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep

11 things of God. For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? even so the things of God none know-

12 eth, save the Spirit of God. But we received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are

13 freely given to us by God. Which things also we speak, not in words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; ¹⁸com-

paring spiritual things with spiritual. 14 Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are

15 spiritually ²⁰judged. But he that is spiritual ²¹judgeth all things, and he

16 himself is ²⁰judged of no man. For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, as unto babes in Christ. I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able to *bear it*: nay, not

even now are ye able; for ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, are

¹¹ Or, word
¹² Many ancient authorities read testimony.

¹³ Gr. be.

¹⁴ Or, full-grown
¹⁵ Or, age; and so in ver. 7, 8; but not in ver. 12.

¹⁶ Some ancient authorities read For.
¹⁷ Or, it

¹⁸ Or, combining
¹⁹ Or, interpreting spiritual things to spiritual men
²⁰ Or, examined
²¹ Or, examined

¹ Or, Christ is divided. Was Paul crucified for you?
² Some ancient authorities read I give thanks that.

³ Or, age

⁴ Gr. thing preached.

⁵ Or, a Messiah

⁶ Gr. the called ones.

⁷ Or, ye behold

⁸ Or, have part therein

⁹ Many ancient authorities omit and.
¹⁰ Or, both righteousness and sanctification and redemption

ye not carnal, and walk after the manner of men? For when one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; 5 are ye not men? What then is Apollos? and what is Paul? Ministers through whom ye believed; and each as the 6 Lord gave to him. I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth; but 8 God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are God's fellow-workers: ye are God's ¹husbandry, God's building.

10 According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise master-builder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is 12 Jesus Christ. But if any man buildeth on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble; each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; ²and the fire itself shall prove each man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire. 16 Know ye not that ye are a ³temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth 17 in you? If any man destroyeth the ⁴temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the ⁵temple of God is holy, ⁶which temple ye are.

18 Let no man deceive himself. If any man thinketh that he is wise among you in this ⁷world, let him become a 19 fool, that he may become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He that taketh 20 the wise in their craftiness: and again, The Lord knoweth the reasonings of the 21 wise, that they are vain. Wherefore let no one glory in men. For all things are 22 yours; whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are 23 yours; and ye are Christ's; and Christ is God's.

4 Let a man so account of us, as of ministers of Christ, and stewards of the 2 mysteries of God. Here, moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be 3 found faithful. But with me it is a very small thing that I should be ⁸judged of you, or of man's ⁹judgement: yea, I 4 ¹⁰judge not mine own self. For I know nothing against myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that ¹¹judgeth me is the Lord. Wherefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the

hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsels of the hearts; and then shall each man have his praise from God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes; that in us ye might learn not to go beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed 7 up for the one against the other. For who maketh thee to differ? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? but if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received 8 it? Already are ye filled, already ye are become rich, ye have reigned without us: yea and I would that ye did reign, 9 that we also might reign with you. For, I think, God hath set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, ¹²and to angels, and to men. 10 We are fools for Christ's sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye have glory, but we have 11 dishonour. Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no 12 certain dwellingplace; and we toil, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we 13 endure; being defamed, we intreat: we are made as the ¹⁴filth of the world, the offscouring of all things, even until now.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved 15 children. For though ye should have ten thousand tutors in Christ, yet ¹⁶have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I begat you through the gospel. 16 I beseech you therefore, be ye imitators 17 of me. For this cause have I sent unto you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who shall put you in remembrance of my ways which be in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every church. 18 Now some are puffed up, as though I 19 were not coming to you. But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will; and I will know, not the word of them which are puffed up, but the power. 20 For the kingdom of God is not in 21 word, but in power. What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of meekness?

5 It is actually reported that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not even among the Gentiles, that one of you hath his father's 2 wife. And ³ye are puffed up, and ⁴did not rather mourn, that he that had done this deed might be taken 3 away from among you. For I verily, being absent in body but present in spirit, have already, as though I were present, judged him that hath so 4 wrought this thing, in the name of

1 Gr.
fillet
land.

2 Or,
and each
man's
work, of
what sort
it is, the
fire shall
prove it.

3 Or,
sincere
luxury

4 Or, and
such are
ye

5 Or, age

6 Or, ex-
amined
7 Gr.
day.
8 Or,
examine
9 Or, ex-
amine

10 Or,
both to
angels
and men

11 Or,
refuse

12 Or,
very
puffed
up
13 Or, do
ye not
rather
mourn,
... grieve

our Lord Jesus, ye being gathered together, and my spirit, with the power
5 of our Lord Jesus, to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved
6 in the day of the Lord¹ Jesus. Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole
7 lump? Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, even as ye are unleavened. For our passover also hath
8 been sacrificed, *even Christ*: wherefore let us² keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote unto you in my epistle to have
10 no company with fornicators; ³not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must
11 ye needs go out of the world: but ⁴now I write unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to
12 eat. For what have I to do with judging them that are without? Do not ye
13 judge them that are within, whereas them that are without God judgeth? Put away the wicked man from among yourselves.

6 Dare any of you, having a matter against⁵ his neighbour, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the
2 saints? Or know ye not that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world is judged by you, are ye unworthy⁶ to
3 judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more, things that pertain to this
4 life? If then ye have⁷ to judge things pertaining to this life, ⁸do ye set them to judge who are of no account in the
5 church? I say *this* to move you to shame. Is it so, that there cannot be
found among you one wise man, who shall be able to decide between his bre-

6 thren, but brother goeth to law with brother, and that before unbelievers?
7 Nay, already it is altogether ⁹a defect in you, that ye have lawsuits one with another. Why not rather take wrong?
8 why not rather be defrauded? Nay, but ye yourselves do wrong, and de-
9 fraud, and that *your* brethren. Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with men,
10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall
11 inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye ¹⁰were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the

Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful for me; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me; but I will not be brought
18 under the power of any. Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall bring to nought both it and them. But the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body:
14 and God both raised the Lord, and will
15 raise up us through his power. Know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take away the members of Christ, and make them
16 members of a harlot? God forbid. Or know ye not that he that is joined to a harlot is one body? for, The twain, saith
17 he, shall become one flesh. But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.
18 Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against
19 his own body. Or know ye not that your body is a ¹¹temple of the ¹²Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own;
20 for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.

7 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote: It is good for a man not to
2 touch a woman. But, because of fornications, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own hus-
3 band. Let the husband render unto the wife her due: and likewise also the wife
4 unto the husband. The wife hath not power over her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power over his own body,
5 but the wife. Defraud ye not one the other, except it be by consent for a season, that ye may give yourselves unto prayer, and may be together again, that Satan tempt you not because
6 of your incontinency. But this I say by way of permission, not of command-
7 ment. ¹³Yet I would that all men were even as I myself. Howbeit each man hath his own gift from God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows, It is good for them if they
9 abide even as I. But if they have not continency, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn.
10 But unto the married I give charge, *yea* not I, but the Lord, That the wife
11 depart not from her husband (but and if she depart, let her remain un- married, or else be reconciled to her husband); and that the husband leave
12 not his wife. But to the rest say I, not the Lord: If any brother hath an unbelieving wife, and she is content to dwell with him, let him not
13 leave her. And the woman which hath an unbelieving husband, and he is con-

¹ Some ancient authorities omit Jesus.

² Gr. keep festival.

³ Or, not at all meaning the fornicators &c.

⁴ Or, as it is, I wrote

⁵ Gr. the other.

⁶ Gr. of the smallest tribulations.

⁷ Gr. tribulations pertaining to.

⁸ Or, not them, church.

⁹ Or, a loss to you

¹⁰ Gr. washed yourselves.

¹¹ Or, sanctuary

¹² Or, Holy Spirit

¹³ Many ancient authorities read For.

tent to dwell with her, let her not
 14 leave her husband. For the unbeliev-
 ing husband is sanctified in the wife,
 and the unbelieving wife is sanctified
 in the brother: else were your children
 15 unclean; but now are they holy. Yet
 if the unbelieving departeth, let him
 depart: the brother or the sister is
 not under bondage in such cases: but
 16 God hath called us in peace. For how
 knowest thou, O wife, whether thou
 shalt save thy husband? or how know-
 est thou, O husband, whether thou
 17 shalt save thy wife? Only, as the Lord
 hath distributed to each man, as God
 hath called each, so let him walk. And
 18 so ordain I in all the churches. Was
 any man called being circumcised? let
 him not become uncircumcised. Hath
 any been called in uncircumcision?
 19 let him not be circumcised. Circum-
 cision is nothing, and uncircumcision
 is nothing; but the keeping of the
 20 commandments of God. Let each man
 abide in that calling wherein he
 21 was called. Wast thou called being a
 bondservant? care not for it: ²but
 if thou canst become free, use it rather.
 22 For he that was called in the Lord,
 being a bondservant, is the Lord's
 freedman: likewise he that was called,
 being free, is Christ's bondservant.
 23 Ye were bought with a price; become
 24 not bondservants of men. Brethren,
 let each man, wherein he was called,
 therein abide with God.
 25 Now concerning virgins I have no
 commandment of the Lord: but I give
 my judgement, as one that hath obtain-
 26 ed mercy of the Lord to be faithful. I
 think therefore that this is good by
 reason of the present distress, *namely*,
 that it is good for a man ⁸to be as he
 27 is. Art thou bound unto a wife? seek
 not to be loosed. Art thou loosed from
 28 a wife? seek not a wife. But and if
 thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and
 if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned.
 Yet such shall have tribulation in the
 29 flesh: and I would spare you. But this
 I say, brethren, the time ⁹is shortened,
 that henceforth both those that have
 wives may be as though they had none;
 30 and those that weep, as though they
 wept not; and those that rejoice, as
 though they rejoiced not; and those
 that buy, as though they possessed not;
 31 and those that use the world, as not
¹⁰abusing it: for the fashion of this
 32 world passeth away. But I would have
 you to be free from cares. He that
 is unmarried is careful for the things
 of the Lord, how he may please the
 33 Lord: but he that is married is careful
 for the things of the world, how he may
 34 please his ¹¹wife. And there is a differ-
 ence also between the wife and the
 virgin. She that is unmarried is care-
 ful for the things of the Lord, that she

may be holy both in body and in spirit:
 but she that is married is careful for
 the things of the world, how she may
 35 please her husband. And this I say
 for your own profit; not that I may
 cast a ¹²snare upon you, but for that
 which is seemly, and that ye may
 attend upon the Lord without distrac-
 36 tion. But if any man thinketh that he
 becometh himself unseemly toward his
¹³virgin daughter, if she be past the
 flower of her age, and if need so re-
 quireth, let him do what he will; he
 37 sinneth not; let them marry. But he
 that standeth stedfast in his heart,
 having no necessity, but hath power as
 touching his own will, and hath deter-
 mined this in his own heart, to keep
 his own ¹⁴virgin daughter, shall do well.
 38 So then both he that giveth his own
¹⁵virgin daughter in marriage doeth
 well; and he that giveth her not in mar-
 39 riage shall do better. A wife is bound
 for so long time as her husband liveth;
 but if the husband be ¹⁶dead, she is free
 to be married to whom she will; only
 40 in the Lord. But she is happier if she
 abide as she is, after my judgement:
 and I think that I also have the Spirit
 of God.

8 Now concerning things sacrificed to
 idols: We know that we all have know-
 ledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but love
 2 ¹⁷edifieth. If any man thinketh that
 he knoweth anything, he knoweth not
 3 yet as he ought to know; but if any
 man loveth God, the same is known of
 4 him. Concerning therefore the eating
 of things sacrificed to idols, we know
 that no idol is *anything* in the world,
 5 and that there is no God but one. For
 though there be that are called gods,
 whether in heaven or on earth; as there
 6 are gods many, and lords many; yet to
 us there is one God, the Father, of whom
 are all things, and we unto him; and
 one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom
 are all things, and we through him.
 7 Howbeit in all men there is not that
 knowledge: but some, being used until
 now to the idol, eat as *of* a thing sacri-
 ficed to an idol; and their conscience
 8 being weak is defiled. But meat will
 not commend us to God: neither, if we
 eat not, ¹⁸are we the worse; nor, if we
 9 eat, ¹⁹are we the better. But take heed
 lest by any means this ²⁰liberty of
 yours become a stumblingblock to the
 10 weak. For if a man see thee which hast
 knowledge sitting at meat in an idol's
 temple, will not his conscience, if he is
 weak, ²¹be emboldened to eat things sac-
 11 rificed to idols? For ²²through thy know-
 ledge he that is weak perisheth, the bro-
 12 ther for whose sake Christ died. And
 thus, sinning against the brethren, and
 wounding their conscience when it is
 13 weak, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore,
 if meat maketh my brother to stumble, I

¹ Many
 ancient
 authori-
 ties read
 you.

² Or, may,
 even if

³ Gr.
 so to be.
⁴ Or, is
 shortened
 hence-
 forth,
 that both
 those &c.
⁵ Or,
 using it
 to the
 full
⁶ Or,
 wife, and
 is di-
 vided.
 So also
 the wife
 and the
 virgin:
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 is care-
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 wife,
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 So also
 the woman
 that is
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 married
 and the
 virgin is
 careful
 &c.

⁷ Or, con-
 stant
 Gr.
 more.

⁸ Or,
 virgin
 committing
 daughter

⁹ Or,
 further
 on.

¹⁰ Or,
 builded
 up.

¹¹ Gr. &
 we have
¹² Gr.
 do we
 abound
¹³ Or,
 power

¹⁴ Gr. &
 builded
 up.
¹⁵ Gr. &

will eat no flesh for evermore, that I make not my brother to stumble.

- 9 Am I not free? am I not an apostle? have I not seen Jesus our Lord? are not 2 ye my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship 3 are ye in the Lord. My defence to them 4 that examine me is this. Have we no 5 right to eat and to drink? Have we no right to lead about a wife that is a ¹believer, even as the rest of the apostles, and the brethren of the Lord, and 6 Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have we not a right to forbear working? 7 What soldier ever serveth at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock, and eateth not of the 8 milk of the flock? Do I speak these things after the manner of men? or 9 saith not the law also the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn. Is it for the oxen 10 that God careth, or ²saith he it altogether for our sake? Yea, for our sake it was written: because he that ploweth ought to plow in hope, and he that thresheth, to *thresh* in hope of partak- 11 ing. If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall 12 reap your carnal things? If others partake of *this* right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right; but we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the 13 gospel of Christ. Know ye not that they which minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they which wait upon the altar have their 14 portion with the altar? Even so did the Lord ordain that they which proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel. 15 But I have used none of these things: and I write not these things that it may be so done in my case: for *it were* good for me rather to die, than that any man 16 should make my glorying void. For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; for woe is unto me, if I preach not 17 the gospel. For if I do this of mine own will, I have a reward: but if not of mine own will, I have a stewardship intrusted 18 to me. What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel without charge, so as not to use to the full my right in the gospel. 19 For though I was free from all men, I brought myself under bondage to all, 20 that I might gain the more. And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, not being myself under the law, that I might gain them that are under the 21 law; to them that are without law, as without law, not being without

law to God, but under law to Christ, that I might gain them that are without 22 law. To the weak I became weak, that I might gain the weak: I am become all things to all men, that I may by all 23 means save some. And I do all things for the gospel's sake, that I may be a 24 joint partaker thereof. Know ye not that they which run in a ³race run all, but one receiveth the prize? Even so 25 run, that ye may attain. And every man that striveth in the games is temperate in all things. Now they *do* it to receive a corruptible crown; but 26 we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, as not uncertainly; so ⁴fight I, 27 as not beating the air: but I ⁵buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should be rejected.

10 For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, how that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed 2 through the sea; and were all baptized ⁶unto Moses in the cloud and in 3 the sea; and did all eat the same 4 spiritual meat; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them: and 5 the rock was Christ. Howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

6 Now ⁷these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after 7 evil things, as they also lusted. Neither be ye idolaters, as were some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. 8 Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 Neither let us tempt the ⁸Lord, as some of them tempted, and perished by the 10 serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them murmured, and perished 11 by the destroyer. Now these things happened unto them ⁹by way of example; and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends 12 of the ages are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth 13 take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it.

14 Wherefore, my beloved, flee from 15 idolatry. I speak as to wise men; 16 judge ye what I say. The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a 10 communion of the blood of Christ? The ¹¹bread which we break, is it not a 10 communion of the body of Christ? 17 ¹²seeing that we, who are many, are one 12 bread, one body: for we all partake ¹³of

³ Gr. race-course.

⁴ Gr. box. ⁵ Gr. bruise.

⁶ Gr. into.

⁷ Or, in these things they became figures of us

⁸ Some ancient authorities read Christ.

⁹ Gr. by way of figure.

¹⁰ Or, participation in
¹¹ Or, loaf
¹² Or, seeing that there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body
¹³ Gr. from.

¹ Gr. sister.

² Or, saith he it, as he doubtless doth, for our sake!

1 Or, loaf

2 Gr.
denom.3 Gr.
build
not up.4 Or.
if I partake
with thank-
fulness

18 the one ¹ bread. Behold Israel after the flesh : have not they which eat the sacrifice communion with the altar ? What say I then ? that a thing sacrificed to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything ? But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to ² devils, and not to God : and I would not that ye should have communion with ² devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of ² devils : ye cannot partake of the table of the Lord, and of the table of ² devils.

22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy ? are we stronger than he ?

23 All things are lawful ; but all things are not expedient. All things are lawful ; but all things ² edify not. Let no man seek his own, but *each* his neighbour's good. Whatsoever is sold in the shambles, eat, asking no question for conscience sake ; for the earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof. If one of them that believe not biddeth you to a feast, and ye are disposed to go ; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience sake.

28 But if any man say unto you, This hath been offered in sacrifice, eat not, for his sake that shewed it, and for conscience sake : conscience, I say, not thine own, but the other's ; for why is my liberty judged by another conscience ? ⁴ If I by grace partake, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks ? Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God : even as I also please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved. Be ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ.

2 Now I praise you that ye remember me in all things, and hold fast the traditions, even as I delivered them to you.

3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ ; and the head of the woman is the man ; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head.

5 But every woman praying or prophesying with her head unveiled dishonoureth her head : for it is one and the same thing as if she were shaven. For if a woman is not veiled, let her also be shorn : but if it is a shame to a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be veiled.

7 For a man indeed ought not to have his head veiled, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God : but the woman is the glory of the man. For the man is not of the woman ; but the woman of the man : for neither was the man created for the woman ; but the woman for the man : for this cause ought the

woman to ⁶ have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels. Howbeit neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman, in the Lord. For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman ; but all things are of God. Judge ye ⁶ in yourselves : is it seemly that a woman pray unto God unveiled ? Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a dishonour to him ? But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her : for her hair is given her for a covering. But if any man seemeth to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God.

17 But in giving you this charge, I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better but for the worse. For first of all, when ye come together ⁷ in the church, I hear that ⁸ divisions exist among you ; and I partly believe it.

19 For there must be also ⁹ heresies among you, that they which are approved may be made manifest among you. When therefore ye assemble yourselves together, it is not possible to eat the Lord's supper : for in your eating each one taketh before *other* his own supper ; and one is hungry, and another is drunken.

22 What ? have ye not houses to eat and to drink in ? or despise ye the ¹⁰ church of God, and put them to shame that ¹¹ have not ? What shall I say to you ? ¹¹ shall I praise you in this ? I praise you not.

23 For I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, how that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread ; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This is my body, which ¹² is for you : this do in remembrance of me.

25 In like manner also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new ¹⁴ covenant in my blood : this do, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink of the cup. For he that eateth and drinketh, eateth and drinketh judgement unto himself, if he ¹⁵ discern not the body.

30 For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep.

31 But if we ¹⁶ discerned ourselves, we should not be judged. But ¹⁷ when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, wait one for another. If any man is hungry, let him eat at home ; that your coming together be not unto judgement. And

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the rest will I set in order whosoever I come.

12 Now concerning spiritual *gifts*, brethren, I would not have you ignorant.

2 Ye know that when ye were Gentiles ye were led away unto those dumb idols, howsoever ye might be led.

3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking in the Spirit of God saith, Jesus is anathema; and no man can say, Jesus is Lord, but in the Holy Spirit.

4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but 5 the same Spirit. And there are diversities of ministrations, and the same

6 Lord. And there are diversities of workings, but the same God, who worketh all things in all. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit

8 to profit withal. For to one is given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge,

9 according to the same Spirit: to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another

10 gifts of healings, in the one Spirit; and to another workings of ¹miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits: to another *divers* kinds of tongues; and to another the

11 interpretation of tongues: but all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally even as he will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also

13 is Christ. For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free; and were all made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body is not one member, but 15 many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; it is not therefore not of the body.

16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; it

17 is not therefore not of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing,

18 where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members each one of them in the body, even as it pleased him.

19 And if they were all one member, where 20 were the body? But now they are

21 many members, but one body. And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the

22 feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary; and those *parts* of the body,

which we think to be less honourable, upon these we ²bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely *parts* have

24 more abundant comeliness; whereas our comely *parts* have no need: but God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honour to that *part*

25 which lacked; that there should be no

schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for 26 another. And whether one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it; or one member is ³honoured, all the

27 members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and ⁴severally members thereof. And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, then ⁵miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, ⁶governments, *divers* kinds of tongues.

29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? are all *workers* of ⁷miracles? have all gifts of healings? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret?

31 But desire earnestly the greater gifts. And a still more excellent way shew I unto you.

13 If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging

2 cymbal. And if I have the *gift* of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not

3 love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body ⁴to be burned, but have not

4 love, it profiteth me nothing. Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not

5 puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil;

6 rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but 7 rejoiceth with the truth; ⁸beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love

never faileth: but whether *there be* prophecies, they shall be done away; whether *there be* tongues, they shall

cease; whether *there be* knowledge, it 9 shall be done away. For we know in

10 part, and we prophesy in part: but when that which is perfect is come, that which

is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away

12 childish things. For now we see in a mirror, ¹³darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I ¹⁴know even as also I have been

13 ¹⁵known. But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three; ¹⁶and the ¹⁷greatest of these is love.

14 Follow after love; yet desire earnestly spiritual *gifts*, but rather that ye may

2 prophecy. For he that speaketh in a tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man ³understandeth; but in

8 the spirit he speaketh mysteries. But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men edification, and comfort, and consolation.

4 He that speaketh in a tongue ⁵edifieth himself; but he that prophesieth ⁶edifieth the church. Now I would have you all speak with tongues, but rather

³ Or, glorified

⁴ Or, members each in his part

⁵ Or, voice counsels

¹ Gr. powers

⁶ Many ancient authorities read that I may glory.

⁷ Or, covereth

⁸ Gr. in a riddle.

⁹ Gr. know fully.

¹⁰ Gr. know fully.

¹¹ Or, but greater than these

¹² Gr. greater.

¹³ Gr. heareth.

¹⁴ Gr. buildeth up.

² Or, put on

that ye should prophesy: and greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. But now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you, unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or of prophesying, or of teaching?

7 Even things without life, giving a voice, whether pipe or harp, if they give not a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? For if the trumpet give an uncertain voice, who shall prepare himself for war? So also ye, unless ye utter by the tongue speech easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye will be speaking into the air.

10 There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and ¹no kind is without signification. If then I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be to him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh will be a barbarian ²unto me. So also ye, since ye are zealous of ³spiritual gifts, seek that ye may abound unto the edifying of the church.

Wherefore let him that speaketh in a tongue pray that he may interpret. For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. Else if thou bless with the spirit, how shall he that filleth the place of ⁴the unlearned say the Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he knoweth not what thou sayest?

17 For thou verily givest thanks well, but the other is not ⁵edified. I thank God, I speak with tongues more than you all: howbeit in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, than I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 Brethren, be not children in mind: howbeit in malice be ye babes, but in mind be ⁶men. In the law it is written, By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers will I speak unto this people; and not even thus will they hear me, saith the Lord. Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to the unbelieving: but prophesying is for a sign, not to the unbelieving, but to them that believe. If therefore the whole church be assembled together, and all speak with tongues, and there come in men unlearned or unbelieving, will they not say that ye are mad?

24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one unbelieving or unlearned, he is ⁷reproved by all, he is judged by all; the secrets of his heart are made manifest; and so he will fall down on his

face and worship God, declaring that God is ⁸among you indeed.

26 What is it then, brethren? When ye come together, each one hath a psalm, hath a teaching, hath a revelation, hath a tongue, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. If any man speaketh in a tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most three, and *that* in turn; and let one interpret: but if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. And let the prophets speak by two or three, and let the others ⁹discern. But if a revelation be made to another sitting by, let the first keep silence. For ye all can prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be ¹⁰comforted; and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets; for God is not a God of confusion, but of peace; as in all the churches of the saints.

34 Let the women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but let them be in subjection, as also saith the law. And if they would learn anything, let them ask their own husbands at home: for it is shameful for a woman to speak in the church. What? was it from you that the word of God went forth? or came it unto you alone?

37 If any man thinketh himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him take knowledge of the things which I write unto you, that they are the commandment of the Lord. ¹¹But if any man is ignorant, let him be ignorant. Wherefore, my brethren, desire earnestly to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues. But let all things be done decently and in order.

15 Now I make known unto you, brethren, the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye received, wherein also ye stand, by which also ye are ¹²saved; *I make known, I say*, ¹³in what words I preached it unto you, if ye hold it fast, except ye believed ¹⁴in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which also I received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; and that he was buried; and that he hath been raised on the third day according to the scriptures; and that he appeared to Cephas; then to the twelve; then he appeared to above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but 7 some are fallen asleep; then he appeared to James; then to all the 8 apostles; and last of all, as unto one born out of due time, he appeared to me also. For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I 10 persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what

⁹ Or, in

⁹ Or, discern.

¹⁰ Or, exhorted.

¹¹ Many ancient authorities thus read: *But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.*

¹² Or, saved, if ye hold fast what I preached unto you, except ye believe.

¹³ Or, with word.

¹⁴ Or, without cause.

¹ Or, nothing is without voice.

² Or, in my case.
³ Or, spirits.

⁴ Or, him that is without gifts: and so in ver. 23, 24.
⁵ Or, builded up.

⁶ Or, of full age.

⁷ Or, convicted.

1 Or, void

I am; and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not found ¹vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of 11 God which was with me. Whether then it be I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed.

12 Now if Christ is preached that he hath been raised from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection 13 of the dead? But if there is no resurrection of the dead, neither hath Christ 14 been raised: and if Christ hath not been raised, then is our preaching ¹vain,

15 ²your faith also is ¹vain. Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we witnessed of God that he raised up ³Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead are not raised.

16 For if the dead are not raised, neither 17 hath Christ been raised: and if Christ hath not been raised, your faith is vain;

18 ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ have 19 perished. ⁴If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all men most pitiable.

20 But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of them that are 21 asleep. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of 22 the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in ⁵Christ shall all be made alive.

23 But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; then they that are Christ's,

24 at his ⁶coming. Then cometh the end, when he shall deliver up the kingdom to ⁶God, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authori-

25 ty and power. For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his 26 feet. The last enemy that shall be abo-

27 lished is death. For, He put all things in subjection under his feet. ⁷But when he saith, All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him.

28 And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

29 Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptiz-

30 ed for them? why do we also stand in jeopardy every hour? I protest by ⁸that

glorying in you, brethren, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.

32 If after the manner of men I fought with beasts at Ephesus, ⁹what doth it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die.

33 Be not deceived: Evil company doth 34 corrupt good manners. ¹⁰Awake up

righteously, and sin not; for some have no knowledge of God: I speak *this* to move you to shame.

35 But some one will say, How are the

dead raised? and with what manner of 36 body do they come? Thou foolish one, that which thou thyself sowest is not

37 quickened, except it die: and that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be, but a bare grain, it may

38 but God giveth it a body even as it pleased him, and to each seed a body of its 39 own. All flesh is not the same flesh:

but there is one *flesh* of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of 40 birds, and another of fishes. There are

also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is

one, and the *glory* of the terrestrial is 41 another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and

another glory of the stars; for one star 42 differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It

is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it

is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a

natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there

45 is also a spiritual body. So also it is written, The first man Adam became a

living soul. The last Adam became a 46 life-giving spirit. Howbeit that is not

first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; then that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the 48 second man is of heaven. As is the

earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are

49 they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, ¹¹we

shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom

of God; neither doth corruption 51 inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell

you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, 52 but we shall all be changed, in a mo-

ment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall

sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be chang-

53 ed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must

54 put on immortality. But when ¹²this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on

immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, Death is swal-

55 lowed up ¹³in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is

56 thy sting? The sting of death is sin; 57 and the power of sin is the law: but

thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

58 Wherefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is

not ¹⁴vain in the Lord.

² Some ancient authorities read our.

³ Or, the Christ.

⁴ Or, If we have only hoped in Christ in this life

⁵ Or, presence.

⁶ Or, the God and Father.

⁷ Or, But when he shall have said, All things are put in subjection (evidently excepting him that did subject all things unto him), when, I say, all things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him.

¹¹ Many ancient authorities read let us also bear.

¹² Many ancient authorities omit this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and.

¹³ Or, victoriously

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave order to the churches 2 of Galatia, so also do ye. Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come.

¹ Or, whomsoever ye shall approve, them will I send with letters

3 And when I arrive, ¹whomsoever ye shall approve by letters, them will I send to carry your bounty unto Jerusalem: and if it be meet for me to go also, 5 they shall go with me. But I will come unto you, when I shall have passed through Macedonia; for I do pass 6 through Macedonia; but with you it may be that I shall abide, or even winter, that ye may set me forward on my 7 journey whithersoever I go. For I do not wish to see you now by the way; for I hope to tarry a while with you, if the 8 Lord permit. But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost; for a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

10 Now if Timothy come, see that he be with you without fear; for he worketh 11 the work of the Lord, as I also do: let no man therefore despise him. But set him forward on his journey in peace, that he may come unto me: for I expect him 12 with the brethren. But as touching Apollos the brother, I besought him

much to come unto you with the brethren: and it was not at all ²his will to come now; but he will come when he shall have opportunity.

² Or, God's will that he should come now

13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit 14 you like men, be strong. Let all that ye do be done in love.

15 Now I beseech you, brethren (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have set themselves to minister unto the 16 saints), that ye also be in subjection unto such, and to every one that helpeth 17 in the work and labour. And I rejoice at the ³coming of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they 18 supplied. For they refreshed my spirit and yours: acknowledge ye therefore them that are such.

³ Or, presence

19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Prisca salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in 20 their house. All the brethren salute you. Salute one another with a holy kiss.

21 The salutation of me Paul with mine 22 own hand. If any man loveth not the Lord, let him be anathema. ⁴Maran 23 atha. The grace of the Lord Jesus 24 Christ be with you. My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

⁴ That is, Our Lord cometh

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE

TO THE

CORINTHIANS.

1 PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy ¹our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints 2 which are in the whole of Achaia: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ Or, the brother.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted 5 of God. For as the sufferings of Christ abound unto us, even so our comfort 6 also aboundeth through Christ. But whether we be afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or whether we be comforted, it is for your comfort, which worketh in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also 7 suffer: and our hope for you is stedfast; knowing that, as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so also are ye of the comfort. For we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning our affliction

which befell us in Asia, that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, insomuch that we despaired

9 even of life: ²yea, we ourselves have had the ³answer of death within ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the 10 dead: who delivered us out of so great a death, and will deliver: on whom we have ⁴set our hope that he will also 11 still deliver us; ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf.

² Or, but we considered
³ Or, answer

⁴ Some ancient authorities: thus read not our hope; and still will he deliver us.

12 For our glorying is this, the testimony of our conscience, that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly 13 to you-ward. For we write none other things unto you, than what ye read or even acknowledge, and I hope ye 14 will acknowledge unto the end: as also ye did acknowledge us in part, that we are your glorying, even as

ye also are ours, in the day of our Lord Jesus.

15 And in this confidence I was minded to come before unto you, that ye might

16 have a second benefit; and by you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come unto you, and of you to be set forward on my journey unto

17 Judea. When I therefore was thus minded, did I shew fickleness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be the yea yea and the nay nay?

18 But as God is faithful, our word toward you is not yea and nay. For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you ²by us, ^{even} ²by me and Silvanus and Timothy, was not yea

20 and nay, but in him is yea. For how many soever be the promises of God, in him is the yea: wherefore also through him is the Amen, unto the glory of God

21 through us. Now he that stablisheth us with you ⁱⁿ Christ, and anointed

22 us, is God; ⁴who also sealed us, and gave us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

23 But I call God for a witness upon my soul, that to spare you I forbore to come

24 unto Corinth. Not that we have lordship over your faith, but are helpers of

2 your joy: for by ⁵faith ye stand. ⁶But I determined this for myself, that I would not come again to you with sor-

2 row. For if I make you sorry, who then is he that maketh me glad, but he that

3 is made sorry by me? And I wrote this very thing, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all,

4 that my joy is the joy of you all. For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be made sorry, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

5 But if any hath caused sorrow, he hath caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I press not too heavily) to you all.

6 Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was ⁱⁿfllicted by ⁷the many; ⁷so that contrariwise ye should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed

8 up with his overmuch sorrow. Wherefore I beseech you to confirm your love

9 toward him. For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, ⁹whether ye are obedient in all

10 things. But to whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also: for what I also have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, for your sakes have I forgiven it

11 in the ¹⁰person of Christ; that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

12 Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ, and when a door was

18 opened unto me in the Lord, I had no relief for my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.

14 But thanks be unto God, which always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savour

15 of his knowledge in every place. For we are a sweet savour of Christ unto God, in them that are being saved, and

16 in them that are perishing; to the one a savour from death unto death; to the other a savour from life unto life. And

17 who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as the many, ¹¹corrupting the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God, speak we in Christ.

3 Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? or need we, as do some, epistles of commendation to you or from

2 you? Ye are our epistle, written in our hearts, known and read of all men;

3 being made manifest that ye are an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with ink, but with the Spirit of the living God; not in tables

of stone, but in tables ^{that are} hearts of 4 flesh. And such confidence have we

5 through Christ to God-ward: not that we are sufficient of ourselves, to account anything as from ourselves; but our

6 sufficiency is from God; who also made us sufficient as ministers of a new

13 covenant; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the

7 spirit giveth life. But if the ministration of death, ¹²written, ^{and} engraven on stones, came ¹⁴with glory, so that the children of Israel could not look sted-

fastly upon the face of Moses for the glory of his face; which ^{glory} ¹⁵was

8 passing away: how shall not rather the ministration of the spirit be with glory?

9 ¹⁶For if the ministration of condemnation is glory, much rather doth the ministration of righteousness exceed in

10 glory. For verily that which hath been made glorious hath not been made glorious in this respect, by reason of the

11 glory that surpasseth. For if that which ¹⁷passeth away was ¹⁸with glory, much more that which remaineth is in

glory.

12 Having therefore such a hope, we use great boldness of speech, and are not as Moses, ^{who} put a veil upon his face, that the children of Israel should not

look stedfastly ¹⁹on the end of that

14 which ¹⁵was passing away: but their ²⁰minds were hardened: for until this very day at the reading of the old

12 covenant the same veil ²¹remaineth unlifted; which ^{veil} is done away in

15 Christ. But unto this day, whensoever Moses is read, a veil lieth upon

16 their heart. But whensoever ²²it shall turn to the Lord, the veil is

17 taken away. Now the Lord is the

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6 Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
For.

7 Or, the
more.

8 Some
ancient
authori-
ties omit
rather.

9 Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
sincerely.

10 Or,
presence

Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face ¹reflecting as a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from ²the Lord the Spirit.

4 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we faint not: but we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of 3 God. But and if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that are perishing: in whom the god of this ⁴world hath blinded the ⁵minds of the unbelieving, ⁶that the ⁷light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should 5 not dawn upon them. For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your ⁷servants ⁸for 6 Jesus' sake. Seeing it is God, that said, Light shall shine out of darkness, who shined in our hearts, to give the ⁹light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power may be of God, and not from 8 ourselves; *we* are pressed on every side, yet not straitened; perplexed, yet not 9 unto despair; pursued, yet not ⁹for-saken; smitten down, yet not destroyed; 10 ed; always bearing about in the body the ¹⁰dying of Jesus, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our body. 11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus may be manifested in our 12 mortal flesh. So then death worketh 13 in us, but life in you. But having the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, I believed, and therefore did I speak; we also believe, and 14 therefore also we speak; knowing that he which raised up ¹¹the Lord Jesus shall raise up us also with Jesus, and 15 shall present us with you. For all things *are* for your sakes, that the grace, being multiplied through ¹²the many, may cause the thanksgiving to abound unto the glory of God.

16 Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

5 For we know that if the earthly house of our ¹³tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the hea-

2 vens. For verily in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon with our habitation which is from heaven: if so be that being clothed we shall not be 4 found naked. For indeed we that are in this ¹⁴tabernacle do groan, ¹⁵being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be 5 swallowed up of life. Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the 6 Spirit. Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent 7 from the Lord (for we walk by faith, 8 not by ¹⁶sight); we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be at home 9 with the Lord. Wherefore also we ¹⁶make it our aim, whether at home or absent, to be well-pleasing unto him. 10 For we must all be made manifest before the judgement-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things *done* ¹⁷in the body, according to what he hath done, whether *it* be good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest unto God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in 12 your consciences. We are not again commending ourselves unto you, but *speak* as giving you occasion of glorying on our behalf, that ye may have wherewith to answer them that glory 13 in appearance, and not in heart. For whether we ¹⁸are beside ourselves, it is unto God; or whether we are of sober 14 mind, it is unto you. For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, 15 therefore all died; and he died for all, that they which live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose 16 again. Wherefore we henceforth know no man after the flesh: even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know *him* so no more. 17 Wherefore if any man is in Christ, ¹⁹he is a new creature: the old things are passed away; behold, they are 18 become new. But all things are of God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and gave unto us the 19 ministry of reconciliation; to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having 20 committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were intreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God. Him who knew no sin he made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the

¹ Or, behold-
ing us in
a mirror

² Or, the
Spirit
which is
the Lord

³ Or, age

⁴ Or, thoughts.

⁵ Or, that they

should

not see

the

light . . .

image of

God

⁶ Or, uter-

mination.

⁷ Or, bond-

servants.

⁸ Some

ancient

authori-

ties read

through

Jesus.

⁹ Or, left

behind

¹⁰ Or,

putting

to death.

¹¹ Some

ancient

authori-

ties omit

the Lord.

¹² Or, the

more.

¹³ Or,

bodily

frame

¹⁴ Or,
being
burdened,
in that we
would
not be
unclothed,
but, we
would be
clothed
upon

¹⁵ Or,
appear-
ance.

¹⁶ Or,
any an-
imation.

¹⁷ Or,
through.

¹⁸ Or,
new

¹⁹ Or,
there is
a new
creation

²⁰ Or,
pledged
for us

6 Righteousness of God in him. And working together *with him* we intreat also that ye receive not the grace of 2 God in vain (for he saith,

At an acceptable time I hearkened unto thee,

And in a day of salvation did I succour thee:

behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation): giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that our ministration be not 4 blamed; but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in 5 distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in 6 fastings; in pureness, in knowledge, in longuffering, in kindness, in the 1 Holy 7 Ghost, in love unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; 2 by the armour of righteousness on the right 8 hand and on the left, by glory and dishonour, by evil report and good report; 9 as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not 10 killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 Our mouth is open unto you, O Corinthians, our heart is enlarged. Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in 13 your own affections. Now for a recompense in like kind (I speak as unto my children), be ye also enlarged.

14 Be not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? or what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with 2 Belial? or what portion hath a believer with an 16 unbeliever? And what agreement hath a 4 temple of God with idols? for we are a 4 temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and 17 they shall be my people. Wherefore

Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord,

And touch no unclean thing;

And I will receive you,

18 And will be to you a Father,

And ye shall be to me sons and daughters,

7 saith the Lord Almighty. Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 5 Open your hearts to us: we wronged no man, we corrupted no man, we took 3 advantage of no man. I say it not to condemn you: for I have said before, that ye are in our hearts to die together and 4 live together. Great is my boldness of speech toward you, great is my glorying

on your behalf: I am filled with comfort, I overflow with joy in all our affliction.

5 For even when we were come into Macedonia, our flesh had no relief, but we were afflicted on every side; without 6 were fightings, within were fears. Nevertheless he that comforteth the lowly, even God, comforted us by the 6 coming 7 of Titus; and not by his 6 coming only, but also by the comfort wherewith he was comforted in you, while he told us your longing, your mourning, your zeal 8 for me; so that I rejoiced yet more. For though I made you sorry with my epistle, I do not regret it, though I did regret; 7 for I see that that epistle made you 9 sorry, though but for a season. Now I rejoice, not that ye were made sorry, but that ye were made sorry unto repentance: for ye were made sorry after a godly sort, that ye might suffer loss by 10 us in nothing. For godly sorrow worketh repentance unto salvation, a repentance which bringeth no regret: but the 11 sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold, this selfsame thing, that ye were made sorry after a godly sort, what earnest care it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what longing, yea, what zeal, yea, what avenging! In everything ye approved yourselves to be pure in the matter. So although I wrote unto you, I wrote not for his cause that did the wrong, nor for his cause that suffered the wrong, but that your earnest care for us might be made manifest unto you in the sight 13 of God. Therefore we have been comforted: and in our comfort we joyed the more exceedingly for the joy of Titus, because his spirit hath been refreshed 14 by you all. For if in anything I have gloried to him on your behalf, I was not put to shame; but as we spake all things to you in truth, so our glorying also, which I made before Titus, 15 was found to be truth. And his inward affection is more abundantly toward you, whilst he remembereth the obedience of you all, how with fear and 16 trembling ye received him. I rejoice that in everything I am of good courage concerning you.

8 Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God which hath been given in the churches of Macedonia; how that in much proof of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their 9 liberality. 3 For according to their power, I bear witness, yea and beyond their power, 4 they gave of their own accord, beseeching us with much intreaty in regard of this grace and the fellowship in the ministering to the saints: 5 and this, not as we had hoped, but first they gave their own selves to the Lord,

6 Gr. *presensor.*

7 Some ancient authorities omit *for*.

8 Or, *unto a salvation which bringeth no regret*

1 Or, *Holy Spirit*: and so throughout this book.
2 Gr. *through*.

3 Gr. *Belial*.

4 Or, *temple*.

6 Gr. *Make room for us*.

9 Gr. *single-glazed*.

1 Some ancient authorities read our love to you.

6 and to us by the will of God. Inasmuch that we exhorted Titus, that as he had made a beginning before, so he would also complete in you this grace
7 also. But as ye abound in everything, in faith, and utterance, and knowledge, and in all earnestness, and in ¹your love to us, see that ye abound in this grace
8 also. I speak not by way of commandment, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity also of your love. For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might
10 become rich. And herein I give my judgement: for this is expedient for you, who were the first to make a beginning a year ago, not only to do,
11 but also to will. But now complete the doing also; that as *there was* the readiness to will, so *there may be* the completion also out of your ability. For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according as *a man* hath, not according
13 as *he* hath not. For *I say not this*, that others may be eased, and ye distressed: but by equality; your abundance *being a supply* at this present time for their want, that their abundance also may become *a supply* for your
15 want; that there may be equality: as it is written, He that *gathered* much had nothing over; and he that *gathered* little had no lack.
16 But thanks be to God, which putteth the same earnest care for you into the
17 heart of Titus. For indeed he accepted our exhortation; but being himself very earnest, he went forth unto you of
18 his own accord. And we have sent together with him the brother whose praise in the gospel is *spread* through
19 all the churches; and not only so, but who was also appointed by the churches to travel with us in the *matter* of this grace, which is ministered by us to the glory of the Lord, and to *shew* our
20 readiness: avoiding this, that any man should blame us in the *matter* of this
21 bounty which is ministered by us: for we take thought for things honourable, not only in the sight of the Lord, but
22 also in the sight of men. And we have sent with them our brother, whom we have many times proved earnest in many things, but now much more earnest, by reason of the great confidence
23 which *he* hath in you. Whether any *inquire* about Titus, *he is* my partner and my fellow-worker to you-ward; or our brethren, *they are* the ²messengers of the churches, *they are* the glory of
24 Christ. ³Shew ye therefore unto them in the face of the churches the proof of your love, and of our glorying on your behalf.
9 For as touching the ministering to the saints, it is superfluous for me

² Gr. apostles

³ Gr. Shew ye therefore in the face... on your behalf unto them.

2 to write to you: for I know your readiness, of which I glory on your behalf to them of Macedonia, that Achaia hath been prepared for a year past; and ⁴your zeal hath stirred up
3 ⁵very many of them. But I have sent the brethren, that our glorying on your behalf may not be made void in this respect; that, even as I said, ye may
4 be prepared: lest by any means, if there come with me any of Macedonia, and find you unprepared, we (that we say not, ye) should be put to shame in
5 this confidence. I thought it necessary therefore to intreat the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your *forepromised* ⁶bounty, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not of ⁷extortion.

⁴ Gr. excitation of you
⁵ Gr. the more part.

⁶ Gr. blessing.

⁷ Gr. contribution

⁸ Gr. with blessing.

⁹ Gr. of service.

6 But this *I say*, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth ⁸bountifully shall reap also
7 ⁹bountifully. Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart; not ¹⁰grudgingly, or of necessity: for
8 God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto
9 every good work: as it is written,

He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the poor;

His righteousness abideth for ever.

10 And he that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness: ¹¹ye being enriched in everything unto
all ¹²liberality, which worketh through
12 us thanksgiving to God. For the ministration of this service not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also through
13 many thanksgivings unto God; seeing that through the proving of you by this ministration they glorify God for the obedience of your confession unto the gospel of Christ, and for the
14 ¹⁵liberality of your contribution unto them and unto all; while they themselves also, with supplication on your behalf, long after you by reason of the exceeding grace of God in
15 you. Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift.

¹⁶ Gr. singleness.

10 Now I Paul myself intreat you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am of good courage toward you:
2 yea, I beseech you, that I may not when present shew courage with the confidence wherewith I count to be bold against some, which count of us as if we walked
3 according to the flesh. For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war
4 according to the flesh (for the wea-

pons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strong holds; casting down ¹imaginations, and every high thing that is exalted against the knowledge of God, and bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ; and being in readiness to avenge all disobedience, when your obedience shall be fulfilled. ²Ye look at the things that are before your face. If any man trusteth in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again with himself, that, even as he is Christ's, so also are we. For though I should glory somewhat abundantly concerning our authority (which the Lord gave for building you up, and not for casting you down), I shall not be put to shame: ³that I may not seem as if I would terrify you by my letters. For, His letters, they say, are weighty and strong; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech of no account. Let such a one reckon this, that, what we are in word by letters when we are absent, such *are we* also in deed when we are present. For we are not bold ⁴to number or compare ourselves with certain of them that commend themselves: but they themselves, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, are without understanding. But we will not glory beyond our measure, but according to the measure of the ⁵'province which God apportioned to us as a measure, to reach even unto you. For we stretch not ourselves overmuch, as though we reached not unto you: for we ⁶'came even as far as unto you in the gospel of Christ: not glorying beyond our measure, *that is*, in other men's labours; but having hope that, as your faith groweth, we shall be magnified in you according to our ⁷'province unto further abundance, so as to preach the gospel even unto the parts beyond you, and not to glory in another's ⁸'province in regard of things ready to our hand. But he that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord. For not he that commendeth himself is approved, but whom the Lord commendeth.

⁹Would that ye could bear with me in a little foolishness: ¹⁰'nay indeed bear with me. For I am jealous over you with ¹¹'a godly jealousy: for I espoused you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your ¹²'minds should be corrupted from the simplicity and the purity that is toward Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we did not preach, or ¹³'ye receive a different spirit, which ye did not receive, or a

different gospel, which ye did not accept, ye do well to bear with him. For I reckon that I am not a whit behind ¹⁴'the very chiefest apostles. But though I be rude in speech, yet *am I* not in knowledge; nay, in everything we have made it manifest among all men to you-ward.

Or did I commit a sin in abasing myself that ye might be exalted, because I preached to you the gospel of God for nought? I robbed other churches, taking wages of them that I might minister unto you; and when I was present with you and was in want, I was not a burden on any man; for the brethren, when they came from Macedonia, supplied the measure of my want; and in everything I kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and *so will I keep myself*.

As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this glorying in the regions of Achaia. Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off ¹⁵'occasion from them which desire an occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.

I say again, Let no man think me foolish; but if *ye do*, yet as foolish receive me, that I also may glory a little. That which I speak, I speak not after the Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of glorying. Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also.

For ye bear with the foolish gladly, being wise *yourselves*. For ye bear with a man, if he bringeth you into bondage, if he devoureth you, if he taketh you captive, if he exalteth himself, if he smiteth you on the face. I speak by way of disparagement, as though we had been weak. Yet whereinsoever any is bold (I speak in foolishness), I am bold also.

Are they Hebrews? so am I. Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as one beside myself) I more; in labours more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths oft.

Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day have I been in the deep; in journeyings often, in perils of rivers, in perils of robbers, in perils from my ¹⁶'countrymen, in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false

¹ Or, reasonings

² Or, Do ye look at my face?

³ Gr. to judge ourselves among, or to judge ourselves with.

⁴ Or, I am it Gr. measuring-rood.

⁵ Or, were the first to come

⁶ Or, but indeed ye do bear with me. ⁷ Gr. a jealousy of God.

⁸ Gr. thoughts.

⁹ Or, those prominent apostles

¹⁰ Gr. the occasion of them.

¹¹ Gr. race.

27 brethren; in labour and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

28¹ Beside those things that are without, there is that which presseth upon me daily, anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is made to stumble, and I burn not? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the 31 things that concern my weakness. The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed² for evermore, knoweth 32 that I lie not. In Damascus the governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascusenes, in order to take me: 33 and through a window was I let down in a basket by the wall, and escaped his hands.

12³ I must needs glory, though it is not expedient; but I will come to visions 2 and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ, fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not; or whether out of the body, I know not; God knoweth), such a one caught up 3 even to the third heaven. And I know such a man (whether in the body, or apart from the body, I know not; God 4 knoweth), how that he was caught up into Paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man 5 to utter. On behalf of such a one will I glory: but on mine own behalf I will 6 not glory, save in my weaknesses. For if I should desire to glory, I shall not be foolish; for I shall speak the truth: but I forbear, lest any man should account of me above that which he seeth 7 me to be, or heareth from me. And by reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations—wherefore, that I should not be exalted overmuch, there was given to me a⁴ thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, that 8 I should not be exalted overmuch. Concerning this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 9 And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the strength of Christ 10 may⁵ rest upon me. Wherefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

11 I am become foolish: ye compelled me; for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing was I behind⁶ the very chiefest apostles, though I 12 am nothing. Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, by signs and wonders and 13⁷ mighty works. For what is there wherein ye were made inferior to the rest of the churches, except *it be* that I myself was not a burden to you? forgive me this wrong.

14 Behold, this is the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be a burden to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents 15 for the children. And I will most gladly spend and be⁸ spent for your souls. If I love you more abundantly, 16 am I loved the less? But be it so, I did not myself burden you; but, being 17 crafty, I caught you with guile. Did I take advantage of you by any one of 18 them whom I have sent unto you? I exhorted Titus, and I sent the brother with him. Did Titus take any advantage of you? walked we not by the same Spirit? *walked we not in the same steps?*

19⁹ Ye think all this time that we are excusing ourselves unto you. In the sight of God speak we in Christ. But all things, beloved, are for your edifying. 20 For I fear, lest by any means, when I come, I should find you not such as I would, and should myself be found of you such as ye would not; lest by any means *there should be* strife, jealousy, wraths, factions, backbitings, whisperings, swellings,¹⁰ tumults; lest, when I come again, my God should humble me before you, and I should mourn for many of them that have sinned heretofore, and repented not of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they committed.

18 This is the third time I am coming to you. At the mouth of two witnesses or three shall every word be established. 2 I have said¹¹ beforehand, and I do say¹¹ beforehand,¹² as when I was present the second time, so now, being absent, to them that have sinned heretofore, and to all the rest, that, if I come again, I will not spare; seeing that ye seek a proof of Christ that speaketh in me; who to you-ward is not weak, but is 4 powerful in you: for he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth through the power of God. For we also are weak¹³ in him, but we shall live with him through the power of God toward you.

5 Try your own selves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed 6 ye be reprobate. But I hope that ye shall know that we are not reprobate. 7 Now we pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that ye may do that which is honour- 8 able,¹⁴ though we be as reprobate. For we can do nothing against the truth, but 9 for the truth. For we rejoice, when we are weak, and ye are strong: this we 10 also pray for, even your perfecting. For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not when present deal sharply, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for casting down.

¹ Or, Beside the things which I omit Or, Beside the things that come out of course² Or, unto the ages.

³ Some ancient authorities read Now to glory is not expedient, but I will come &c.

⁴ Or, stabs

⁵ Or, cover me Or, spread a tabernacle over me.

⁶ Or, those pre-eminent apostles

⁷ Or, powers.

⁸ Gr. spent out.

⁹ Or, Think ye . . . you?

¹⁰ Or, disorders

¹¹ Or, plainly¹² Or, as if I were present the second time, even though I am now absent

¹³ Many ancient authorities read weak.

¹⁴ Or, good thing.

¹ Or, re-
joice: be
perfect-
ed

- 11 Finally, brethren, ¹farewell. Be per-
fected; be comforted; be of the same
mind; live in peace: and the God of
love and peace shall be with you.
12 Salute one another with a holy kiss.

- 13 All the saints salute you.
14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the com-
munion of the Holy Ghost, be with
you all.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO THE GALATIANS.

¹ Or,
a man

- 1 PAUL, an apostle (not from men,
neither through ¹man, but through
Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who
2 raised him from the dead), and all the
brethren which are with me, unto the
3 churches of Galatia: Grace to you and
peace ²from God the Father, and our
4 Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself
for our sins, that he might deliver us
out of this present evil ³world, accord-
ing to the will of our God and Father:
5 to whom be the glory ⁴for ever and
ever. Amen.

² Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
from
God our
Father,
and the
Lord
Jesus
Christ.

³ Or, age
⁴ Or,
unto the
ages of
the ages.

- 6 I marvel that ye are so quickly re-
moving from him that called you in
the grace of Christ unto a different
7 gospel; which is not another *gospel*:
only there are some that trouble you,
and would pervert the gospel of Christ.
8 But though we, or an angel from
heaven, should preach ⁵unto you any
gospel ⁶other than that which we
preached unto you, let him be anathema.
9 As we have said before, so say I now
again, If any man preacheth unto you
any gospel other than that which ye
10 received, let him be anathema. For am
I now persuading men, or God? or am
I seeking to please men? if I were
still pleasing men, I should not be a
⁷servant of Christ.

⁵ Some
ancient
authori-
ties omit
unto
you.
⁶ Or,
contrary
to that

⁷ Or,
bond-
servant.

- 11 For I make known to you, brethren, as
touching the gospel which was preached
12 by me, that it is not after man. For
neither did I receive it from ¹man, nor
was I taught it, but it *came to me*
through revelation of Jesus Christ.
13 For ye have heard of my manner of life
in time past in the Jews' religion, how
that beyond measure I persecuted the
church of God, and made havoc of it:
14 and I advanced in the Jews' religion
beyond many of mine own age ⁸among
my countrymen, being more exceeding-
ly zealous for the traditions of my
15 fathers. But when it was the good
pleasure of God, who separated me,
even from my mother's womb, and
16 called me through his grace, to reveal
his Son in me, that I might preach
him among the Gentiles; immediately
I conferred not with flesh and blood:
17 neither went I up to Jerusalem to them
which were apostles before me: but I
went away into Arabia; and again I
returned unto Damascus.

⁸ Or, in
my race.

- 18 Then after three years I went up to
Jerusalem to ⁹visit Cephas, and tarried
19 with him fifteen days. But other of the
apostles saw I none, ¹⁰save James the
20 Lord's brother. Now touching the
things which I write unto you, behold,
21 before God, I lie not. Then I came into
22 the regions of Syria and Cilicia. And
I was still unknown by face unto the
churches of Judaea which were in
23 Christ: but they only heard say, He
that once persecuted us now preacheth
the faith of which he once made havoc;
24 and they glorified God in me.

⁹ Or,
become
ac-
quainted
with
¹⁰ Or,
but only

- 2 Then ¹¹after the space of fourteen
years I went up again to Jerusalem
with Barnabas, taking Titus also with
2 me. And I went up by revelation; and
I laid before them the gospel which I
preach among the Gentiles, but pri-
vately before them who ¹²were of re-
pute, lest by any means I should be
8 running, or had run, in vain. But not
even Titus who was with me, being a
Greek, was compelled to be circum-
4 cised: ¹³and that because of the false
brethren privily brought in, who came
in privily to spy out our liberty which
we have in Christ Jesus, that they
5 might bring us into bondage: to whom
we gave place in the way of subjection,
no, not for an hour; that the truth of
the gospel might continue with you.

¹¹ Or,
in the
course of

¹² Or, are

¹³ Or, but
it was be-
cause of

- 6 But from those who ¹⁴were reputed to
be somewhat (¹⁴ whatsoever they were,
it maketh no matter to me: God accept-
eth not man's person)—they, I say, who
were of repute imparted nothing to me:
7 but contrariwise, when they saw that I
had been intrusted with the gospel of
the uncircumcision, even as Peter with
8 the gospel of the circumcision (for he
that wrought for Peter unto the apostle-
ship of the circumcision wrought for me
9 also unto the Gentiles); and when they
perceived the grace that was given un-
to me, James and Cephas and John,
they who ¹⁵were reputed to be pillars,
gave to me and Barnabas the right
hands of fellowship, that we should
go unto the Gentiles, and they unto
10 the circumcision; only *they would*
that we should remember the poor;
which very thing I was also zealous
to do.

¹⁴ Or,
what
they
once
were

- 11 But when Cephas came to Antioch,

I resisted him to the face, because he stood condemned. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing them that were of the circumcision. And the rest of the Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that even Barnabas was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Cephas before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest as do the Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, how compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? We being Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, yet knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, ²save through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed on Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works of the law: because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ a minister of sin? God forbid. For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. For I through the law died unto the law, that I might live unto God. I have been crucified with Christ; ⁴yet I live; and yet no longer I, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. I do not make void the grace of God: for if righteousness is through the law, then Christ died for nought.

O foolish Galatians, who did bewitch you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly set forth crucified? This only would I learn from you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now perfected in the flesh? Did ye suffer so many things in vain? if it be indeed in vain. He therefore that supplieth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Even as Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. Know therefore that they which be of faith, the same are sons of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all the nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with the faithful Abraham.

For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one which continueth

not in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them. Now that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, is evident: for, The righteous shall live by faith; and the law is not of faith; but, He that doeth them shall live in them. Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: that upon the Gentiles might come the blessing of Abraham in Christ Jesus; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Brethren, I speak after the manner of men: Though it be but a man's covenant, yet when it hath been confirmed, no one maketh it void, or addeth thereto. Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, and to his seed. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ. Now this I say; A covenant confirmed beforehand by God, the law, which came four hundred and thirty years after, doth not disannul, so as to make the promise of none effect. For if the inheritance is of the law, it is no more of promise: but God hath granted it to Abraham by promise. What then is the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise hath been made; and it was ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator. Now a mediator is not a mediator of one; but God is one. Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could make alive, verily righteousness would have been of the law. Howbeit the scripture hath shut up all things under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

But before faith came, we were kept in ward under the law, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. So that the law hath been our tutor to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith is come, we are no longer under a tutor. For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female: for ye all are one in Christ Jesus. And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, heirs according to promise.

But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant, though he is lord of all; but is under guardians and stewards until the term appointed of the father. So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the rudiments of the world:

1 Or, works of law
2 Or, but only

3 Or, law

4 Or, and it is no longer I that live, but Christ dwells in me.

5 Or, message

6 Or, do ye now make an end in the flesh?

7 Or, powers.
8 Or, in

9 Or, ye perceive

10 Or, justification.
11 Or, nations.

12 Gal. iii.

13 Or, see Romans

14 Or, the faith

15 Or, rudiments

4 but when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, 5 born under the law, that he might redeem them which were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of 6 sons. And because ye are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of his Son into our 7 hearts, crying, Abba, Father. So that thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

8 Howbeit at that time, not knowing God, ye were in bondage to them which 9 by nature are no gods: but now that ye have come to know God, or rather to be known of God, how turn ye back again to the weak and beggarly ¹rudiments, whereunto ye desire to be in bondage 10 over again? Ye observe days, and 11 months, and seasons, and years. I am afraid of you, lest by any means I have bestowed labour upon you in vain.

12 I beseech you, brethren, be as I am, for I am as ye are. Ye did me no wrong: 13 but ye know that because of an infirmity of the flesh I preached the 14 gospel unto you the ²first time: and that which was a temptation to you in my flesh ye despised not, nor ³rejected; but ye received me as an angel of God, 15 even as Christ Jesus. Where then is that gratulation ⁴of yourselves? for I bear you witness, that, if possible, ye would have plucked out your eyes and 16 given them to me. So then am I become your enemy, because I ⁵tell you the 17 truth? They zealously seek you in no good way; nay, they desire to shut you 18 out, that ye may seek them. But it is good to be zealously sought in a good matter at all times, and not only when 19 I am present with you. My little children, of whom I am again in travail 20 until Christ be formed in you, yea, I could wish to be present with you now, and to change my voice; for I am perplexed about you.

21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the 22 law, do ye not hear the law? For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the 23 freewoman. Howbeit the son by the handmaid is born after the flesh; but the son by the freewoman is born through 24 promise. Which things contain an allegory: for these women are two covenants; one from mount Sinai, bearing children unto bondage, which is Hagar. 25 ⁶Now this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answereth to the Jerusalem that now is: for she is in bondage 26 with her children. But the Jerusalem that is above is free, which is our mother. For it is written,

Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not;
Break forth and cry, thou that travailest not:
For more are the children of the

desolate than of her which hath the husband.

28 Now ⁷we, brethren, as Isaac was, are 29 children of promise. But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, even 30 so it is now. Howbeit what saith the scripture? Cast out the handmaid and her son: for the son of the handmaid shall not inherit with the son of the 31 freewoman. Wherefore, brethren, we are not children of a handmaid, but of 5 the freewoman. ⁸With freedom did Christ set us free: stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that, if ye receive circumcision, Christ will 3 profit you nothing. Yea, I testify again to every man that receiveth circumcision, that he is a debtor to do 4 the whole law. Ye are ⁹severed from Christ, ye who would be justified by the law; ye are fallen away from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit by faith wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith ¹⁰working through 7 love. Ye were running well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the 8 truth? This persuasion came not of 9 him that calleth you. A little leaven 10 leaveneth the whole lump. I have confidence to you-ward in the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear 11 his judgement, whosoever he be. But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? then hath the stumblingblock of the cross 12 been done away. I would that they which unsettle you would even ¹¹cut themselves off.

13 For ye, brethren, were called for freedom; only use not your freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but through 14 love be servants one to another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 But I say, Walk by the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other; that ye may not do the things 18 that ye would. But if ye are led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strifes, jealousies, wraths, factions, divisions, ¹²heresies, envyings, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I ¹³forewarn you, even as I did ¹³forewarn you, that

⁷ Many ancient authorities read ye.

⁸ Or, For freedom

⁹ Or, brought to nought.

¹⁰ Or, wrought

¹¹ Or, mutilate themselves

¹² Or, parties

¹³ Or, tell you plainly

¹ Or, elements

² Or, former.

³ Or, spait out

⁴ Or, of yours

⁵ Or, deal truly with you

⁶ Many ancient authorities read For Sinai is a mountain in Arabia.

they which practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith-
 23fulness, meekness, ¹temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof.

25 If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk. Let us not be vain-glorious, provoking one another, envying one another.

6 Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of meekness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.

3 For if a man thinketh himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. But let each man prove his own work, and then shall he have his glorying in regard of himself alone, and not of ²his neighbour.

5 For each man shall bear his own ³burden.

6 But let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall

of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.
 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith.

11 See with how large letters I have written unto you with mine own hand.

12 As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised; only that they may not be persecuted ⁵for the cross of Christ.

13 For not even they who ⁶receive circumcision do themselves keep ⁷the law; but they desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh. But far be it from me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through ⁸which the world hath been crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new ⁹creature.

16 And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear branded on my body the marks of Jesus.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.

¹ Or, self-control

² Gr. the other.

³ Or, load

⁴ Or, write

⁵ Or, by reason of
⁶ Some ancient authorities read have been circumcised.
⁷ Or, a law
⁸ Or, unknown
⁹ Or, creature

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE EPHESIANS.

1 PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints which are ¹at Ephesus, and the faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the

4 heavenly places in Christ: even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before ²him in

5 love: having foreordained us unto adoption as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good

6 pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, ³which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved: in whom we have our redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his

8 grace, ⁴which he made to abound toward us in all wisdom and prudence, ⁵having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good

pleasure which he purposed in him unto a dispensation of the fullness of the ⁵times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things ⁶in the heavens, and the

11 things upon the earth; in him, ⁷I say, in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the purpose of him who worketh all

12 things after the counsel of his will; to the end that we should be unto the praise of his glory, we who ⁸had before hoped in Christ: in whom ye also,

13 having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation,—in whom, having also believed, ye were sealed

14 with the Holy Spirit of promise, which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of God's own possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is ⁹among you, and ¹⁰which ye shew toward all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making men-

17 tion of you in my prayers; that the

¹ Some very ancient authorities omit at Ephesus.

² Or, him, having in love fore-ordained us

³ Or, where, with he endured us

⁴ Or, where, with he bounded

⁵ Gr. seasons.
⁶ Gr. upon.

⁷ Or, have

⁹ Or, in
¹⁰ Many ancient authorities insert the love.

God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, and what the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to that working of the strength of his might which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this ¹ world, but also in that which is to come: and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

2 And you did he quicken, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins, wherein aforetime ye walked according to the ² course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; among whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the ³ mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest:—but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, even when we were dead through our trespasses, quickened us together ⁴ with Christ (by grace have ye been saved), and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus: that in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus: for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, that no man should glory.

10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that aforetime ye, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called Circumcision, in the flesh, made by hands; that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition, having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that

he might create in himself of the twain 16 one new man, so making peace; and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having 17 slain the enmity thereby: and he came and ⁵ preached peace to you that were far off, and peace to them that were nigh: for through him we both have our access in one Spirit unto the Father. So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the 21 chief corner stone; in whom ⁶ each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy ⁷ temple in the Lord; in whom ye also are built together ⁸ for a habitation of God in the Spirit.

3 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles,— 2 if so be that ye have heard of the ⁹ dispensation of that grace of God which was given me to you-ward; how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote afore in few words, 4 whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of 5 Christ; which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6 to wit, that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ 7 Jesus through the gospel, whereof I was made a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable 9 riches of Christ; and to ¹⁰ make all men see what is the ⁹ dispensation of the mystery which from all ages hath been hid in God who created all things; to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of 11 God, according to the ¹¹ eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our 12 Lord: in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through ¹² our faith 13 in him. Wherefore I ask that ¹³ ye faint not at my tribulations for you, which ¹⁴ are your glory.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the 15 Father, from whom every ¹⁵ family in heaven and on earth is named, that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his 17 Spirit in the inward man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye, being rooted 18 and grounded in love, may be strong to

⁵ Gr. preached good tidings of peace.

⁶ Gr. every building.
⁷ Or, sanctuary.
⁸ Gr. into.

⁹ Or, stewardship.

¹⁰ Some ancient authorities read bring to light what is.

¹¹ Gr. purpose of the ages.

¹² Or, the faith of him.

¹³ Or, I.

¹⁴ Or, is.

¹⁵ Gr. fatherhood.

¹ Or, age.

² Gr. age.

³ Gr. thoughts.

⁴ Some ancient authorities read in Christ.

apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height
19 and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that
21 worketh in us, unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto ¹all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the
2 calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in
3 love; giving diligence to keep the unity
4 of the Spirit in the bond of peace. *There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your call-*
5 *ing; one Lord, one faith, one baptism,*
6 *one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all.*
7 But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the
8 gift of Christ. Wherefore he saith,

When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive,
And gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also descended ²into the lower
10 parts of the earth? He that descended is the same also that ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all
11 things.) And he gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and
12 teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the
13 building up of the body of Christ: till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness
14 of Christ: that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after
15 the wiles of error; but ³speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, which is the head, *even* Christ;
16 from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together ⁴through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in *due* measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love.

17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in the vanity
18 of their mind, being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening
19 of their heart; who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness,
20 ⁵to work all uncleanness with ⁶greediness. But ye did not so learn Christ;

21 if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in
22 Jesus: that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, which waxeth corrupt after the lusts
23 of deceit; and that ye be renewed in
24 the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man, ⁷which after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

25 Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbour: for we are members one of another.
26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the
27 sun go down upon your ⁸wrath: neither
28 give place to the devil. Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof
29 to give to him that hath need. Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for ⁹edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace
30 to them that hear. And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in whom ye were
31 sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and railing, be put away from
32 you, with all malice: and be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave ¹⁰you.

5 Be ye therefore imitators of God, as
2 beloved children; and walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for ¹¹us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odour of a sweet smell.
3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named
4 among you, as becometh saints; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not befitting: but rather
5 giving of thanks. For this ye know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, which is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ
6 and God. Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience.
7 Be not ye therefore partakers with
8 them; for ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as
9 children of light (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness
10 and truth), proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord: and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even ¹²reprove them; for the things which are done by them in secret it is a shame even to
13 speak of. But all things when they are ¹³reproved are made manifest by the light: for everything that is
14 made manifest is light. Wherefore he saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee.

¹ Gr. all the generations of the ages.

² Some ancient authorities insert *first*.

³ Or, dealing truly

⁴ Gr. through every joint of the supply.

⁵ Or, to make a trade of
⁶ Or, covetousness

⁷ Or, which is after God, created etc.

⁸ Gr. your necessities.

⁹ Or, the building up of the mind.

¹⁰ Many ancient authorities read *us*.

¹¹ Some ancient authorities read *you*.

¹² Or, convince

¹³ Or, re-
victed

¹ Gr.
buying
up the
oppor-
tunity.

² Or,
in spirit
³ Or,
to your-
selves

⁴ Gr. the
God and
Father.

⁵ Or, so
are the
wives
(also)

⁶ Gr.
Lover.

⁷ Or,
shalt
⁸ Or, land

⁹ Gr.
Bond-
servants.
¹⁰ Gr.
lords.

15 Look therefore carefully how ye walk,
16 not as unwise, but as wise; ¹redeeming
the time, because the days are evil.
17 Wherefore be ye not foolish, but under-
18 stand what the will of the Lord is. And
be not drunken with wine, wherein is
riot, but be filled ²with the Spirit;
19 speaking ³one to another in psalms and
hymns and spiritual songs, singing and
making melody with your heart to the
20 Lord; giving thanks always for all
things in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ to ⁴God, even the Father;
21 subjecting yourselves one to another
in the fear of Christ.
22 Wives, *be in subjection* unto your own
23 husbands, as unto the Lord. For the
husband is the head of the wife, as
Christ also is the head of the church,
being himself the saviour of the body.
24 But as the church is subject to Christ,
⁵*so let the wives also be to their*
25 husbands in everything. Husbands,
love your wives, even as Christ also
loved the church, and gave himself up
26 for it; that he might sanctify it, having
cleansed it by the ⁶washing of water
27 with the word, that he might present
the church to himself a glorious church,
not having spot or wrinkle or any
such thing; but that it should be holy
28 and without blemish. Even so ought
husbands also to love their own wives
as their own bodies. He that loveth
29 his own wife loveth himself: for no
man ever hated his own flesh; but
nourisheth and cherisheth it, even
30 as Christ also the church; because we
31 are members of his body. For this
cause shall a man leave his father and
mother, and shall cleave to his wife;
and the twain shall become one flesh.
32 This mystery is great: but I speak in
regard of Christ and of the church.
33 Nevertheless do ye also severally love
each one his own wife even as himself;
and let the wife see that she fear her
husband.
6 Children, obey your parents in the
2 Lord: for this is right. Honour thy
father and mother (which is the first
3 commandment with promise), that it
may be well with thee, and thou
4 mayest live long on the ⁷earth. And,
ye fathers, provoke not your children
to wrath: but nurture them in the
chastening and admonition of the Lord.
5 ⁸Servants, be obedient unto them
that according to the flesh are your
10 masters, with fear and trembling, in
singleness of your heart, as unto

6 Christ; not in the way of eyeservice,
as men-pleasers; but as ⁹servants of
Christ, doing the will of God from
7 the ¹¹heart; with good will doing
service, as unto the Lord, and not unto
8 men: knowing that whatsoever good
thing each one doeth, the same shall
he receive again from the Lord, whether
9 he be bond or free. And, ye ¹⁰masters,
do the same things unto them, and
forbear threatening: knowing that
both their Master and yours is in
heaven, and there is no respect of
persons with him.

10 ¹²Finally, ¹³be strong in the Lord,
and in the strength of his might.
11 Put on the whole armour of God,
that ye may be able to stand against
12 the wiles of the devil. For our wrest-
ling is not against flesh and blood,
but against the principalities, against
the powers, against the world-rulers
of this darkness, against the spiritual
13 hosts of wickedness in the heavenly
13 places. Wherefore take up the whole
armour of God, that ye may be able
to withstand in the evil day, and,
14 having done all, to stand. Stand there-
fore, having girded your loins with
truth, and having put on the breast-
15 plate of righteousness, and having shod
your feet with the preparation of the
16 gospel of peace; withal taking up the
shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be
able to quench all the fiery darts of
17 the evil one. And take the helmet
of salvation, and the sword of the
Spirit, which is the word of God:
18 with all prayer and supplication
praying at all seasons in the Spirit,
and watching thereunto in all perse-
verance and supplication for all the
19 saints, and on my behalf, that utter-
ance may be given unto me ¹⁴in opening
my mouth, to make known with bold-
20 ness the mystery of the gospel, for
which I am an ambassador in ¹⁵chains;
that in it I may speak boldly, as I
ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my affairs,
how I do, Tychicus, the beloved brother
and faithful minister in the Lord, shall
22 make known to you all things: whom
I have sent unto you for this very
purpose, that ye may know our state,
and that he may comfort your hearts.
23 Peace be to the brethren, and love
with faith, from God the Father and the
24 Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all
them that love our Lord Jesus Christ
in uncorruptness.

¹¹ Gr.
soul.

¹² Or,
From
heaven-
forth
¹³ Gr.
be made
power-
ful.

¹⁴ Or, in
opening
my
mouth
with
boldness,
to make
known
¹⁵ Gr.
a chain.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

¹ Gr.
bond-
servants.

² Or,
co-workers.

³ Or,
ye have
me in
your
heart

⁴ Or,
prove the
things
that
differ

⁵ Gr.
fruit.

⁶ Gr. in
the whole
Pretorian.

⁷ Gr.
trusting
in my
bonds

1 PAUL and Timothy, ¹servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the ²bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy, 5 for your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of 7 Jesus Christ: even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because ⁸I have you in my heart, inasmuch as, both in my bonds and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers with me 8 of grace. For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender 9 mercies of Christ Jesus. And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all 10 discernment; so that ye may ⁴approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence 11 unto the day of Christ; being filled with the ⁵fruits of righteousness, which are through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 Now I would have you know, brethren, that the things *which happened* unto me have fallen out rather unto 13 the progress of the gospel; so that my bonds became manifest in Christ ⁶throughout the whole pretorian guard, and to all the rest; and that most of the brethren in the Lord, ⁷being confident through my bonds, are more abundantly bold to speak 15 the word of God without fear. Some indeed preach Christ even of envy and strife; and some also of good will: the one *do it* of love, knowing that I am set for the defence 17 of the gospel: but the other proclaim Christ of faction, not sincerely, thinking to raise up affliction for me in my 18 bonds. What then? only that in every way, whether in pretence or in truth, Christ is proclaimed; and therein I 19 rejoice, yea, and will rejoice. For I know that this shall turn to my salvation, through your supplication and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus 20 Christ, according to my earnest expectation and hope, that in nothing

shall I be put to shame, but *that* with all boldness, as always, *so* now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life, or by death. 21 For to me to live is Christ, and to 22 die is gain. ⁸But if to live in the flesh,—*if* this is the fruit of my work, then ⁹what I shall choose ¹⁰I wot not.

23 But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ; for it is very far better: 24 yet to abide in the flesh is more needful 25 for your sake. And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide, yea, and abide with you all, for your progress and joy ¹¹in the faith; that your glorying may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you 27 again. Only ¹²let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ: that, whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving ¹³for the faith of the 28 gospel; and in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but of your 29 salvation, and that from God; because to you it hath been granted in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer in his behalf: 30 having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

2 If there is therefore any comfort in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender 2 mercies and compassions, fulfil ye my joy, that ye be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, ¹⁴of 3 one mind; *doing* nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other 4 better than himself; not looking each of you to his own things, but each of 5 you also to the things of others. Have this mind in you, which was also in 6 Christ Jesus: who, ¹⁵being in the form of God, counted it not ¹⁶a prize to be 7 on an equality with God, but emptied himself, taking the form of a ¹⁷servant, ¹⁸being made in the likeness of men; 8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient *even* unto death, yea, the death of the 9 cross. Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name 10 which is above every name; that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven and *things* on earth 11 and ¹⁹things under the earth, and that

⁸ Or, But
if to live
in the
flesh
be my lot,
this is the
fruit of
my work:
and what
I shall
choose I
wot not.

⁹ Or,
what
shall I
choose I
know not.
¹⁰ Or,
I do not
know
what I
shall choose.
¹¹ Or,
of faith
in Christ.
¹² Or,
behaving as
Christians
worthy.

¹³ Or,
with.

¹⁴ Some
ancient
authorities
read
the form
of the
same
mind.

¹⁵ Or,
being
generally
in the
form of
God,
being
grasped.
¹⁶ Or,
being
found.
¹⁷ Or,
being
found.
¹⁸ Or,
being
found.

¹⁹ Or,
things of
the world
below

every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not ¹as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation 13 with fear and trembling; for it is God which worketh in you both to will and 14 to work, for his good pleasure. Do all things without murmurings and dis- 15 putings; that ye may be blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are 16 seen as ²lights in the world, holding forth the word of life; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labour 17 in vain. Yea, and if I am ³offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I 18 joy, and rejoice with you all: and in the same manner do ye also joy, and rejoice with me.

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know 20 your state. For I have no man like-minded, who will care ⁴truly for your 21 state. For they all seek their own, not 22 the things of Jesus Christ. But ye know the proof of him, that, as a child *serveth* a father, so he served with me in 23 furtherance of the gospel. Him therefore I hope to send forthwith, so soon as 24 I shall see how it will go with me: but I trust in the Lord that I myself also 25 shall come shortly. But I counted it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-worker and fellow-soldier, and your ⁵messenger and 26 minister to my need; since he longed ⁶after you all, and was sore troubled, because ye had heard that he was sick: 27 for indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, that I might 28 not have sorrow upon sorrow. I have sent him therefore the more diligently, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy; and hold such in 30 honour: because for the work of ⁷Christ he came nigh unto death, hazarding his life to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me.

3 Finally, my brethren, ⁸rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not irksome, but for you 2 it is safe. Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the concision: for we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence 4 in the flesh: though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh: if any other man ⁹thinketh to have confidence in the flesh, I yet more: circum-

cised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as touching the law, 6 a Pharisee; as touching zeal, persecuting the church; as touching the righteousness which is in the law, found 7 blameless. Howbeit what things were ¹⁰gain to me, these have I counted loss 8 for Christ. Yea verily, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but ¹¹ dung, 9 that I may gain Christ, and be found in him, ¹²not having a righteousness of mine own, *even* that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is of 10 God ¹³by faith: that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming 11 conformed unto his death; if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection 12 tion from the dead. Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may ¹⁴apprehend that for which also I was 13 apprehended by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself ¹⁵yet to have apprehended: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which 14 are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the ¹⁶high calling of 15 God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, even this shall God reveal unto 16 you: only, whereunto we have already attained, by that same *rule* let us walk. 17 Brethren, be ye imitators together of me, and mark them which so walk even 18 as ye have us for an ensample. For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are the enemies of the cross of 19 Christ: whose end is perdition, whose god is the belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.* 20 For our ¹⁷citizenship is in heaven; from whence also we wait for a Saviour, the 21 Lord Jesus Christ: who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, *that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.*

4 Wherefore, my brethren beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my beloved.

2 I exhort Euodia, and I exhort Syntyche, to be of the same mind in the 3 Lord. Yea, I beseech thee also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 ¹⁸Rejoice in the Lord alway: again

¹ Some ancient authorities omit *as*.

² Gr. *luminaries*.

³ Gr. *poured out as a drink offering*.

⁴ Gr. *genuinely*.

⁵ Gr. *apostolic*.

⁶ Many ancient authorities read *to see you all*.

⁷ Many ancient authorities read *the Lord*.

⁸ Or, *farewell*.

⁹ Or, *seemeth*.

¹⁰ Gr. *gain*.

¹¹ Or, *refuse*.

¹² Or, *not having as my righteousness that which is of the law*.
¹³ Gr. *upon*.

¹⁴ Or, *apprehend, seeing that also I was apprehended*.

¹⁵ Many ancient authorities omit *yet*.

¹⁶ Or, *upward*.

¹⁷ Or, *commonwealth*.

¹⁸ Or, *farewell*.

¹ Or, Farewell.
² Or, gentleness

5 I will say, ¹ Rejoice. Let your ² forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord ³ is at hand. In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests

⁷ be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.
⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are ⁹ honourable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are ¹⁰ of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, ¹¹ think on

⁹ these things. The things which ye both learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you.
¹⁰ But I ¹¹ rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at length ye have revived your thought for me; ¹² wherein ye did indeed take thought, but ye lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state ¹² I am, therein to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound: in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both

to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me. ¹⁴ Howbeit ye did well, that ye had fellowship with my affliction. And ye yourselves also know, ye Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving, but ye only; for even in Thessalonica ye sent once and ¹⁷ again unto my need. Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that ¹⁸ increaseth to your account. But I have all things, and abound: I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, ¹⁹ well-pleasing to God. And my God shall fulfil every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.
²⁰ Now unto our God and Father be the glory ²¹ for ever and ever. Amen.
²¹ Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren which are with me salute ²² you. All the saints salute you, especially they that are of Cæsar's household.
²³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

³ Gr. reverend.

⁴ Or, precious
⁵ Gr. take account of.

⁶ Gr. rejoiced.
⁷ Or, seeing that

⁸ Gr. unto the ages of the ages

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE COLOSSIANS.

¹ PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy ² our brother, ³ to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

³ We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always ⁴ for you, having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye ⁵ have toward all the saints, because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof ye heard before in the ⁶ word of the truth of the gospel, which is come unto you; even as it is also in all the world bearing fruit and increasing, as it doth in you also, since the day ye heard and knew the grace of God in ⁷ truth; even as ye learned of Epaphras our beloved fellow-servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on ⁸ our behalf, who also declared unto us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray and make request for you, that ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ to walk worthily of the Lord ¹¹ unto all

pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing ¹² in the knowledge of God; ¹³ strengthened ¹⁴ with all power, according to the might of his glory, unto all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks unto the Father, who made ¹⁵ us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; ¹⁶ who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of his love; in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of our sins: who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all ¹⁷ creation; for in him were all things created, in the heavens and upon the earth, things visible and things invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers; all things have been created through him, and ¹⁸ unto him; and he is before all things, and in him all things ¹⁹ consist. And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; ²⁰ that in all things he might have the pre-eminence. ²¹ For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him ²² should all the fulness dwell; and

¹ Or, the brother.
² Or, to those that are at Colosse, holy and faithful brethren in Christ

³ Many ancient authorities read your.
⁴ Or, into all pleasing, in every good work, bearing fruit and increasing &c.

⁵ Or, by
⁶ Gr. made power-ful.
⁷ Or, in
⁸ Some ancient authorities read you.

⁹ That is, he is the firstborn of the dead.
¹⁰ Or, that among all he might have pre-eminence.
¹¹ Or, For the will of the Father of God was pleased to dwell in him

through him to reconcile all things ¹unto ²himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, *I say*, whether things upon the ²¹earth, or things in the heavens. And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, ²²yet now ³hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unre- ²³provable before him: if so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and stedfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye heard, which was preached in all creation under heaven; whereof I Paul was made a minister.

²⁴ Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is ²⁵the church; whereof I was made a minister, according to the ⁴'dispensation of God which was given me to you- ²⁶ward, to fulfil the word of God, *even* the mystery which hath been hid ⁵from all ages and generations: but now hath it ²⁷been manifested to his saints, to whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in ²⁸you, the hope of glory: whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in ²⁹Christ; whereunto I labour also, striving according to his working, which worketh in me ⁶mightily.

² For I would have you know how greatly I strive for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not ²seen my face in the flesh; that their hearts may be comforted, they being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the ⁷'full assurance of understanding, that they may know the mystery of God, ⁸*even* Christ, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge hidden. ⁴ This I say, that no one may delude you ⁵with persuasiveness of speech. For though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

⁶ As therefore ye received Christ Jesus ⁷the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and builded up in him, and established ⁹in your faith, even as ye were taught, abounding ¹⁰in thanksgiving.

⁸ ¹¹Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the ¹²'rudiments of the world, and not after Christ: for in him dwelleth all the fulness of the ¹⁰Godhead bodily, and in him ye are made full, who is the head of all principality ¹¹and power: in whom ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made

with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of ¹²Christ; having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also raised with him through faith in the working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³ And you, being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, you, *I say*, did he quicken together with him, having forgiven us all our ¹⁴trespasses; having blotted out ¹⁵the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he hath taken it out of the ¹⁶way, nailing it to the cross; ¹⁴having put off from himself the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

¹⁶ Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or a sabbath ¹⁷day: which are a shadow of the things ¹⁸to come; but the body is Christ's. Let no man rob you of your prize ¹⁵by a voluntary humility and worshipping of the angels, ¹⁶dwelling in the things which he hath ¹⁷seen, vainly puffed up ¹⁹by his fleshly mind, and not holding fast the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and bands, increaseth with the increase of God.

²⁰ If ye died with Christ from the ¹³'rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, do ye subject ²¹yourself to ordinances, Handle not, ²²nor taste, nor touch (all which things are to perish with the using), after the ²³precepts and doctrines of men? Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in will-worship, and humility, and severity to the body; but are not of any ¹⁸value against the indulgence of the flesh.

³ If then ye were raised together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right ²hand of God. Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things ³that are upon the earth. For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, *who is* ¹⁹our life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory.

⁵ ²⁰Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and ⁶covetousness, the which is idolatry; for which things' sake cometh the wrath of God ²¹upon the sons of disobedience; ⁷²²in the which ye also walked aforetime, when ye lived in these things. ⁸ But now put ye also away all these: anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful speaking out of your mouth: lie not one to another; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his ¹⁰doings, and have put on the new

¹ Or, into him
² Or, him

³ Some ancient authorities read ye have been re-coviled.

⁴ Or, stewardship

⁵ Gr. from the ages and from the generations

⁶ Or, in power

⁷ Or, fulness

⁸ The ancient authorities vary much in the text of this passage.

⁹ Or, by

¹⁰ Some ancient authorities insert in it.
¹¹ Or, see whether
¹² Or, elements

¹³ Or, the bond that was against us by its ordi-nances

¹⁴ Or, having put off from himself his body, he made a show of the principalities etc.

¹⁵ Or, of his own mere will, by humility etc.
¹⁶ Or, taking his stand upon

¹⁷ Many authorities, some ancient, insert not.

¹⁸ Or, honour

¹⁹ Many ancient authorities read your.
²⁰ Gr. Make dead.

²¹ Some ancient authorities omit upon the sons of disobedience. See Eph. v. 6.
²² Or, amongst whom

man, which is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that
 11 created him: where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman: but Christ is all, and in all.

12 Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, long-
 13 suffering; forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as ¹the

14 Lord forgave you, so also do ye: and above all these things *put on* love, which
 15 is the bond of perfectness. And let the

peace of Christ ²rule in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in word

16 body; and be ye thankful. Let the word of ³Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing ⁴one

another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in
 17 your hearts unto God. And whatsoever

ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving
 thanks to God the Father through him.

18 Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bit-

20 ter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-

21 pleasing in the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children, that they be not

22 discouraged. ⁵Servants, obey in all things them that are your ⁶masters according to the flesh; not with eyeser-

vice, as men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the Lord: whatsoever

ye do, work ⁷heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that from

the Lord ye shall receive the recompense of the inheritance: ye serve the

25 Lord Christ. For he that doeth wrong shall ⁸receive again for the wrong that he hath done: and there is no respect of

4 persons. ⁹Masters, render unto your ¹⁰servants that which is just and ¹¹equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven.

2 Continue stedfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving; withal

praying for us also, that God may open unto us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am

4 also in bonds; that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without,

6 ¹⁰redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one.

7 All my affairs shall Tychicus make known unto you, the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow-servant

8 in the Lord: whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that ye may know our estate, and that he may con-

9 fort your hearts; together with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things that are done here.

10 Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner saluteth you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (touching whom ye received commandments; if he come unto you,

11 receive him), and Jesus, which is called Justus, who are of the circumcision: these only are my fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God, men that have

12 been a comfort unto me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a ¹¹servant of Christ Jesus, saluteth you, always striving for you in his prayers, that ye may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will

13 of God. For I bear him witness, that he hath much labour for you, and for them in Laodicea, and for them in

14 Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas salute you. Salute the brethren that are in Laodicea, and

¹²Nymphas, and the church that is in ¹³their house. And when ¹⁴this epistle hath been read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye also read

17 the epistle from Laodicea. And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

18 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you.

¹⁰ Gr.
 keeping up the
 supper-table.

¹¹ Gr.
 bond-servant.

¹² The
 Greek
 may
 represent
 Nymphas.
 ¹³ Some
 ancient
 authorities
 read
 her.
 ¹⁴ Gr.
 she.

¹ Many
 ancient
 authorities
 read
 Christ.

² Gr.
 arbitrate.

³ Some
 ancient
 authorities
 read
 the Lord;
 others,
 God.

⁴ Or,
 yourselves.

⁵ Gr.
 Bond-
 servants.
 ⁶ Gr.
 lords.

⁷ Gr.
 from the
 soul.

⁸ Gr.
 receive
 again
 the
 wrong.
 ⁹ Gr.
 equality.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

1 PAUL, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our 3 prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labour of love

and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father;

4 knowing, brethren beloved of God, your election, ¹how that our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the ²Holy Ghost, and in much ³assurance; even as ye know what manner of men we

¹ Or,
 because
 our
 gospel
 &c.
 ² Or,
 Holy
 Spirit.
 ³ Or,
 faith.

shewed ourselves toward you for your 6 sake. And ye became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the 7 ¹ Holy Ghost; so that ye became an example to all that believe in Macedonia 8 and in Achaia. For from you hath sounded forth the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith to God-ward is gone forth; so that we need not to speak 9 anything. For they themselves report concerning us what manner of entering in we had unto you; and how ye turned unto God from idols, to serve a living 10 and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, *even* Jesus, which delivereth us from the wrath to come.

2 For yourselves, brethren, know our entering in unto you, that it hath not been 2 found vain: but having suffered before, and been shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we waxed bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God 3 in much conflict. For our exhortation is not of error, nor of uncleanness, nor 4 in guile: but even as we have been approved of God to be intrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God which proveth our hearts.

5 For neither at any time were we found using words of flattery, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness, God is witness; nor seeking glory of men, neither from you, nor from others, when we might have ² been burdensome, as apostles of Christ. But we were ³ gentle in the midst of you, as when a nurse cherisheth her own children: even so, being affectionately desirous of you, we were well pleased to impart unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were become very 9 dear to us. For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God *also*, how holily and righteously and unblameably we behaved ourselves toward you that believe: as ye know how we *deal* with each one of you, as a father with his own children, exhorting you, and encouraging you, 12 and testifying, to the end that ye should walk worthily of God, who ⁴ calleth you into his own kingdom and glory.

13 And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us ⁵ the word of the message, *even the word* of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh 14 in you that believe. For ye, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus: for ye also suffered the same

things of your own countrymen, even 15 as they did of the Jews; who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove out us, and please not God, 16 and are contrary to all men; forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins *always*: but the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

17 But we, brethren, being bereaved of you for ⁶ a short season, in presence, not in heart, endeavoured the more exceedingly to see your face with great desire: because we would fain have come unto you, I Paul once and again; and 19 Satan hindered us. For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? Are not even ye, before our Lord Jesus at 20 his ⁷ coming? For ye are our glory and our joy.

3 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left 2 behind at Athens alone; and sent Timothy, our brother and ⁸ God's minister in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your 3 faith; that no man be moved by these afflictions; for yourselves know that 4 hereunto we are appointed. For verily, when we were with you, we told you ⁹ beforehand that we are to suffer affliction; even as it came to pass, and ye 5 know. For this cause I also, when I could no longer forbear, sent that I might know your faith, lest by any means the tempter had tempted you, 6 and our labour should be in vain. But when Timothy came even now unto us from you, and brought us glad tidings of your faith and love, and that ye have good remembrance of us always, longing to see us, even as we also to see 7 you; for this cause, brethren, we were comforted over you in all our distress 8 and affliction through your faith: for now we live, if ye stand fast in the 9 Lord. For what thanksgiving can we render again unto God for you, for all the joy wherewith we joy for your 10 sakes before our God; night and day praying exceedingly that we may see your face, and may perfect that which is lacking in your faith?

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our 12 way unto you: and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, 13 even as we also *do* toward you; to the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before our God and Father, at the ¹⁰ coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

4 Finally then, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as ye received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, even as ye do walk,—that ye abound 2 more and more. For ye know what

¹ Or, Holy Spirit

⁶ Gr. a season of an hour.

⁷ Gr. presence.

⁸ Some ancient authorities read *Yellow-worker with God*.

⁹ Or, plainly

² Or, claimed honour
³ Most of the ancient authorities read *babes*.

⁴ Some ancient authorities read *called*.

⁵ Gr. the word of hearing.

¹⁰ Many ancient authorities add *Amen*.

¹ Gr.
charges.

¹ charge we gave you through the Lord
³ Jesus. For this is the will of God,
even your sanctification, that ye ab-
⁴ stain from fornication; that each one
of you know how to possess himself
of his own vessel in sanctification and
⁵ honour, not in the passion of lust,
even as the Gentiles which know not
⁶ God; that no man ² transgress, and
wrong his brother in the matter: be-
cause the Lord is an avenger in all
these things, as also we ³ forewarned
⁷ you and testified. For God called us
not for uncleanness, but in sanctifi-
⁸ cation. Therefore he that rejecteth,
rejecteth not man, but God, who
giveth his Holy Spirit unto you.

² Or,
over-
reach

³ Or, told you
plainly

⁹ But concerning love of the brethren
ye have no need that one write unto
you: for ye yourselves are taught of
¹⁰ God to love one another; for indeed
ye do it toward all the brethren which
are in all Macedonia. But we exhort
you, brethren, that ye abound more
¹¹ and more; and that ye ⁴ study to be
quiet, and to do your own business,
and to work with your hands, even as
¹² we charged you; that ye may walk
honestly toward them that are with-
out, and may have need of nothing.

⁴ Gr.
be ambi-
tious.

¹³ But we would not have you ignorant,
brethren, concerning them that fall
asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as
¹⁴ the rest, which have no hope. For if
we believe that Jesus died and rose
again, even so them also that are
fallen asleep ⁵ in Jesus will God bring
¹⁵ with him. For this we say unto you
by the word of the Lord, that we that
are alive, that are left unto the ⁶ com-
ing of the Lord, shall in no wise pre-
cede them that are fallen asleep.

⁵ Gr.
through.
Or, will
God
through
Jesus

⁶ Gr.
presence.

¹⁶ For the Lord himself shall descend from
heaven, with a shout, with the voice
of the archangel, and with the trump
of God: and the dead in Christ shall
¹⁷ rise first: then we that are alive, that
are left, shall together with them be
caught up in the clouds, to meet the
Lord in the air: and so shall we ever
¹⁸ be with the Lord. Wherefore ⁷ comfort
one another with these words.

⁷ Or,
exhort

⁵ But concerning the times and the
seasons, brethren, ye have no need
² that ought be written unto you. For
yourselves know perfectly that the
day of the Lord so cometh as a
³ thief in the night. When they are

saying, Peace and safety, then sud-
den destruction cometh upon them, as
travail upon a woman with child; and
⁴ they shall in no wise escape. But
ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that
that day should overtake you ⁸ as a
⁵ thief: for ye are all sons of light, and
sons of the day: we are not of the
⁶ night, nor of darkness; so then let us
not sleep, as do the rest, but let us
⁷ watch and be sober. For they that
sleep sleep in the night; and they that
be drunken are drunken in the night.
⁸ But let us, since we are of the day, be
sober, putting on the breastplate of
faith and love; and for a helmet, the
⁹ hope of salvation. For God appointed
us not unto wrath, but unto the obtain-
ing of salvation through our Lord Jesus
¹⁰ Christ, who died for us, that, whether
we ⁹ wake or sleep, we should live to-
¹¹ gether with him. Wherefore ¹⁰ exhort
one another, and build each other up,
even as also ye do.

⁸ Some
ancient
authori-
ties
read as
thieves.

⁹ Or,
wake or
sleep, we
should live
together
with him.

¹² But we beseech you, brethren, to
know them that labour among you,
and are over you in the Lord, and ad-
¹⁸ monish you; and to esteem them ex-
ceeding highly in love for their work's
sake. Be at peace among yourselves.
¹⁴ And we exhort you, brethren, ad-
monish the disorderly, encourage the
fainthearted, support the weak, be
¹⁵ longsuffering toward all. See that none
render unto any one evil for evil; but
always follow after that which is good,
¹⁶ one toward another, and toward all. Re-
¹⁷ joice alway; pray without ceasing;
¹⁸ in everything give thanks: for this is
the will of God in Christ Jesus to you-
²⁰ ward. Quench not the Spirit; despise
²¹ not prophesyings; ¹¹ prove all things;
²² hold fast that which is good; abstain
from every ¹² form of evil.

²³ And the God of peace himself sancti-
fy you wholly; and may your spirit
and soul and body be preserved en-
tire, without blame at the ⁶ coming
²⁴ of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful
is he that calleth you, who will also
do it.

²⁵ Brethren, pray for us ¹³.

²⁶ Salute all the brethren with a holy
²⁷ kiss. I adjure you by the Lord that
this epistle be read unto all the ¹⁴ bre-
thren.

²⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

¹¹ Many
ancient
authori-
ties in-
sert but
¹² Or,
appear-
ance

¹³ Some
ancient
authori-
ties add
often.

¹⁴ Many
ancient
authori-
ties in-
sert, holy

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE THESSALONIANS.

1 PAUL, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to give thanks to God alway for you, brethren, even as it is meet, for that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another aboundeth;

4 so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which ye endure; which is a manifest token of the righteous judgement of God; to the end that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: if so be that it is a righteous thing with God to recompense affliction to them

7 that afflict you, and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and

10 from the glory of his might, when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto

11 you was believed) in that day. To which end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of your calling, and fulfil every¹ desire of goodness and every work of faith, with

12 power; that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Now we beseech you, brethren,² touching the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him;

2 to the end that ye be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by epistle as from us, as that the day

3 of the Lord is now present; let no man beguile you in any wise: for it will not be, except the falling away come first, and the man of sin be revealed,

4 the son of perdition, he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called God or that is worshipped; so that he sitteth in the temple of God, setting himself forth as God.

5 Remember ye not, that, when I was

yet with you, I told you these things?

6 And now ye know that which restraineth, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work: only there is one that restraineth now, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord Jesus shall slay with the breath of his mouth, and bring to nought by the manifestation of his coming; even he, whose coming is according to the working of Satan with all power

10 and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that are perishing; because they received not the love of the truth, that

11 they might be saved. And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe a lie:

12 that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks to God alway for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, for that God chose you from the beginning unto salvation in sanctification of the Spirit and

14 belief of the truth: whereunto he called you through our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brethren, stand fast, and hold the traditions which ye were taught, whether by word, or by epistle of ours.

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father which loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good

17 hope through grace, comfort your hearts and stablish them in every good work and word.

3 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also it is with you; and that we may be delivered from unreasonable and evil men; for all have

8 not faith. But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and guard you from the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patience of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh

¹ Gr. good pleasure of goodness.

² Gr. in behalf of.
³ Gr. presence.

⁴ Many ancient authorities read lawlessness.

⁵ Gr. an object of worship.
⁶ Or, sanctuary

⁷ Or, only until he that now restraineth be taken ac.

⁸ Some ancient authorities omit Jesus.

⁹ Some ancient authorities read consume.

¹⁰ Gr. power and signs and wonders of falsehood.

¹¹ Many ancient authorities read as first fruits.

¹² Or, faith

¹³ Or, the faith

¹⁴ Or, evil

¹ Some ancient authorities read *ye*.

disorderly, and not after the tradition
7 which ¹they received of us. For yourselves know how ye ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; neither did we eat bread for nought at any man's hand, but in labour and travail, working night and day, that we might not
9 burden any of you: not because we have not the right, but to make ourselves an ensample unto you, that
10 ye should imitate us. For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let
11 him eat. For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work
12 not at all, but are busybodies. Now them that are such we command and

exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their
13 own bread. But ye, brethren, be not
14 weary in well-doing. And if any man obeyeth not our word by this epistle, note that man, that ye have no company with him, to the end that he
15 may be ashamed. And *yet* count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.
16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with you all.
17 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in
18 every epistle: so I write. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

THE FIRST EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TIMOTHY.

1 PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Saviour, and Christ Jesus our hope;
2 unto Timothy, my true child in faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 As I exhorted thee to tarry at Ephesus, when I was going into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge certain men
4 not to teach a different doctrine, neither to give heed to fables and endless genealogies, the which minister questionings, rather than a ¹dispensation of God
5 which is in faith; *so do I now*. But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and
6 faith unfeigned: from which things some have ²swerved have turned
7 aside unto vain talking; desiring to be teachers of the law, though they understand neither what they say, nor where-
8 of they confidently affirm. But we know that the law is good, if a man use it
9 lawfully, as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for ³murderers of fathers and ⁴murderers of mothers, for manslayers,
10 for fornicators, for abusers of themselves with men, for men-stealers, for liars, for false swearers, and if there be any other thing contrary to the
11 ⁵sound ⁶doctrine; according to the gospel of the glory of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.
12 I thank him that ⁷enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that he counted me faithful, appointing me
13 to *his* service; though I was before a blasphemers, and a persecutor, and injurious: howbeit I obtained mercy,

because I did it ignorantly in unbelief;
14 and the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love which
15 is in Christ Jesus. Faithful is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to
16 save sinners; of whom I am chief: howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me as chief might Jesus Christ shew forth all his longsuffering, for an ensample of them which should hereafter believe on him unto eternal life.
17 Now unto the King ⁷eternal, incorruptible, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory ⁸for ever and ever. Amen.
18 This charge I commit unto thee, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which ⁹went before on thee, that by them thou mayest war the good
19 warfare; holding faith and a good conscience; which some having thrust from them made shipwreck concerning
20 the faith: of whom is Hymeneus and Alexander; whom I delivered unto Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.
2 I exhort therefore, first of all, ¹⁰that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men;
2 for kings and all that are in high place: that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity.
3 This is good and acceptable in the
4 sight of God our Saviour; who will eth that all men should be saved, and come to the knowledge of the truth.
5 For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, *himself*
6 man, Christ Jesus, who gave himself a ransom for all; the testimony to
7 be borne in its own times; whereunto I was appointed a ¹¹preacher

¹ Or, stewardship

² Or, mislead the mark.

³ Or, smiters

⁴ Or, healthful.

⁵ Or, teaching
⁶ Some ancient authorities read *enableth*.

⁷ Or, of the age.

⁸ Or, unto the ages of the ages.

⁹ Or, let the way be clear to thee

¹⁰ Or, the words supplications, thanksgivings, &c.

¹¹ Or, herald.

and an apostle (I speak the truth, I lie not), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 I desire therefore that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and ¹disputing. In like manner; that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment; 10 but (which becometh women professing 11 godliness) through good works. Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, 13 but to be in quietness. For Adam was 14 first formed, then Eve; and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled hath fallen into transgression: 15 but she shall be saved through ²the childbearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety.

3 ³Faithful is the saying, If a man seeketh the office of a ⁴bishop, he desireth 2 a good work. The ⁴bishop therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, soberminded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to 3 teach; ⁵no brawler, no striker; but gentle, not contentious, no lover of 4 money; one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection 5 with all gravity; (but if a man knoweth not how to rule his own house, how shall 6 he take care of the church of God?) not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into the ⁶condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have good testimony from them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. 8 Deacons in like manner *must be* grave, not doubletongued, not given to much 9 wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, 11 if they be blameless. Women in like manner *must be* grave, not slanderers, 12 temperate, faithful in all things. Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses 13 well. For they that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping 15 to come unto thee shortly; but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know ⁷how men ought to behave themselves in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ⁸ground of 16 the truth. And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness; ⁹He who was manifested in the flesh, justified in the spirit, seen of angels, preached among the nations, believed on in the world, received up in glory.

4 But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later times some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits 2 and doctrines of ¹⁰devils, through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies, ¹¹branded in their own conscience as 3 with a hot iron; forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by them that believe and 4 know the truth. For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving: 5 for it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which thou hast followed *until 7 now*: but refuse profane and old wives' fables. And exercise thyself unto godliness: for bodily exercise is profitable ¹³for a little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which 9 is to come. Faithful is the saying, and 10 worthy of all acceptance. For to this end we labour and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially 11 of them that believe. These things 12 command and teach. Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in 13 purity. Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the presbytery. Be diligent in these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy progress may be manifest unto all. Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee.

5 Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brethren: the elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, in all purity. 8 Honour widows that are widows indeed. 4 But if any widow hath children or grandchildren, let them learn first to shew piety towards their own family, and to requite their parents: for this is acceptable in the sight of God. Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, hath her hope set on God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night 6 and day. But she that giveth herself to pleasure is dead while she liveth. 7 These things also command, that they 8 may be without reproach. But if any provideth not for his own, and specially his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an 9 unbeliever. Let none be enrolled as

1 Or, doubting

2 Or, her child-bearing

3 Some connect the words Faithful is the saying with the preceding paragraph

4 Or, overseer

6 Or, judgment

7 Or, how thou oughtest to behave thyself

10 Or, demons

11 Or, saved

13 Or, for little

a widow under threescore years old,
 10 *having been* the wife of one man, well reported of for good works; if she hath brought up children, if she hath used hospitality to strangers, if she hath washed the saints' feet, if she hath relieved the afflicted, if she hath diligently followed every good work. But younger widows refuse: for when they have waxed wanton against Christ, they desire to marry; having condemnation, because they have rejected their first faith. And withal they learn also to be idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but tattlers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. I desire therefore that the younger ¹widows marry, bear children, rule the household, give none occasion to the adversary for reviling: for already some are turned aside after Satan. 16 If any woman that believeth hath widows, let her relieve them, and let not the church be burdened; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed. 17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially those who labour in the word and in teaching. For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his hire. Against an elder receive not an accusation, except at the ²mouth of two or three witnesses. Them that sin reprove in the sight of all, that the rest also may be in fear. I charge thee in the sight of God, and Christ Jesus, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without ³prejudice, doing nothing by partiality. Lay hands hastily on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure. Be no longer a drinker of water, but use a little wine for thy stomach's sake and thine often infirmities. Some men's sins are evident, going before unto judgement; and some men also they follow after. In like manner also ⁴there are good works that are evident; and such as are otherwise cannot be hid. 6 Let as many as are ⁵servants under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honour, that the name of God and the doctrine be not blasphemed. 2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but let them serve them the rather, because they that ⁶partake of the benefit are believing and beloved. These things teach and exhort. 8 If any man teacheth a different doctrine, and consenteth not to ⁷sound

words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but ⁸dotting about questionings and disputes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, wranglings of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain. But godliness with contentment is great gain: for we brought nothing into the world, for neither can we carry anything out; but having food and covering ⁹we shall be therewith content. 9 But they that desire to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is a root of all ¹⁰kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. 11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto thou wast called, and didst confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. I charge thee in the sight of God, who ¹¹quickeneth all things, and of Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession; 14 that thou keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 which in ¹²its own times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of ¹³kings, and Lord of ¹⁴lords; 16 who only hath immortality, dwelling in light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power eternal. Amen. 17 Charge them that are rich in this present ¹⁵world, that they be not high-minded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, ¹⁶willing to communicate; laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the life which is ¹⁷life indeed. 20 O Timothy, guard ¹⁸that which is committed unto thee, turning away from the profane babblings and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called; which some professing have ¹⁹erred concerning the faith. Grace be with you.

1 Or, women

2 Or, preference

3 Or, the works that are evident.

4 Or, bond-servants.

5 Or, lay hold of

6 Or, healthful

7 Or, skill

8 Or, do these we shall have enough

9 Or, wealth

10 Or, preserve all the things above

11 Or, be

12 Or, them that reign of kings

13 Or, them that rule as lords

14 Or, age

15 Or, ready to spend

16 Or, the deposit

17 Or, guard the secret

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO TIMOTHY.

¹ Gr. through.

² Or, Joy in being reminded.

³ Gr. stir into flame.

⁴ Gr. rebelling.

⁶ Gr. herald.

⁶ Or, that which he hath committed unto me.
⁷ Gr. healthful.
⁸ Gr. The good deposit.
⁹ Or, Holy Spirit.

1 PAUL, an apostle of Christ Jesus ¹by the will of God, according to the promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus,
2 to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.
3 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a pure conscience, how unceasing is my remembrance of thee
4 in my supplications, night and day longing to see thee, remembering thy tears,
5 that I may be filled with ²joy; having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in thee; which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and, I am persuaded, in thee
6 also. For the which cause I put thee in remembrance that thou ³stir up the gift of God, which is in thee through the
7 laying on of my hands. For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of
8 power and love and ⁴discipline. Be not ashamed therefore of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but suffer hardship with the gospel according
9 to the power of God; who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before
10 times eternal, but hath now been manifested by the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and incorruption to light
11 through the gospel, whereunto I was appointed a ⁵preacher, and an apostle,
12 and a teacher. For the which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed; for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard ⁶that which I have committed unto him against that day.
13 Hold the pattern of ⁷sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and
14 love which is in Christ Jesus. ⁸That good thing which was committed unto thee guard through the ⁹Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us.
15 This thou knowest, that all that are in Asia turned away from me; of whom
16 are Phygelus and Hermogenes. The Lord grant mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus: for he oft refreshed me,
17 and was not ashamed of my chain; but, when he was in Rome, he sought me
18 diligently, and found me (the Lord grant unto him to find mercy of the Lord in that day); and in how many things he

ministered at Ephesus, thou knowest very well.
2 Thou therefore, my child, be strengthened in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
2 And the things which thou hast heard from me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.
3 ¹⁰Suffer hardship with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No soldier on service entangleth himself in the affairs of *this* life; that he may please him who
5 enrolled him as a soldier. And if also a man contend in the games, he is not crowned, except he have contended lawfully. The husbandman that laboureth must be the first to partake of the fruits.
7 Consider what I say; for the Lord shall give thee understanding in all things.
8 Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, of the seed of David, according to
9 my gospel: wherein I suffer hardship unto bonds, as a malefactor; but the
10 word of God is not bound. Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal
11 glory. Faithful is the ¹¹saying: For if we died with him, we shall also live
12 with him: if we endure, we shall also reign with him: if we shall deny him,
13 he also will deny us: if we are faithless, he abideth faithful; for he cannot deny himself.
14 Of these things put them in remembrance, charging *them* in the sight of
15 the Lord, that they strive not about words, to no profit, to the subverting
15 of them that hear. Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, ¹²handling aright the word of truth.
16 But shun profane babblings; for they
17 will proceed further in ungodliness, and their word will ¹⁴eat as doth a gangrene: of whom is Hymeneus and Philetus;
18 men who concerning the truth have
15 erred, saying that ¹⁶the resurrection is past already, and overthrow the faith
19 of some. Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his: and, Let every one that nameth the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness.
20 Now in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some unto honour, and some unto

¹⁰ Or, Take thy part in suffering hardship, as etc.

¹¹ Or, saying: for if so.

¹² Many ancient authorities read God.

¹² Or, holding a straight course in the word of truth. Or, rightly dividing the word of truth.

¹⁴ Or, spread.

¹⁶ Gr. missed the mark.

¹⁶ Some ancient authorities read a resurrection.

21 dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, meet for the master's use, prepared unto every good
22 work. But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord
23 out of a pure heart. But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing
24 that they gender strifes. And the Lord's ¹servant must not strive, but be gentle towards all, apt to teach, for
25 bearing, in meekness ²correcting them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance
26 unto the knowledge of the truth, and they may ³recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been
4 taken captive ⁵by the Lord's servant unto the will of God.

3 But know this, that in the last days
2 grievous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient
3 to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no
4 lovers of good, traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather
5 than lovers of God; holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof: from these also turn
6 away. For of these are they that creep into houses, and take captive silly women laden with sins, led away by
7 divers lusts, ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the
8 truth. And like as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also withstand the truth; men corrupted in mind,
9 reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be evident unto all men, as
10 theirs also came to be. But thou didst follow my teaching, conduct, purpose,
11 faith, longsuffering, love, patience, persecutions, sufferings; what things befell me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: and out of them all the Lord delivered
12 me. Yea, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.
13 But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being
14 deceived. But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of ⁶whom thou
15 hast learned them; and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is
16 in Christ Jesus. ⁷Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for ⁸instruction which is in righteousness;

17 that the man of God may be complete, furnished completely unto every good work.

4 ⁹I charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the quick and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom; preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; ¹⁰reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all
3 longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure the ¹¹sound ¹²doctrine; but, having itching ears, will heap to themselves teachers after their own lusts;
4 and will turn away their ears from the
5 truth, and turn aside unto fables. But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill thy ministry. For I am already being ¹³offered, and the time of my
7 departure is come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course,
8 I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day: and not only to me, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.

9 Do thy diligence to come shortly unto
10 me: for Demas forsook me, having loved this present ¹⁴world, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to ¹⁵Galatia,
11 Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee: for he is useful to me for ministering. But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus.
12 The cloak that I left at Troas with Carpus, bring when thou comest, and the books, especially the parchments.

14 Alexander the coppersmith ¹⁶did me much evil: the Lord will render to him
15 according to his works: of whom be thou ware also; for he greatly withstood our words. At my first defence
16 no one took my part, but all forsook me: may it not be laid to their
17 account. But the Lord stood by me, and ¹⁷strengthened me; that through me the ¹⁸message might be fully proclaimed, and that all the Gentiles might hear: and I was delivered out of the
18 mouth of the lion. The Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will save me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be the glory ¹⁹for ever and ever. Amen.

19 Salute Prisca and Aquila, and the
20 house of Onesiphorus. Erastus abode at Corinth: but Trophimus I left at
21 Miletus sick. Do thy diligence to come before winter. Eubulus saluteth thee, and Pudens, and Linus, and Claudia, and all the brethren.

22 The Lord be with thy spirit. Grace be with you.

1 Gr. bond-servant.
2 Or, instructing

3 Gr. re-
turn to
sobriety.
4 Gr.
taken
alive.

5 Or, by
the devil,
unto the
will of
God.
Or, by
him, unto the
will of
him.
In the
Greek
the two
pronouns
are dif-
ferent.

6 Gr.
what
persons.
7 Or,
Every
scrip-
ture is
inspired
of God,
and pro-
fitable
8 Or, dis-
cipline

9 Or, I
testify,
in the
sight
both
of his
appearing
4c.
10 Or,
having to
do with
11 Gr.
health-
ful
12 Or,
teaching

13 Gr.
passed
out as a
drink-offering

14 Or, ad-
15 Gr.
Gaul

16 Or,
slandered

17 Or, gave me
power
18 Or,
preach-
ment

19 Or,
make the
sign of the
cross

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO TITUS.

1 PAUL, a ¹servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to 2 godliness, in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before 3 times eternal; but in ²his own seasons manifested his word in the ³message, wherewith I was intrusted according to the commandment of God our 4 Saviour; to Titus, my true child after a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldest set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee 6 charge; if any man is blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of 7 riot or unruly. For the ⁴bishop must be blameless, as God's steward; not selfwilled, not soon angry, ⁵no brawler, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; 8 but given to hospitality, a lover of good, soberminded, just, holy, temperate; holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the ⁶sound ⁷doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of 11 the circumcision, whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they 12 ought not, for filthy lucre's sake. One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, Cretans are alway liars, evil 13 beasts, idle ⁸gluttons. This testimony is true. For which cause reprove them sharply, that they may be ⁹sound in the 14 faith, not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men who turn 15 away from the truth. To the pure all things are pure: but to them that are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but both their mind and their 16 conscience are defiled. They profess that they know God; but by their works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

2 But speak thou the things which 2 befit the ⁶sound ⁷doctrine: that aged men be temperate, grave, soberminded, ⁹sound in faith, in love, in patience: 3 that aged women likewise be reverent in demeanour, not slanderers nor enslaved to much wine, teachers of that 4 which is good; that they may train

the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be soberminded, chaste, workers at home, kind, being in subjection to their own husbands, that the word of God be 6 not blasphemed: the younger men 7 likewise exhort to be soberminded: in all things shewing thyself an ensample of good works; in thy doctrine ⁸showing uncorruptness, gravity, sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say 9 of us. ⁹Exhort ¹⁰servants to be in subjection to their own masters, and to be well-pleasing to them in all things; 10 not gainsaying; not purloining, but shewing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our 11 Saviour in all things. For the grace of God ¹¹hath appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this 13 present ¹²world; looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory ¹³of our great God and Saviour Jesus 14 Christ; who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all ¹⁴authority. Let no man despise thee.

3 Put them in mind to be in subjection to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good 2 work, to speak evil of no man, not to be contentious, to be gentle, shewing all meekness toward all men. For we also were aforetime foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, 4 hateful, hating one another. But when the kindness of God our Saviour, and 5 his love toward man, appeared, not by works ^{done} in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the ¹⁵washing of regeneration ¹⁶and renewing of the ¹⁷Holy Ghost, which he poured out upon us richly, through 7 Jesus Christ our Saviour; that, being justified by his grace, we might be made ¹⁸heirs according to the hope of 8 eternal life. Faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I will that thou affirm confidently, to the end that they which have believed God may be careful to ¹⁹maintain good works. These things

1 Gr.
bond-
servant.

3 Or, its
3 Or, practical
mation

4 Or, overseer

5 Or, not quarrel-
some
over wine

6 Gr.
health-
ful.
7 Or, teaching

8 Gr.
bellicious.
9 Gr.
healthy.

10 Gr.
bond-
servants.

11 Or, hath ap-
peared
to all
men,
bringing
salvation
18 Or, age

13 Or, of
the great
God and
our Sa-
viour

14 Gr.
com-
mand-
ment.

15 Or, laver
16 Or, and through
renew-
ing
17 Or, Holy Spirit
18 Or, heirs, ac-
cording
to hope,
of eter-
nal life
19 Or, profess
honest
occupations

are good and profitable unto men:
 9 but shun foolish questionings, and
 genealogies, and strifes, and fight-
 ings about the law; for they are un-
 10 profitable and vain. A man that is
 11 heretical after a first and second
 admonition ²refuse; knowing that such
 a one is perverted, and sinneth, being
 self-condemned.
 12 When I shall send Artemas unto thee,
 or Tychicus, give diligence to come

unto me to Nicopolis: for there I have
 13 determined to winter. Set forward
 Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their
 journey diligently, that nothing be
 14 wanting unto them. And let our
 people also learn to ²maintain good
 works for necessary ⁴uses, that they
 be not unfruitful.
 15 All that are with me salute thee.
 Salute them that love us in faith.
 Grace be with you all.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL TO PHILEMON.

1 PAUL, a prisoner of Christ Jesus,
 and Timothy ¹our brother, to Philemon
 2 our beloved and fellow-worker, and to
 Apphia ²our sister, and to Archippus
 our fellow-soldier, and to the church
 3 in thy house: Grace to you and peace
 from God our Father and the Lord
 Jesus Christ.
 4 I thank my God always, making men-
 5 tion of thee in my prayers, hearing
 of ³thy love, and of the faith which
 thou hast toward the Lord Jesus,
 6 and toward all the saints; that the
 fellowship of thy faith may become
 effectual, in the knowledge of every
 good thing which is in ⁴you, unto
 7 Christ. For I had much joy and com-
 fort in thy love, because the hearts of
 the saints have been refreshed through
 thee, brother.
 8 Wherefore, though I have all bold-
 ness in Christ to enjoin thee that which
 9 is befitting, yet for love's sake I rather
 beseech, being such a one as Paul ⁵the
 aged, and now a prisoner also of Christ
 10 Jesus: I beseech thee for my child,
 whom I have begotten in my bonds,
 11 Onesimus, who was aforetime un-
 profitable to thee, but now is profitable
 12 to thee and to me: whom I have sent
 back to thee in his own person, that
 13 is, my very heart: whom I would fain
 have kept with me, that in thy behalf

he might minister unto me in the bonds
 14 of the gospel: but without thy mind I
 would do nothing; that thy goodness
 should not be as of necessity, but of
 15 free will. For perhaps he was therefore
 parted from thee for a season, that thou
 16 shouldst have him for ever; no longer
 as a ⁷servant, but more than a ⁷servant,
 a brother beloved, specially to me, but
 how much rather to thee, both in the
 17 flesh and in the Lord. If then thou
 countest me a partner, receive him as
 18 myself. But if he hath wronged thee
 at all, or oweth thee ought, put that to
 19 mine account; I Paul write it with
 mine own hand, I will repay it: that
 I say not unto thee how that thou
 owest to me even thine own self besides.
 20 Yea, brother, let me have ⁸joy of thee
 in the Lord: refresh my heart in Christ.
 21 Having confidence in thine obedience
 I write unto thee, knowing that thou
 22 wilt do even beyond what I say. But
 withal prepare me also a lodging: for I
 hope that through your prayers I shall
 be granted unto you.
 23 Epaphras, my fellow-prisoner in Christ
 24 Jesus, saluteth thee; and so do Mark,
 Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow-
 workers.
 25 The grace of ⁹our Lord Jesus
 Christ be with your spirit. ¹⁰A-
 men.

THE EPISTLE OF PAUL THE APOSTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

1 God, having of old time spoken unto
 the fathers in the prophets by divers
 2 portions and in divers manners, hath
 at the end of these days spoken unto us
 in ¹his Son, whom he appointed heir of
 all things, through whom also he made
⁸the ²worlds; who being the effulgence

of his glory, and ⁸the very image of his
 substance, and upholding all things by
 the word of his power, when he had
 made purification of sins, sat down on
 the right hand of the Majesty on high;
 4 having become by so much better than
 the angels, as he hath inherited a more

¹ Or,
factions
² Or,
avoid

¹ Or, the
brother.
² Or, the
sister.

³ Or,
thy love
and
faith

⁴ Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
us.

⁵ Or, an
ambas-
sador,
and now
etc.

⁶ The
Greek
word
means
helpful.

¹ Or,
a Son.
² Or,
ages.

² Or,
lowest
compe-
tious
³ Or,
events

⁷ Or,
bond-
servant.

⁸ Or,
help

⁹ Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
the.
¹⁰ Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
amen.

³ Or,
the
image
of his
substance

5 excellent name than they. For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, This day have I begotten thee?

and again,
I will be to him a Father,
And he shall be to me a Son?

6¹ And when he again² bringeth in the firstborn into³ the world he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

7 And of the angels he saith,
Who maketh his angels⁴ winds,
And his ministers a flame of fire:

8 But of the Son he saith,
Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever;
And the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of⁵ thy kingdom.

9 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated iniquity;
Therefore God, thy God, hath appointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.

10 And,
Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth,
And the heavens are the works of thy hands:

11 They shall perish; but thou continuest:
And they all shall wax old as doth a garment;

12 And as a mantle shalt thou roll them up,
As a garment, and they shall be changed:
But thou art the same,
And thy years shall not fail.

13 But of which of the angels hath he said at any time,
Sit thou on my right hand,
Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet?

14 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation?

2 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard; God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by⁶ gifts of the⁷ Holy Ghost, according to his own will.

5 For not unto angels did he subject⁸ the world to come, whereof we speak. But one hath somewhere testified, saying,
What is man, that thou art mindful of him?

Or the son of man, that thou visitest him?

7 Thou madest him⁹ a little lower than the angels;

Thou crownedst him with glory and honour,

⁹ And didst set him over the works of thy hands:

8 Thou didst put all things in subjection under his feet.

For in that he subjected all things unto him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we see not

9 yet all things subjected to him. But we behold him who hath been made

⁹ a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death

crowned with glory and honour, that by the grace of God he should taste death

10 for every man. For it became him, for whom are all things, and through whom

are all things, ¹⁰ in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the ¹¹ author of

their salvation perfect through suffering.

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they that are sanctified are all of one:

for which cause he is not ashamed to

12 call them brethren, saying,
I will declare thy name unto my brethren,

In the midst of the ¹³ congregation will I sing thy praise.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold, I and the children

14 which God hath given me. Since then the children are sharers in ¹⁵ flesh and

blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through

death he ¹⁴ might bring to nought him that ¹⁵ had the power of death, that is,

15 the devil; and ¹⁴ might deliver all them who through fear of death were all

16 their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily not of angels doth he take hold,

but he taketh hold of the seed of Abraham.

17 Wherefore it behoved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren,

that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God,

to make propitiation for the sins of the

18 people. ¹⁶ For ¹⁷ in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

3 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the

Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus; who was faithful to

him that ¹⁸ appointed him, as also was

3 Moses in all ¹⁹ his house. For he hath been counted worthy of more glory than

Moses, by so much as he that ²⁰ built the house hath more honour than the house.

4 For every house is ²⁰ builded by some one; but he that ²⁰ built all things is

5 God. And Moses indeed was faithful in all ¹⁹ his house as a servant, for a testi-

mony of those things which were afterward to be spoken; but Christ as a

son, over ¹⁹ his house; whose house are we, if we hold fast our boldness and the glorying of our hope firm

⁹ Or, for a little while lower

⁹ Many authorities omit And didst ... hands.

¹⁰ Or, having brought
¹¹ Or, captain

¹³ Or, church

¹⁵ Or, blood and flesh.

¹⁴ Or, may
¹⁵ Or, hath

¹⁶ Or, For having been himself tempted in that wherein he hath suffered

¹⁷ Or, wherein

¹⁸ Or, made.

¹⁹ That is, God's house. See Num. xii. 7.

²⁰ Or, established

¹ Or, And again, when he bringeth in

² Or, shall have brought in

³ Or, the inhabitant earth.

⁴ Or, spirits

⁵ The two oldest Greek manuscripts read his.

⁶ Or, distributions.

⁷ Or, Holy Spirit: and so through-out this book.

7 unto the end. Wherefore, even as the Holy Ghost saith,

To-day if ye shall hear his voice,
8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation,

Like as in the day of the temptation in the wilderness,

9 ¹Wherewith your fathers tempted me by proving me,
And saw my works forty years.

10 Wherefore I was displeased with this generation,
And said, They do alway err in their heart:

But they did not know my ways;

11 As I sware in my wrath,
²They shall not enter into my rest.

12 Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the

13 living God: but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called To-day; lest any one of you be hardened by the

14 deceitfulness of sin: for we are become partakers ³of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto

15 the end: while it is said,
To-day if ye shall hear his voice,
Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

16 For who, when they heard, did provoke? nay, did not all they that came

17 out of Egypt by Moses? And with whom was he displeased forty years? was it not with them that sinned, whose

18 carcasses fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that

19 were disobedient? And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

4 Let us fear therefore, lest haply, a promise being left of entering into his rest, any one of you should seem to have

2 come short of it. For indeed we have had ⁶good tidings preached unto us, even as also they: but the word of hearing did not profit them, because ⁶they were not united by faith with them

3 that heard. ⁷For we which have believed do enter into that rest; even as he hath said,
As I sware in my wrath,

²They shall not enter into my rest: although the works were finished from

4 the foundation of the world. For he hath said somewhere of the seventh day on this wise, And God rested on the seventh day from all his works;

5 and in this place again,
²They shall not enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some should enter therein, and they to whom ⁸the good tidings were before

preached failed to enter in because

7 of disobedience, he again defineth a certain day, ⁹saying in David, after so long a time, To-day, as it hath been before said,

To-day if ye shall hear his voice,
Harden not your hearts.

8 For if ¹⁰Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day. Thereremaineth therefore

9 a sabbath rest for the people of God.

10 For he that is entered into his rest hath himself also rested from his works,

11 as God did from his. Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall ¹¹after the same ex-

12 ample of disobedience. For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of the

13 heart. And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

14 Having then a great high priest, who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our

15 confession. For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as

16 we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us

in time of need.

5 For every high priest, being taken from among men, is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for

2 sins: who can bear gently with the ignorant and erring, for that he himself

3 also is compassed with infirmity; and by reason thereof is bound, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for

4 sins. And no man taketh the honour unto himself, but when he is called of

5 God, even as was Aaron. So Christ also glorified not himself to be made a high priest, but he that spake unto him,

Thou art my Son,

This day have I begotten thee:

6 as he saith also in another place,

Thou art a priest for ever

After the order of Melchizedek.

7 Who in the days of his flesh, having offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save him ¹²from death, and having been heard for his godly

8 fear, though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the ¹³author of eternal salvation;

10 named of God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

11 Of ¹⁴whom we have many things to say, and hard of interpretation, seeing ye are become dull of hear-

12ing. For when by reason of the time ye ought to be teachers, ye

¹ Or, Where

³ Gr. If they shall enter.

² Or, wit

⁴ Gr. I think.

⁵ Or, as gospel

⁶ Some ancient authorities read it was.

⁷ Some ancient authorities read We therefore.

⁸ Or, the gospel was

⁹ Or, To-day, saying in David, after so long a time, as it hath been &c.

¹⁰ Gr. Joshua.

¹¹ Or. into Gr. &c.

¹² Or. out of

¹³ Gr. creator.

¹⁴ Or, which

¹ Or, that one teach you which be the rudiments
² Gr. beginning.

³ Or, perfect

⁴ Gr. leave the sword of the beginning of Christ.

⁵ Or, full growth
⁶ Some ancient authorities read, even the teaching of.

⁷ Or, weavings

⁸ Or, having both tasted of ... and being made ... and having tasted of.

⁹ Or, tasted the word of God that it is good.
¹⁰ Or, the whole

¹¹ Or, are near to

¹² Or, full assurance

¹³ Gr. mediated.

have need again ¹ that some one teach you the rudiments of the ² first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and
 18 not of solid food. For every one that partaketh of milk is without experience of the word of righteousness; for he is
 14 a babe. But solid food is for ³ fullgrown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.

6 Wherefore let us ⁴ cease to speak of the first principles of Christ, and press on unto ⁵ perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, ⁶ of the teaching of ⁷ baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgement.
 3 And this will we do, if God permit.
 4 For as touching those who were once enlightened ⁸ and tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the ⁹ Holy Ghost, and ¹⁰ tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance; ¹¹ seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put
 7 him to an open shame. For the land which hath drunk the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them for whose sake it is also
 8 tilled, receiveth blessing from God: but if it beareth thorns and thistles, it is rejected and nigh unto a curse; whose end is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that ¹² accompany salvation, though we thus speak:
 10 for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which ye shewed toward his name, in that ye ministered unto the saints, and still do minister.
 11 And we desire that each one of you may shew the same diligence unto the ¹³ fullness of hope even to the end: that ye be not sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
 13 For when God made promise to Abraham, since he could swear by none greater, he swore by himself, saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. For men swear by the greater: and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation.
 17 Wherein God, being minded to shew more abundantly unto the heirs of the promise the immutability of his counsel, ¹⁴ interposed with an oath: that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the
 19 hope set before us; which we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both

sure and steadfast and entering into
 20 that which is within the veil; whither as a forerunner Jesus entered for us, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of God Most High, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter
 2 of the kings, and blessed him, to whom also Abraham divided a tenth part of all (being first, by interpretation, King of righteousness, and then also King of Salem, which is, King of peace;
 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days nor end of life, but made like unto the Son of God), abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the chief
 5 spoils. And they indeed of the sons of Levi that receive the priest's office have commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though these have come
 6 out of the loins of Abraham: but he whose genealogy is not counted from them hath taken tithes of Abraham, and hath blessed him that hath the
 7 promises. But without any dispute the
 8 less is blessed of the better. And here men that die receive tithes; but there one, of whom it is witnessed that he
 9 liveth. And, so to say, through Abraham even Levi, who receiveth tithes,
 10 hath paid tithes; for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchizedek met him.

11 Now if there was perfection through the Levitical priesthood (for under it hath the people received the law), what further need was there that another priest should arise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be reckoned after
 12 the order of Aaron? For the priesthood being changed, there is made of necessity a change also ¹⁴ of the law. For he of whom these things are said ¹⁵ belongeth to another tribe, from which no man
 14 hath given attendance at the altar. For it is evident that our Lord hath sprung out of Judah; as to which tribe Moses
 15 spake nothing concerning priests. And what we say is yet more abundantly evident, if after the likeness of Melchizedek
 16 there ariseth another priest, who hath been made, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an
 17 ¹⁶ endless life: for it is witnessed of him, Thou art a priest for ever
 After the order of Melchizedek.

18 For there is a disannulling of a foregoing commandment because of its
 19 weakness and unprofitableness (for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in thereupon of a better hope, through which we draw
 20 nigh unto God. And inasmuch as it

¹⁴ Or, of law
¹⁵ Or, hath participation of. See ch. ii. 14.

¹⁶ Or, indivisible.

is not without the taking of an oath
21 (for they indeed have been made
priests without an oath; but he with
an oath¹ by him that saith² of him,
The Lord sware and will not repent
himself,

Thou art a priest for ever);
22 by so much also hath Jesus become
23 the surety of a better³ covenant. And
they indeed have been made priests
many in number, because that by death
24 they are hindered from continuing; but
he, because he abideth for ever, hath
25 his priesthood⁴ unchangeable. Where-
fore also he is able to save⁵ to the
utmost them that draw near unto
God through him, seeing he ever liveth
to make intercession for them.

26 For such a high priest became us,
holy, guileless, undefiled, separated
from sinners, and made higher than the
27 heavens; who needeth not daily, like
those high priests, to offer up sacrifices,
first for his own sins, and then for the
sins of the people: for this he did once
28 for all, when he offered up himself. For
the law appointeth men high priests,
having infirmity; but the word of the
oath, which was after the law, ap-
pointeth a Son, perfected for evermore.

8⁷ Now⁸ in the things which we are
saying the chief point is this: We have
such a high priest, who sat down on the
right hand of the throne of the Majesty
2 in the heavens, a minister of⁹ the sanctu-
ary, and of the true tabernacle, which
3 the Lord pitched, not man. For every
high priest is appointed to offer both
gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is ne-
cessary that this high priest also have
4 somewhat to offer. Now if he were on
earth, he would not be a priest at all,
seeing there are those who offer the
5 gifts according to the law; who serve
that which is a copy and shadow of
the heavenly things, even as Moses is
warned of God when he is about to

10 make the tabernacle: for, See, saith
he, that thou make all things according
to the pattern that was shewed thee in
6 the mount. But now hath he obtained
a ministry the more excellent, by how
much also he is the mediator of a better
7 covenant, which hath been enacted
upon better promises. For if that first
covenant had been faultless, then would
no place have been sought for a second.
8 For finding fault with them, he saith,
Behold, the days come, saith the Lord,
That I will¹¹ make a new² covenant
with the house of Israel and with
the house of Judah;

9 Not according to the³ covenant that
I made with their fathers
In the day that I took them by the
hand to lead them forth out of the
land of Egypt;
For they continued not in my
covenant,

And I regarded them not, saith the
Lord.

10 For this is the⁴ covenant that¹² I
will make with the house of Israel
After those days, saith the Lord;
I will put my laws into their mind,
And on their heart also will I write
them:

And I will be to them a God,
And they shall be to me a people:

11 And they shall not teach every man
his fellow-citizen,
And every man his brother, saying,
Know the Lord:

For all shall know me,
From the least to the greatest of them.

12 For I will be merciful to their
iniquities,

And their sins will I remember no
more.

13 In that he saith, A new covenant, he
hath made the first old. But that
which is becoming old and waxeth
aged is nigh unto vanishing away.

9 Now even the first covenant had
ordinances of divine service, and its
sanctuary, a sanctuary of this world.

2 For there was a tabernacle prepared,
the first, wherein¹³ were the candlestick,
and the table, and¹⁴ the shewbread;

8 which is called the Holy place. And
after the second veil, the tabernacle
which is called the Holy of holies;

4 having a golden¹⁵ censor, and the ark
of the covenant overlaid round about
with gold, wherein¹⁶ was a golden pot
holding the manna, and Aaron's rod
that budded, and the tables of the cove-

nant; and above it cherubim of glory
overshadowing¹⁷ the mercy-seat; of
which things we cannot now speak

6 severally. Now these things having
been thus prepared, the priests go in
continually into the first tabernacle,

7 accomplishing the services; but into
the second the high priest alone, once
in the year, not without blood, which
he offereth for himself, and for the

8¹⁸ errors of the people: the Holy Ghost
this signifying, that the way into the
holy place hath not yet been made
manifest, while as the first tabernacle

9 is yet standing; which is a parable
for the time now present; according
to which are offered both gifts and
sacrifices that cannot, as touching the
conscience, make the worshipper per-

fect, being only (with meats and drinks
and divers washings) carnal ordinances,
imposed until a time of reformation.

11 But Christ having come a high
priest of¹⁹ the good things to come,
through the greater and more per-
fect tabernacle, not made with
hands, that is to say, not of this

12 creation, nor yet through the blood
of goats and calves, but through his
own blood, entered in once for all
into the holy place, having obtain-

¹ Or, through
² Or, unto

³ Or, tes-
tament

⁴ Or, hath a
priest-
hood that
doth not
pass to
another

⁵ Or, in-
violable

⁶ Or,
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⁸ Or,
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⁹ Or,
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¹⁰ Or,
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¹¹ Or, ac-
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¹⁴ Or, the
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¹⁵ Or,
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¹⁷ Or, the
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¹⁸ Or,
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¹⁹ Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
the good
things
that are
to come.

13 ed eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them that have been defiled, sanctify unto the cleanness of 14 the flesh: how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse ¹ your conscience from dead works to serve the 15 living God? And for this cause he is the mediator of a new ² covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first ³ covenant, they that have been called may receive the 16 promise of the eternal inheritance. For where a ⁴ testament is, there must of necessity ⁵ be the death of him that 17 made it. For a ⁶ testament is of force ⁷ where there hath been death: ⁸ for doth it ever avail while he that made 18 it liveth? Wherefore even the first ⁹ covenant hath not been dedicated with- 19 out blood. For when every command- ment had been spoken by Moses unto all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book 20 itself, and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the ¹⁰ covenant which 21 God commanded to you-ward. More- over the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry he sprinkled in like 22 manner with the blood. And according to the law, I may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there is no remission. 23 It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better 24 sacrifices than these. For Christ entered not into a holy place made with hands, like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before 25 the face of God for us; nor yet that he should offer himself often; as the high priest entereth into the holy place year 26 by year with blood not his own; else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the ¹¹ end of the ages hath he been manifested to put away sin ¹² by the 27 sacrifice of himself. And inasmuch as it is ¹³ appointed unto men once to die, 28 and after this ¹⁴ cometh judgement; so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin, to them that wait for him, unto salvation. 10 For the law having a shadow of the good things to come, not the very image of the things, ¹⁵ they can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect 2 them that draw nigh. Else would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshippers, having been once

cleansed, would have had no more con- science of sins? But in those ¹⁶ sacrifices there is a remembrance made of sins 4 year by year. For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take 5 away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith,

Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not,
But a body didst thou prepare for me;
6 In whole burnt offerings and ¹⁷ sacri-
fices for sin thou hadst no pleasure:
7 Then said I, Lo, I am come
(In the roll of the book it is written of me)

To do thy will, O God.

8 Saying above, Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and ¹⁸ sacri-
fices for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein (the which are 9 offered according to the law), then hath he said, Lo, I am come to do thy will. He taketh away the first, that he may 10 establish the second. ¹⁹ By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ 11 once for all. And every ²⁰ priest indeed standeth day by day ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, the which can never take away sins: 12 but he, when he had offered one sacri-
fice for ²¹ sins for ever, sat down on the 13 right hand of God; from henceforth expecting till his enemies be made the 14 footstool of his feet. For by one offer-
ing he hath perfected for ever them that 15 are sanctified. And the Holy Ghost also beareth witness to us: for after he hath said,

16 This is the ²² covenant that ²³ I will make with them
After those days, saith the Lord;
I will put my laws on their heart,
And upon their mind also will I write them;

then saith he,

17 And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holy place by the 20 blood of Jesus, by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 and having a great priest over the house 22 of God; let us draw near with a true heart in ²⁴ fulness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil ²⁵ con-
science, and our body washed with pure 23 water: let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he 24 is faithful that promised: and let us consider one another to provoke unto 25 love and good works; not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.

¹ Many ancient authorities read our.
² The Greek word here used signifies both covenant and testament.
³ Gr. be brought.

⁴ Gr. over the dead.
⁵ Or, for it doth never...
110th.

⁶ Or, consummation.
⁷ Or, by his sacrifice.
⁸ Gr. laid up for.

⁹ Some ancient authorities read is com.

¹⁰ Or, in

¹¹ Some ancient authorities read high priest.

¹² Or, sins, for ever sat down &c.

¹³ Or, tes-
tament.
¹⁴ Or, I will con-
stant.

¹⁵ Or, full as-
surance.
¹⁶ Or, con-
science: and hav-
ing our body washed with pure water, let us hold fast

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgement, and a ¹ fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries. A man that hath set at nought Moses' law dieth without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, think ye, shall he be judged worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, ² an unholly thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? For we know him that said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were enlightened, ye endured a great conflict of sufferings; partly, being made a gazing-stock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, becoming partakers with them that were so used. For ye both had compassion on them that were in bonds, and took joyfully the spoiling of your possessions, knowing ³ that ⁴ ye yourselves have a better possession and

35 an abiding one. Cast not away therefore your boldness, which hath great recompense of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise.

37 For yet a very little while, He that cometh shall come, and shall not tarry.

38 But ⁵ my righteous one shall live by faith:

And if he shrink back, my soul hath no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not ⁶ of them that shrink back unto perdition; but of them that have faith unto the ⁷ saving of the soul.

11 Now faith is ⁸ the assurance of things hoped for, the ⁹ proving of things not seen. For therein the elders had 3 witness borne to them. By faith we understand that the ¹⁰ worlds have been framed by the word of God, so that what is seen hath not been made out of things which do appear. By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, ¹¹ God bearing witness ¹² in respect of his gifts: and through it he 5 being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God translated him: for before his translation he hath had witness borne to him that he had been well-pleasing unto God: and without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him: for he that cometh to God

must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.

7 By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith. By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out unto a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. By faith he became a sojourner in the land of promise, as in a *land* not his own, ¹² dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: for he looked for the city which hath the foundations, whose ¹⁴ builder and maker is God. By faith even Sarah herself received power to conceive seed when she was past age, since she counted him faithful who had promised: wherefore also there sprang of one, and him as good as dead, *so many* as the stars of heaven in multitude, and as the sand, which is by the sea shore, innumerable.

18 These all died ¹⁵ in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For they that say such things make it manifest that they are seeking after a country of their own. And if indeed they had been mindful of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, being tried, ¹⁶ offered up Isaac: yea, he that had gladly received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; *even he* ¹⁷ to whom it was said, In Isaac shall thy seed be called: accounting that God is able to raise up, even from the dead; from whence he did also in a parable receive him back. By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even concerning things to come. By faith Jacob, when he was a dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, ¹⁸ leaning upon the top of his staff. By faith Joseph, when his end was nigh, made mention of the departure of the children of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents, because they saw he was a godly child; and they were not afraid of the king's commandment. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to be evil entreated with the people of God, than to enjoy the

¹ Or, jealousy

² Or, a common thing.

³ Or, that ye have your own selves for a better possession

⁴ Some ancient authorities read ye have for yourselves a better possession.

⁵ Some ancient authorities read the righteous one.

⁶ Or, of shrinking back; but of faith.

⁷ Or, gaining

⁸ Or, the giving substance to

⁹ Or, test

¹⁰ Or, ages.

¹¹ The Greek text in this clause is somewhat uncertain.

¹² Or, over his gifts

¹³ Or, having taken up his abode in tents

¹⁴ Or, architect

¹⁵ Or, according to

¹⁶ Or, hath offered up

¹⁷ Or, of

1 Or, the
Christ

2 Or, instructed
Gr. hath
made.

3 Or, beaten
to death
4 Gr. the
redemption.

5 Or, foreseen

6 Or, all
circumstances

7 Or, doth
closely
cling
to us

8 Or, is
admired
of many

9 Many
authorities,
some
ancient,
read
himself.

26 pleasures of sin for a season; accounting the reproach of ¹Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he looked unto the recompense of reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as ²seeing him who is invisible. By faith he ³kept the passover, and the sprinkling of the blood, that the destroyer of the firstborn should not touch them. By faith they passed through the Red sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians ⁴assaying to do were swallowed up. By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been compassed about for ⁵seven days. By faith Rahab the harlot perished not with them that were disobedient, having received the spies with ⁶peace. And what shall I more say? for the time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah; of David and ⁷Samuel and the prophets: who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped ⁸the mouths of lions, quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed mighty in war, turned to flight armies ⁹of aliens. Women received their dead by a resurrection: and others were ¹⁰tortured, not accepting ¹¹their deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection: and others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword: they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, evil entreated (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of ¹²the earth. And these all, having had witness borne to them through their ¹³faith, received not the promise, God having ¹⁴provided some better thing concerning us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

12 Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside ¹⁵every weight, and the sin which ¹⁶doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that ¹⁷is set before us, looking unto Jesus the ¹⁸author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the ¹⁹throne of God. For consider him that hath endured such gainsaying of sinners against ²⁰himself, that ye wax not ²¹weary, fainting in your souls. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving ²²against sin: and ye have forgotten the exhortation, which reasoneth with you as with sons,

My son, regard not lightly the chastening of the Lord,
Nor faint when thou art reproved

of him;

6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,
And scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

7 ¹⁰It is for chastening that ye endure; God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is there whom ¹¹his father chasteneth not? But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have been made partakers, then are ye bastards, ¹²and not sons. Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of ¹³spirits, and live?

10 For they verily for a few days chastened us as seemed good to them; but he for ¹⁴our profit, that we may be

11 partakers of his holiness. All chastening seemeth for the present to be not joyous, but grievous: yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, ¹⁵even the

12 fruit of righteousness. Wherefore ¹⁶lift up the hands that hang down, and the ¹⁷palsied knees; and make straight paths for your feet, that that which is lame be not ¹⁸turned out of the way, but rather be healed.

14 Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no

15 man shall see the Lord: looking carefully ¹⁹lest there be any man that ²⁰fall eth short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble ²¹you, and thereby the many be defiled;

16 ²²lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one mess of meat sold his own birthright. For ye know that even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected (for he found no place of repentance), though he sought it diligently with tears.

18 For ye are not come unto ²³a mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, and unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which

voice they that heard intreated that no word more should be spoken unto them: ²⁴for they could not endure that which was enjoined, If even a beast touch the

21 mountain, it shall be stoned; and so fearful was the appearance, that Moses ²⁵said, I exceedingly fear and quake: but ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, ²⁶and to ²⁷innumerable

23 able hosts of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of

24 just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of a new ²⁸covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh better ²⁹than that of Abel. See

that ye refuse not him that speaketh.

10 Or, Endure unto chastening

11 Or, our spirits

12 Gr. make straight.

13 Or, put out of joint

14 Or, whether
15 Or, falleth back from

16 Or, a palpable and kindled fire

17 Or, and to innumerable hosts, the general assembly of angels, and the church &c.

18 Or, myriads of angels.

19 Or, testimony

20 Or, than Abel

For if they escaped not, when they refused him that warned *them* on earth, much more *shall not we escape*, who turn away from him ¹that warneth from ²heaven: whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more will I make to tremble not the earth only, but also ³the heaven. And this *word*, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain.

28 Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have ⁴grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with ⁵reverence and ⁶awe: for our God is a consuming fire.

13 Let love of the brethren continue. 2 Forget not to shew love unto strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; them that are evil entreated, as being yourselves also in the body. Let marriage be had in honour among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. ⁷Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye have: for himself hath said, I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee.

6 So that with good courage we say, The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?

7 Remember them that had the rule over you, which spake unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their ⁸life, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and to-day, yea ⁹and ¹⁰for ever. Be not carried away by divers and strange teachings: for it is good that the heart be established by grace; not by meats, wherein they that ¹¹occupied themselves were not ¹²profited. We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve ¹³the tabernacle. For the bodies of

those beasts, whose blood is brought into the holy place ¹⁴by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned without the camp. Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us therefore go forth unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For we have not here an abiding city, but we seek after the city which is to come.

15 Through him ¹⁶then let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit to them: for they watch in behalf of your souls, as they that shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with ¹⁷grief: for this *was* unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us: for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honestly in all things.

19 And I exhort you the more exceedingly to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep ²¹with the blood of the eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, make you perfect in every good ²²thing to do his will, working in ²³us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be the glory ²⁴for ever and ever. Amen.

22 But I exhort you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation: for I have written unto you in few words.

23 Know ye that our brother Timothy hath been set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you.

24 Salute all them that have the rule over you, and all the saints. They of Italy salute you.

25 Grace be with you all. Amen.

¹ Gr. through.

⁸ Some ancient authorities thus omit these.

¹⁰ Gr. graceless.

¹¹ Or, by Gr. in.

¹² Many ancient authorities thus read work.

¹³ Many ancient authorities thus read you.

¹⁴ Gr. words of the ages.

¹⁵ Gr. that is, double-minded men, unstable in all his words.

¹⁶ Or, that is, double-minded men, unstable in all his words.

¹ Or, that is from heaven.

² Or, thankfulness.

⁴ Gr. Let your turn of mind be free.

⁵ Gr. manner of life.

⁶ Gr. unto the ages.

⁷ Gr. occupied.

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JAMES.

1 JAMES, a ¹servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are of the Dispersion, ²greeting.

2 Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold ³temptations; ⁴knowing that the proof of your faith ⁵worketh patience. And let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

5 But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to

all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea ⁶driven by the wind and tossed. For let not that man think ⁷that he shall receive anything of the Lord; a doubleminded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 But let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate: and the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he

¹ Gr. bond-servant.

² Gr. greeteth joy.

³ Or, trials.

11 shall pass away. For the sun ariseth with the scorching wind, and withereth the grass; and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his goings.

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he hath been approved, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord promised to them that love him. Let no man say

when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempteth no man:

14 but each man is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed. Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death. Be not deceived, my beloved brethren. Every good gift and every perfect boon is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.

19 Ye know this, my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. For if any one is a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But he that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, being not a hearer that forgetteth, but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing. If any man thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiveth his heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

2 My brethren, hold not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. For if there come into your synagogue a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, and there come in also a poor man in vile clothing; and ye have regard to him that weareth the fine clothing, and say, Sit thou here in a good place; and ye say to the poor man, Stand thou there, or sit under my footstool; are ye not divided in your own mind, and become judges

with evil thoughts? Hearken, my beloved brethren; did not God choose them that are poor as to the world to be rich in faith, and heirs of the kingdom which he promised to them that love him? But ye have dishonoured the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you, and themselves drag you before the judgement-seats? Do not they blaspheme the honourable name by the which ye are called? Howbeit if ye fulfil the royal law, according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well: but if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors. For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou dost not commit adultery, but killest, thou art become a transgressor of the law. So speak ye, and so do, as men that are to be judged by a law of liberty. For judgement is without mercy to him that hath shewed no mercy: mercy glorieth against judgement.

14 What doth it profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him? If a brother or sister be naked, and in lack of daily food, and one of you say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself. Yea, a man will say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith apart from thy works, and I by my works will shew thee my faith.

17 Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and shudder. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is barren? Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? Thou seest that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect; and the scripture was fulfilled which saith, And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness; and he was called the friend of God. Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith.

25 And in like manner was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way? For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead.

3 Be not many teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive heavier judgement. For in many things we all stumble. If any stumbleth not in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the

15 Gr. which was called upon you.

18 Or, But some one will say

17 Some ancient authorities read there is one God.
18 Gr. demons.

19 Or, Next these . . . perfect

20 Gr. greater.

1 Gr. from.
2 Or, is untried in evil
3 Gr. evil things.
4 Or, tempted by his own lust, being drawn away by it, and enticed
5 Or, giving

6 Or, Know ye

7 Or, justice
8 Or, inborn

9 Gr. the face of his birth.

10 Or, according to be

11 Or, do ye, in accepting persons, hold the faith . . . glory?
12 Or, assembly
13 Or, do ye not make distinctions
14 Or, among yourselves

3 whole body also. Now if we put the horses' bridles into their mouths, that they may obey us, we turn about their 4 whole body also. Behold, the ships also, though they are so great, and are driven by rough winds, are yet turned about by a very small rudder, whither the im- 5 pulse of the steersman willet. So the tongue also is a little member, and boast- eth great things. Behold, ¹how much 6 wood is kindled by how small a fire! And the tongue is ²a fire: ³the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the wheel of ⁴nature, 7 and is set on fire by hell. For every ⁵kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed, and 8 hath been tamed ⁶by ⁷mankind: but the tongue can no man tame; it is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the likeness of 10 God: out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My bre- thren, these things ought not so to be. 11 Doth the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet water and bitter? 12 can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a vine figs? neither can salt water yield sweet. 13 Who is wise and understanding among you? let him shew by his good life his 14 works in meekness of wisdom. But if ye have bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not and lie not against 15 the truth. This wisdom is not a wisdom that cometh down from above, but is 16 earthly, ⁸sensual, ⁹devilish. For where jealousy and faction are, there is confu- sion and every vile deed. But the wis- dom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, easy to be in- treated, full of mercy and good fruits, without ¹⁰variance, without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace ¹¹for them that make peace.

4 Whence come wars and whence come fightings among you? *come they not* hence, *even* of your pleasures that war 2 in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and ¹²covet, and cannot ob- tain: ye fight and war; ye have not, be- cause ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may 4 spend it in your pleasures. Ye adulter- esses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Who- soever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy 5 of God. Or think ye that the scripture ¹³speaketh in vain? ¹⁴Doth the spirit which ¹⁵he made to dwell in us long unto Genvying? But he giveth ¹⁶more grace. Wherefore the scripture saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace 7 to the humble. Be subject there- fore unto God; but resist the devil,

8 and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, 10 and your joy to heaviness. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you.

11 Speak not one against another, bre- thren. He that speaketh against a brother, or judgeth his brother, speaketh against the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judgest the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. 12 One *only* is the lawgiver and judge, *even* he who is able to save and to destroy: but who art thou that judgest thy neighbour?

13 Go to now, ye that say, To-day or to- morrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get 14 gain: whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What is your life? For ye are a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. 15 ¹⁷For that ye ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall both live, and do this or 16 that. But now ye glory in your vaun- tings: all such glorying is evil. To him therefore that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

5 Go to now, ye rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon 2 you. Your riches are corrupted, and 8 your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and your silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony ¹⁸against you, and shall eat your flesh as fire. Ye have laid up your treasure in 4 the last days. Behold, the hire of the labourers who mowed your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth out: and the cries of them that reaped have entered into the ears of the Lord of Sa- 5 bath. Ye have lived delicately on the earth, and taken your pleasure; ye have nourished your hearts in a day of 6 slaughter. Ye have condemned, ye have killed the righteous one; he doth not resist you.

7 Be patient therefore, brethren, until the ¹⁹coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient over it, until ²⁰it receive the early and latter 8 rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the ²¹coming of the Lord is 9 at hand. Murmur not, brethren, one against another, that ye be not judged: behold, the judge standeth before the 10 doors. Take, brethren, for an example of suffering and of patience, the prophets 11 who spake in the name of the Lord. Be- hold, we call them blessed which en- dured: ye have heard of the ²²patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, how that the Lord is full of pity, and merciful.

¹ Or, how great a forest

² Or, a fire, that world of iniquity:

³ Or, that world of iniquity, the tongue is among our members that which &c.

⁴ Or, that world of iniquity, the tongue, is among our members that which &c.

⁵ Or, birth

⁶ Or, nature.

⁷ Or, unto

⁸ Or, the human nature.

⁹ Or, natural

¹⁰ Or, animal

¹¹ Or, demoniacal.

¹² Or, doubtfulness

¹³ Or, partly

¹⁴ Or, by

¹⁵ Or, are

¹⁶ Or, ask in vain.

¹⁷ Or, The spirit which he made to dwell in us he yearneth for even unto jealous envy.

¹⁸ Or, That spirit which he made to dwell in us yearneth for even unto jealous envy.

¹⁹ Some ancient authorities read dwell in us.

²⁰ Or, a greater grace.

¹⁷ Or, Instead of your vaunting.

¹⁸ Or, testify

¹⁹ Or, presence.

²⁰ Or, &c.

²² Or, endurance

¹ Or, let
yours be
the year,
yea, and
the day,
may
Compare
Matt. v.
33.
² Or,
having
anointed

- 12 But above all things, my brethren, swear not, neither by the heaven, nor by the earth, nor by any other oath: but ¹let your yea be yea, and your nay, nay; that ye fall not under judgement.
- 13 Is any among you suffering? let him pray. Is any cheerful? let him sing praise. Is any among you sick? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, ²anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: and the prayer of faith shall save him that is sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. Confess therefore your sins one

- to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working. Elijah was a man of like ³passions with us, and he prayed ⁴ fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months. And he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.
- 19 My brethren, if any among you do err from the truth, and one convert him; ⁵let him know, that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall cover a multitude of sins.

³ Or, nature
⁴ Or, with prayer.

⁵ Some ancient authorities read know ye.

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF PETER.

- 1 PETER, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect who are sojourners of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.
- 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold ¹temptations, that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold that perisheth though it is proved by fire, might be found unto praise and glory and honour at the revelation of Jesus Christ: whom not having seen ye love; on whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy unspeakable and ²full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, ³even the salvation of your souls. Concerning which salvation the prophets sought and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: searching what time or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glories that should follow them. To whom it was revealed,

¹ Or, trials

² Or, glorified.

³ Or, unto.

that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you through them that preached the gospel unto you ⁴by the ⁵Holy Ghost sent forth from heaven; which things angels desire to look into.

- 13 Wherefore girding up the loins of your mind, be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that ⁶is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; as children of obedience, not fashioning yourselves according to your former lusts in the time of your ignorance: but ⁷like as he which called you is holy, be ye yourselves also holy in all manner of living; because it is written, ⁸Ye shall be holy; for I am holy. And if ye call on him as Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to each man's work, pass the time ⁹of your sojourning in fear: knowing that ye were redeemed, not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers; but with precious blood, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot, ¹⁰even the blood of Christ: who was foreknown indeed before the foundation of the world, but was manifested at the end of the times ¹¹for your sake, who through him are believers in God, which raised him from the dead, and gave him glory; so that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in your obedience to the truth unto unfeigned love of the brethren, love one another ¹²from the heart fervently: having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of ¹³God, which liveth and abideth.

⁴ Or, in.
⁵ Or, Holy Spirit

⁶ Or, is being brought.

⁷ Or, like the Holy One which called you

⁸ Many ancient authorities read from a clean heart.

⁹ Or, God who liveth

24 For,

All flesh is as grass,
And all the glory thereof as the
flower of grass.
The grass withereth, and the flower
falleth:

1 Gr.
saying.25 But the ¹word of the Lord abideth
for ever.

And this is the ¹word of good tidings
which was preached unto you.

2 Gr.
malice2 Putting away therefore all ²wicked-

ness, and all guile, and hypocrisies,
and envies, and all evil speakings, as
newborn babes, long for the ³spiritual
milk which is without guile, that ye

3 Gr.
reason-
able.

3 may grow thereby unto salvation; if ye

8 have tasted that the Lord is gracious:
4 unto whom coming, a living stone,

4 Gr. ho-
nourable

5 rejected indeed of men, but with God

5 Gr. a
spiritual
house for
a holy
priest-
hood5 elect, ⁴precious, ye also, as living stones,6 Gr. a
scrip-
ture6 are built up ⁵a spiritual house, to be a

7 Gr. it

6 holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual

sacrifices, acceptable to God through
7 Jesus Christ. Because it is contained
in ⁶scripture,

8 Gr.
In your
sight

Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner
stone, elect, ⁴precious:

9 Gr.
honour

And he that believeth on ⁷him shall
not be put to shame.

7 ⁸For you therefore which believe is
the ⁹preciousness: but for such as
disbelieve,

The stone which the builders rejected,
The same was made the head of the
corner;

8 and,
A stone of stumbling, and a rock of
offence;

10 Gr.
who.

10 for they ¹¹stumble at the word, being
disobedient: whereunto also they were

11 Gr.
stumble,
being di-
obedient
to the
word

9 appointed. But ye are an elect race, a

royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peo-
ple for ⁶God's own possession, that ye
may shew forth the excellencies of him
who called you out of darkness into his

10 marvellous light: which in time past
were no people, but now are the people
of God: which had not obtained mercy,
but now have obtained mercy.

11 Beloved, I beseech you as sojourners
and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly

12 lusts, which war against the soul; hav-
ing your behaviour seemly among the
Gentiles; that, wherein they speak
against you as evil-doers, they may by
your good works, which they behold,
glorify God in the day of visitation.

12 Gr.
creation.

13 Be subject to every ¹³ordinance of man
for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the

13 Gr.
through.

14 king, as supreme; or unto governors,
as sent ¹³by him for vengeance on evil-

doers and for praise to them that do
15 well. For so is the will of God, that by
well-doing ye should put to silence the

14 Gr.
having.

16 ignorance of foolish men: as free, and
not ¹⁴using your freedom for a cloke of
²wickedness, but as bondservants of

17 God. Honour all men. Love the bro-
therhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

18 ¹⁶Servants, be in subjection to your
masters with all fear; not only to the
good and gentle, but also to the fro-

19 ward. For this is ¹⁶acceptable, if for
conscience ¹⁷toward God a man endur-

20 eth griefs, suffering wrongfully. For
what glory is it, if, when ye sin, and
are buffeted for it, ye shall take it
patiently? but if, when ye do well,

and suffer for it, ye shall take it pa-
tiently, this is ¹⁶acceptable with God.

21 For hereunto were ye called: because
Christ also suffered for you, leaving you
an example, that ye should follow his

22 steps: who did no sin, neither was
23 guile found in his mouth: who, when
he was reviled, reviled not again; when
he suffered, threatened not; but com-
mitted ¹⁸himself to him that judgeth

24 righteously: who his own self ¹⁹bare
our sins in his body upon the tree,

that we, having died unto sins, might
live unto righteousness; by whose

25 ²⁰stripes ye were healed. For ye were
going astray like sheep; but are now
returned unto the Shepherd and

26 Bishop of your souls.

3 In like manner, ye wives, be in
subjection to your own husbands; that,
even if any obey not the word, they
may without the word be gained by

2 the ²¹behaviour of their wives; behold-
ing your chastity ²²behaviour coupled

3 with fear. Whose ²³adorning let it not
be the outward adorning of plaiting
the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold,

4 or of putting on apparel; but let it be
the hidden man of the heart, in the in-
corruptible ²⁴apparel of a meek and quiet
spirit, which is in the sight of God of

5 great price. For after this manner
aforetime the holy women also, who
hoped in God, adorned themselves, be-
ing in subjection to their own ²⁵hus-

6 bands: as Sarah obeyed Abraham, call-
ing him lord: whose children ye now
are, if ye do well, and are not ²⁶put
in fear by any terror.

7 Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell
with your ²⁷wives according to knowledge,
giving honour ²⁸unto the woman, as
unto the weaker vessel, as being also
joint-heirs of the grace of life; to the
end that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, be ye all likeminded, ²⁹com-
passionate, loving as brethren, tender-

9 hearted, humbleminded: not rendering
evil for evil, or reviling for reviling; but
contrariwise blessing; for hereunto
were ye called, that ye should inherit a

10 blessing. For,

He that would love life,
And see good days,

Let him refrain his tongue from
evil,

And his lips that they speak no guile:

And let him turn away from evil,
And do good;

Let him seek peace, and pursue it.

11

15 Gr.
Bonds-
hold-
servants.
16 Gr.
grace.
17 Gr. of.

19 Gr. his
cause
18 Gr.
carried
up... to
the tree

20 Gr.
bringer.

21 Gr.
Overseer

22 Gr.
manner
of life

23 Gr.
have
bands as
Sarah

24 Gr.
... ye are
become, doing
well, and
not being
afraid

25 Gr.
unto the
female
vessel, as
weaker.

26 Gr.
compass-
ionate.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
And his ears unto their supplication:
But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil.

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be zealous of that which is good?

14 But and if ye should suffer for righteousness' sake, blessed are ye: and fear not their fear, neither be troubled;

15 but sanctify in your hearts Christ as Lord: being ready always to give answer to every man that asketh you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, yet with meekness and fear: having a good conscience; that, wherein ye are spoken against, they may be put to shame who revile your good manner of

17 life in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that ye suffer for well-doing than for evil-doing.

18 Because Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God; being put to death in the flesh, but quickened

19 in the spirit; in which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison,

20 which aforesome were disobedient, when the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, ²wherein few, that is, eight

21 souls, were saved through water: which also ³after a true likeness doth now save you, *even* baptism, not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the ⁴interrogation of a good conscience toward God, through the resurrection

22 of Jesus Christ; who is on the right hand of God, having gone into heaven; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him.

4 Forasmuch then as Christ suffered in the flesh, arm ye yourselves also with the same ⁵mind; for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased ⁶from sin;

2 that ⁷ye no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. For the time past may suffice to have wrought the desire of the Gentiles, and to have walked in lasciviousness, lusts, wine-bibbings, revellings, carousings, and

4 abominable idolatries: wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them unto the same ⁸excess of riot, ⁵speaking evil of you: who shall give account to him that is ready to judge

6 the quick and the dead. For unto this end ⁹was the gospel preached even to the dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto ¹⁰prayer: above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of

9 sins: using hospitality one to another

10 without murmuring: according as each hath received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as good stewards

11 of the manifold grace of God; if any man speaketh, *speaking* as it were oracles of God; if any man ministereth, *ministering* as of the strength which God supplieth: that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, whose is the glory and the dominion ¹¹for ever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing happened unto

13 you: but inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory also ye may

14 rejoice with exceeding joy. If ye are reproached ¹²for the name of Christ, blessed are ye; because the *Spirit* of glory and the Spirit of God resteth upon

15 you. For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil-doer, or as a meddler in other men's matters:

16 but if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. For the time is come for judgement to begin at the house of God: and if it begin first at us, what

shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the

19 ungodly and sinner appear? Wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing unto a faithful Creator.

5 The elders therefore among you I exhort, who am a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be

2 revealed: Tend the flock of God which is among you, ¹³exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, ¹⁴according unto God; nor yet for filthy

3 lucre, but of a ready mind; neither as lording it over the charge allotted to you, but making yourselves ensamples

4 to the flock. And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not

5 away. ¹⁵Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder. Yea, all of you gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resisteth the proud,

6 but giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may

7 exalt you in due time; casting all your anxiety upon him, because

8 he careth for you. Be sober, be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking

9 whom he may devour: whom withstand stedfast in ¹⁶your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are ¹⁷accomplished in your ¹⁸brethren who

10 are in the world. And the God of all grace, who called you unto his

11 Or, unto the ages of the ages.

12 Gr. i.e.

13 Some ancient authorities omit exercising the oversight.

14 Some ancient authorities omit according unto God.

15 Or, Likewise... elder; you, all of you one to another. Gird yourselves with humility.

16 Or, the 17 Gr. being accomplished. 18 Gr. brethrenhood.

1 Many ancient authorities read died.

2 Or, into which few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through water.
3 Or, in the antitype.
4 Or, inquiry.
Or, appeal.

5 Or, thought.
6 Some ancient authorities read unto sine.
7 Or, he no longer... his time.

8 Or, flood.

9 Or, were the good tidings preached.

10 Gr. prayers.

1 Or, restore
 2 Many ancient authorities add settle.
 3 Gr. unto the eyes of the ages.
 4 Gr. the.

eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself ¹perfect, stablish, strengthen² you.
 11 To him ^{be} the dominion ³for ever and ever. Amen.
 12 By Silvanus, ⁴our faithful brother, as I account him, I have written unto you briefly, exhorting, and testify-

ing that this is the true grace of
 13 God: stand ye fast therein. ⁵She that is in Babylon, elect together with you, saluteth you; and so doth
 14 Mark my son. Salute one another with a kiss of love.
 Peace be unto you all that are in Christ.

5 That is The church, or, The elect.

THE SECOND EPISTLE GENERAL OF PETER.

1 Many ancient authorities read Symeon.
 2 Gr. bond-servant.
 3 Gr. an equally precious.
 4 Or, our God and the Saviour
 5 Some ancient authorities read through glory and virtue.
 6 Or, a

1 ¹SIMON Peter, a ²servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained ³a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of ⁴our God and
 2 Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;
 3 seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us ⁵by his own
 4 glory and virtue; whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye may become partakers of ⁶the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust.
 5 Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue
 6 knowledge; and in your knowledge ⁷temperance; and in your ⁷temperance patience; and in your patience godliness; and in your godliness love of the brethren; and in your love of the
 8 brethren love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 9 For he that lacketh these things is blind, ⁸seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his
 10 old sins. Wherefore, brethren, give the more diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never stumble:
 11 for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
 12 Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the truth which is with
 13 you. And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance;
 14 knowing that the putting off of my tabernacle cometh swiftly, even as our Lord Jesus Christ signified unto me.
 15 Yes, I will give diligence that at every time ye may be able after my ⁹decease to call these things to remembrance.

7 Or, self-control

8 Or, closing his eyes

9 Or, departure

16 For we did not follow cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and ¹⁰coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eye-
 17 witnesses of his majesty. For he ¹¹received from God the Father honour and glory, when there ¹²came such a voice to him from the excellent glory. This is my beloved Son, in whom I am
 18 well pleased: and this voice we ourselves heard ¹³come out of heaven, when we were with him in the holy
 19 mount. And we have the word of prophecy made more sure; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a lamp shining in a ¹⁴dark place, until the day dawn, and the day-star arise
 20 in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of scripture is of
 21 ¹⁵private interpretation. For no prophecy ever ¹⁶came by the will of man: but men spake from God, being moved by the ¹⁷Holy Ghost.
 2 But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall privily bring in ¹⁸destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift
 2 destruction. And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall
 3 be evil spoken of. And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose sentence now from of old lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not.
 4 For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but ¹⁹cast them down to
 5 hell, and committed them to ²⁰pits of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; and spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah with seven others, ²¹a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the
 6 world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, having made them an example unto those that should live ungodly;
 7 and delivered righteous Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the
 8 wicked (for that righteous man dwelling

10 Gr. presence.

11 Gr. hearing received.

12 Gr. was brought ... by the excellent glory.
 13 Gr. brought.

14 Gr. equalled.

15 Gr. special
 16 Gr. was brought.

17 Gr. Holy Spirit

18 Or. acts of perdition

19 Gr. cast them into chains
 20 Gr. Tartarus.
 21 Some ancient authorities read choosing.
 22 Gr. a herald.

1 Gr. *for-
mited.*

among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their lawless deeds: the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgement; but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise dominion. Daring, selfwilled, they tremble not to rail at dignities: whereas angels, though greater in might and power, bring not a railing judgement against them before the Lord. But these, as creatures without reason, born mere animals to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters whereof they are ignorant, shall in their destroying surely be destroyed, suffering wrong as the hire of wrongdoing; men that count it pleasure to revel in the day-time, spots and blemishes, revelling in their love-feasts while they feast with you; having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; enticing unstedfast souls; having a heart exercised in covetousness; children of cursing; forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of Beor, who loved the hire of wrongdoing; but he was rebuked for his own transgression: a dumb ass spake with man's voice and stayed the madness of the prophet. These are springs without water, and mists driven by a storm; for whom the blackness of darkness hath been reserved. For, uttering great swelling words of vanity, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by lasciviousness, those who are just escaping from them that live in error; promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he also brought into bondage. For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first. For it were better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them. It has happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog turning to his own vomit again, and the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire.

3 This is now, beloved, the second epistle that I write unto you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by putting you in remembrance; that ye should remember the words which were spoken before by the

2 Gr. *glories.*3 Gr. *natural.*4 Gr. *to take
and to destroy*5 Gr. *corruption*6 Many
ancient
authorities
read
deceiv-
ings.7 Gr. *an adul-
teress*8 Many
ancient
authorities
read
Beor.9 Gr. *what*10 Many
ancient
authorities
read
our.

holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Saviour through your apostles: knowing this first, that in the last days mockers shall come with mockery, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they wilfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and an earth compacted out of water and amidst water, by the word of God; by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been stored up for fire, being reserved against the day of judgement and destruction of ungodly men.

8 But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering to you-ward, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight. And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and for ever. Amen.

11 Gr. *in
the last
of the
days.*12 Gr. *proceed.*13 Gr. *through*14 Gr. *stored
with fire*15 Gr. *heavenly
bodies*16 The
most
ancient
manu-
scripts
read
dis-
covered.
17 Gr. *hasten-
ing*18 Gr. *unto the
day of
eternity.*

THE FIRST EPISTLE GENERAL OF JOHN.

1 THAT which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands handled, concerning the ¹ Word of life (and the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal *life*, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto 3 us); that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us: yea, and our fellowship is with the Father, and 4 with his Son Jesus Christ: and these things we write, that ² our joy may be fulfilled.

5 And this is the message which we have heard from him, and announce unto you, that God is light, and in him is no 6 darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus his Son 8 cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an ³ Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but 3 also for the whole world. And hereby know we that we know him, if we keep 4 his commandments. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is 5 not in him: but whoso keepeth his word, in him verily hath the love of God been perfected. Hereby know we that we 6 are in him: he that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.

7 Beloved, no new commandment write I unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning: the old commandment is the word 8 which ye heard. Again, a new commandment write I unto you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true 9 light already shineth. He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his bro-

ther, is in the darkness even until now.

10 He that loveth his brother abideth in the light, and there is none occasion 11 of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother is in the darkness, and walketh in the darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because the darkness hath blinded his eyes.

12 I write unto you, *my* little children, because your sins are forgiven you for 13 his name's sake. I write unto you, fathers, because ye know him which is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the evil one. ⁴ I have written unto you, little children, because ye know the 14 Father. ⁵ I have written unto you, fathers, because ye know him which is from the beginning. ⁶ I have written unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil 15 one. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the 16 Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the vainglory of life, is not of the Father, but is of 17 the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

18 Little children, it is the last hour: and as ye heard that antichrist cometh, even now have there arisen many antichrists; whereby ye know that it 19 is the last hour. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us: but *they went out*, that they might be made manifest ⁷ how 20 that they all are not of us. And ye have an anointing from the Holy One, 21 ⁸ and ye know all things. I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and 22 ⁹ because no lie is of the truth. Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, *even* he that denieth the Father 23 and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: he that confesseth the Son hath the Father 24 also. As for you, let that abide in you which ye heard from the beginning. If that which ye heard from the beginning abide in you, ye also shall abide in the Son, and in the 25 Father. And this is the promise which he promised ¹⁰ us, *even* the life eternal.

¹ Or, word

² Many ancient authorities read *your*.

³ Or, Comforter
Or, Holy Spirit
Or, Paraclete.

⁴ Or, I write

⁵ Or, that
not all
are of us

⁶ Some very ancient authorities read
and ye all know.
⁷ Or, that

⁸ Some ancient authorities read
you.

26 These things have I written unto you concerning them that would lead you
 27 astray. And as for you, the anointing which ye received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any one teach you; but as his anointing teacheth you concerning all things, ¹ and is true, and is no lie, and even as it
 28 taught you, ² ye abide in him. And now, my little children, abide in him; that, if he shall be manifested, we may have boldness, and not be ashamed ³ before him at his ⁴ coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ⁵ ye know that every one also that doeth righteousness is begotten of him.
 3 Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God: and such we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew ² him not. Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if ⁶ he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is.
 8 And every one that hath this hope ⁷ set on him purifieth himself, even as he is ⁴ pure. Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness: and sin is lawlessness. And ye know that he was manifested to ⁷ take away sins; and in him ⁶ is no sin. Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither ⁸ knoweth him. My little children, let no man lead you astray: he that doeth righteousness is ⁸ righteous, even as he is righteous: he that doeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. To this end was the Son of God manifested, that he might destroy the works of the ⁹ devil. Whosoever is begotten of God doeth no sin, because his seed abideth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is ¹⁰ begotten of God. In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth ¹¹ not his brother. For this is the message which ye heard from the beginning, that ¹² we should love one another: not as Cain was of the evil one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's righteous.
 18 Marvel not, brethren, if the world ¹⁴ hateth you. We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth ¹⁵ not abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life ¹⁶ abiding in him. Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives ¹⁷ for the brethren. But whoso hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his

compassion from him, how doth the ¹⁸ love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and ¹⁹ truth. Hereby shall we know that we are of the truth, and shall ²⁰ assure our heart before him, whereinsoever our heart condemn us; because God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all ²¹ things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, we have boldness toward God; ²² and whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. And this is his commandment, that we should ²³ believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he gave us ²⁴ commandment. And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.
 4 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God: because many false prophets ² are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesseth that Jesus Christ is ³ come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit which ¹¹ confesseth not Jesus is not of God: and this is the spirit of the antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it cometh; and now it is in the world ⁴ already. Ye are of God, my little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you than he that ⁵ is in the world. They are of the world: therefore speak they ⁶ as of the world, and the world heareth them. We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he who is not of God heareth us not. By this we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.
 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is begotten of God, and knoweth God. ⁸ He that loveth not knoweth not God; ⁹ for God is love. Herein was the love of God manifested ¹² in us, that God hath sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.
 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son ¹¹ to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought ¹² to love one another. No man hath beheld God at any time: if we love one another, God abideth in us, and his ¹³ love is perfected in us: hereby know we that we abide in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit.
 14 And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father hath sent the Son ¹⁵ to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ And we know and have believed the love which God hath ¹⁹ in us. God is

¹ Or, so it is true, and is no lie; and even as it.
² Or, abide ye.
³ Or, from him.
⁴ Or, presence.
⁵ Or, know ye.

⁶ Or, as

⁷ Or, bear witness

⁸ Or, hath known

⁹ Or, persuade.

¹⁰ Or, do the same.

¹¹ Some ancient authorities read crucified Jesus.

¹² Or, in our case

love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him.

17 Herein is love made perfect with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement; because as he is, even so

18 are we in this world. There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment; and he that feareth is not made perfect

19 in love. We love, because he first loved

20 us. If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, ¹ cannot love God whom he hath

21 not seen. And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

5 Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God: and whosoever loveth him that begat loveth him

2 also that is begotten of him. Hereby we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and do his

3 commandments. For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.

4 For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith. And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth

6 that Jesus is the Son of God? This is he that came by water and blood, *even* Jesus Christ; not ² with the water only, but ² with the water and ² with the

7 blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is the

8 truth. For there are three who bear witness, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three agree in one.

9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for the witness of God is this, that he hath borne

10 witness concerning his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in him: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he hath not believed in the witness that God hath borne concerning his Son.

11 And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is

12 in his Son. He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life.

13 These things have I written unto you, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, *even* unto you that believe

14 on the name of the Son of God. And this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us:

15 and if we know that he heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of

16 him. If any man see his brother sinning a sin not unto death, ² he shall ask, and God will give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is ⁴ a sin unto death: not concerning this do I say that he should make

17 request. All unrighteousness is sin: and there is ⁴ a sin not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever is begotten of God sinneth not; but he that was begotten of God keepeth ⁵ him, and the

19 evil one toucheth him not. We know that we are of God, and the whole

20 world lieth in the evil one. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son Jesus Christ. This

21 is the true God, and eternal life. *My* little children, guard yourselves from idols.

¹ Many ancient authorities read *how can he love God whom he hath not seen?*

² Or. *etc.*

³ Or, *he should not and that give him life, even to them &c.*
⁴ Or, *sin*

⁵ Or, *himself*

THE SECOND EPISTLE OF JOHN.

1 THE elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth; and not I only, but also all they that know the

2 truth; for the truth's sake which abideth in us, and it shall be with us for ever:

3 Grace, mercy, peace shall be with us, from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoice greatly that I have found certain of thy children walking in truth, even as we received commandment

5 from the Father. And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote to thee a new commandment, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we should walk after his

commandments. This is the commandment, even as ye heard from the beginning, that ye should walk in it.

7 For many deceivers are gone forth into the world, *even* they that confess not that Jesus Christ cometh in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the

8 antichrist. Look to yourselves, that ye ¹ lose not the things which ² we have wrought, but that ye receive a full reward. Whosoever ³ goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the

10 Father and the Son. If any one cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into *your* house, and

¹ Or, *destroy*
² Many ancient authorities read *ye*.
³ Or, *teacheth the least*

- 11 give him no greeting: for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works.
 12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not *write them* with paper

and ink: but I hope to come unto you, and to speak face to face, that your joy may be fulfilled. The children of thine elect sister salute thee.

THE THIRD EPISTLE OF JOHN.

- 1 THE elder unto Gaius the beloved, whom I love in truth.
 2 Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. For I¹ rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bare witness unto thy truth, even as thou walkest in truth. Greater² joy have I none than³ this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.
 5 Beloved, thou doest a faithful work in whatsoever thou doest toward them that are brethren and strangers withal; who bare witness to thy love before the church: whom thou wilt do well to set forward on their journey worthily of God: because that for the sake of the Name they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentiles. We therefore ought to welcome such, that we may be fellow-workers with the truth.
 9 I wrote somewhat unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have

the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Therefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he doeth, prating against us with wicked words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and them that would be forbiddeth, and casteth them out of the church. Beloved, imitate not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: he that doeth evil hath not seen God. Demetrius hath the witness of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, we also bear witness; and thou knowest that our witness is true.
 18 I had many things to write unto thee, but I am unwilling to write them to thee with ink and pen: but I hope shortly to see thee, and we shall speak face to face. Peace be unto thee. The friends salute thee. Salute the friends by name.

THE GENERAL EPISTLE OF JUDE.

- 1 JUDAS, a¹ servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James,² to them that are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied.
 3 Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write unto you of our common salvation, I was constrained to write unto you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in privily, even they who were of old set forth unto this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying³ our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.
 5 Now I desire to put you in remembrance, though ye know all things once for all, how that⁴ the Lord, having saved a people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. And angels which kept not their own principality, but left their proper habitation, he hath kept in

everlasting bonds under darkness unto the judgement of the great day. Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them, having in like manner with these given themselves over to fornication, and gone after strange flesh, are set forth⁵ as an example, suffering the punishment of eternal fire. Yet in like manner these also in their dreamings defile the flesh, and set at nought dominion, and rail at dignities. But Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing judgement, but said, The Lord rebuke thee. But these rail at whatsoever things they know not: and what they understand naturally, like the creatures without reason, in these things are they⁶ destroyed.
 11 Woe unto them! for they went in the way of Cain, and⁷ ran riotously in the error of Balaam for hire, and perished in the gainsaying of Korah.

¹ Or, rejoice greatly, when brethren come and bear witness
² Some ancient authorities read grace.
³ Or, these things, that I may hear

¹ Gr. bond-servant.
² Or, to them that are beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ, being called

³ Or, the only Master, and our Lord Jesus Christ
⁴ Many very ancient authorities read Jesus.
⁵ Gr. the second time.

⁶ Or, as an example of eternal fire, suffering punishment
⁷ Gr. glories.

⁸ Or, corrupted
⁹ Or, cast themselves away through

¹ Or, spots

12 These are they who are ¹hidden rocks in your love-feasts when they feast with you, shepherds that without fear feed themselves; clouds without water, carried along by winds; autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots; wild waves of the sea, foaming out their own ²shame; wandering stars, for whom the blackness of darkness hath been reserved for ever.

14 And to these also Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, Behold, the Lord came with ³ten thousands of his holy ones, to execute judgement upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their works of ungodliness which they have ungodly wrought, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their lusts (and their mouth speaketh great swelling words), shewing respect of persons for the sake of advantage.

17 But ye, beloved, remember ye the words which have been spoken before

² Gr. shames.

³ Gr. his holy myriads.

by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; how that they said to you, In the last time there shall be mockers, walking after ⁴their own ungodly lusts.

19 These are they who make separations, ²⁰sensual, having not the Spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. ⁶And on some have mercy, ⁷who are in doubt; and some save, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

24 Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy.

25 to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and ⁸for evermore. Amen.

⁴ Gr. their own lusts of ungodliness.

⁵ Or, natural Or, animal

⁶ The Greek text in this passage (and ... fire) is somewhat uncertain.

⁷ Or, who they designate with you

⁸ Or, unto all the ages.

THE REVELATION

OF

S. JOHN THE DIVINE.

¹ Or, gave unto him, to shew unto his servants the things he.

² Gr. bondservants; and so throughout this book.

³ Or, them

1 THE Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God ¹gave him to shew unto his ²servants, even the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified ³it by his angel unto his servant John; who bare witness of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, even of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of the prophecy, and keep the things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.

⁴ Or, which cometh

⁵ Many authorities, some ancient, read washed.

⁶ Gr. in the eyes of the ages. Many ancient authorities omit of the ages.

⁷ Or, the Lord, the God

⁸ Or, he which

4 JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him which is and which was and ⁴which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne; and from Jesus Christ, ⁵who is the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loveth us, and ⁶loosed us from our sins ⁶by his blood; and he made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father; to him be the glory and the dominion ⁷for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they which pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over him. Even so, Amen.

8 I am the Alpha and the Omega, saith ⁸the Lord God, ⁹which is and which was

and ⁴which is to come, the Almighty.

9 I John, your brother and partaker with you in the tribulation and kingdom and patience ¹⁰which are in Jesus, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.

10 I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet saying, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it to the seven churches; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamum, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis, and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the voice which spake with me. And having turned I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of the ¹⁰candlesticks one like unto ¹¹a son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about at the breasts with a golden girdle. And his head and his hair were white as white wool, white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; and his feet like unto burnished brass, as if it had been refined in a furnace; and his voice as the voice of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth proceeded a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I

¹⁰ Gr. lampstands.

¹¹ Or, the son of man

1 Gr.
become.
2 Gr.
unto the
ages of
the ages.

3 Gr.
upon.
4 Gr.
stands.

5 Gr.
lamp
stand.

6 Or,
garden:
as in
Gen. II. 8.

7 Or,
reading

8 Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
and may
have.

9 Gr.
tribula-
tion of
ten days.

10 The
Greek
text here
is some-
what un-
certain.

fell at his feet as one dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying, Fear not; I am the first and the last, 18 and the Living one; and I ¹ was dead, and behold, I am alive ² for evermore, and I have the keys of death and of 19 Hades. Write therefore the things which thou sawest, and the things which are, and the things which shall 20 come to pass hereafter; the mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest ³ in my right hand, and the seven golden ⁴ candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven ⁴ candlesticks are seven churches.

2 And to the angel of the church in Ephesus write;

These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, he that walketh in the midst of the seven golden ² candlesticks: I know thy works, and thy toil and patience, and that thou canst not bear evil men, and didst try them which call themselves apostles, and they are not, and didst find them ³ false; and thou hast patience and didst bear for my name's sake, and hast not ⁴ grown weary. But I have *this* against thee, that thou didst leave thy first ⁵ love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I come to thee, and will move thy ⁶ candlestick out of ⁶ its place, except thou repent. But this thou hast, that thou hatest the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the ⁶ Paradise of God.

8 And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write;

These things saith the first and the last, which ¹ was dead, and lived *again*: 9 I know thy tribulation, and thy poverty (but thou art rich), and the ⁷ blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of 10 Satan. Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer: behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; ⁸ and ye shall have ⁹ tribulation ten days. Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee 11 the crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write;

These things saith he that hath the 13 sharp two-edged sword: I know where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's throne is: and thou holdest fast my name, and didst not deny my faith, even in the days ¹⁰ of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwelleth.

14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there some that hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication. So hast thou also some that hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans in 16 like manner. Repent therefore; or else I come to thee quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of my 17 mouth. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knoweth but he that receiveth it.

18 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write;

These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like unto burnished 19 brass: I know thy works, and thy love and faith and ministry and patience, and that thy last works are more than 20 the first. But I have *this* against thee, that thou sufferest ¹¹ the woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess; and she teacheth and seduceth my servants to commit fornication, and to eat 21 things sacrificed to idols. And I gave her time that she should repent; and she willeth not to repent of her fornication. Behold, I do cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they 23 repent of ¹² her works. And I will kill her children with ¹³ death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto each one of you 24 according to your works. But to you I say, to the rest that are in Thyatira, as many as have not this teaching, which know not the deep things of Satan, as they say: I cast upon you 25 none other burden. Howbeit that which 26 ye have, hold fast till I come. And he that overcometh, and he that keepeth my works unto the end, to him will 27 I give authority over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of ¹⁴ iron, as the vessels of the potter are broken to shivers; as I also have received of my 28 Father: and I will give him the morning 29 star. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

3 And to the angel of the church in Sardis write;

These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name 2 that thou livest, and thou art dead. Be thou watchful, and stablish the things that remain, which were ready to die: for I have ¹⁵ found no works of thine 3 fulfilled before my God. Remember therefore how thou hast received and

11 Many
authori-
ties, some
ancient,
read *thy*
wife.

12 Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
their.
13 Or,
*quar-
ter-lance*

14 Or,
iron; *as*
vessels of
*the pot-
ter*, *are*
they
broken

15 Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
not
found
thy
works.

didst hear; and keep it, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come as a thief, and thou shalt not know
 4 what hour I will come upon thee. But thou hast a few names in Sardis which did not defile their garments: and they shall walk with me in white; for they
 5 are worthy. He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.
 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.
 7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write;

These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and none shall shut, and that shutteth, and none
 8 openeth: I know thy works (behold, I have ¹set before thee a door opened, which none can shut), that thou hast a little power, and didst keep my word,
 9 and didst not deny my name. Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of them which say they are Jews, and they are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved
 10 thee. Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of ²trial, that ³hour which is to come upon the whole ⁴world, to
 11 try them that dwell upon the earth. I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown.
 12 He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the ⁵temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and
 13 mine own new name. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.
 14 And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write;

These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning
 15 of the creation of God: I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor
 16 hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my
 17 mouth. Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and
 18 poor and blind and naked: I counsel thee to buy of me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest become rich; and white garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself, and that the shame of thy nakedness be not made manifest; and eyesalve to anoint thine eyes, that
 19 thou mayest see. As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous

20 therefore, and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and
 21 he with me. He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne.
 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

4 After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven, and the first voice which I heard, a voice as of a trumpet speaking with me, one saying, Come up hither, and I will shew thee the things which must ⁶come to pass
 2 hereafter. Straightway I was in the Spirit: and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting upon the
 3 throne; and he that sat ⁷was to look upon like a jasper stone and a sardius: and ⁸there was a rainbow round about the throne, like an emerald to look upon.
 4 And round about the throne ⁹were four and twenty thrones: and upon the thrones I saw four and twenty elders sitting, arrayed in white garments; and on their heads crowns of gold.
 5 And out of the throne proceed lightnings and voices and thunders. And ¹⁰there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven
 6 Spirits of God; and before the throne, as it were a glassy sea like unto crystal: and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, four living creatures
 7 full of eyes before and behind. And the first creature ¹¹was like a lion, and the second creature like a calf, and the third creature had a face as of a man, and the fourth creature ¹²was like a flying
 8 eagle. And the four living creatures, having each one of them six wings, are full of eyes round about and within: and they have no rest day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God, the Almighty, which was and which is and
 9 ¹³which is to come. And when the living creatures shall give glory and honour and thanks to him that sitteth on the throne, to him that liveth ¹⁴for ever and
 10 ever, the four and twenty elders shall fall down before him that sitteth on the throne, and shall worship him that liveth
 11 ¹⁵for ever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying, Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honour and the power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created.

5 And I saw ¹⁶in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back, 2 close sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the 3 seals thereof? And no one in the

⁶ Or, come to pass. After these things straightway &c.

¹³ Or, which are and

¹⁴ Or, unto the ages of the ages

¹⁵ Or, &c.

¹ Or, given.

² Or, temptation

³ Or, inhabited earth.

⁴ Or, tempt

⁵ Or, sanctuary; and so throughout this book.

heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to 4 look thereon. And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open 5 the book, or to look thereon: and one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome, to open the book and the seven 6 seals thereof. And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the 1 seven Spirits of 7 God, sent forth into all the earth. And he came, and he 2 taketh it out of the right hand of him that sat on the 8 throne. And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are 9 the prayers of the saints. And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood 10 men of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and madest them to be unto our God a kingdom and priests; 11 and they reign upon the earth. And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; 12 saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might, and honour, and glory, 13 and blessing. And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things that are in them, heard I saying, Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honour, and the glory, and the dominion, 3 for ever and ever. 14 And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped.

6 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a 2 voice of thunder, Come 4. And I saw, and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon had a bow; and there was given unto him a crown: and he came forth conquering, and to conquer.

3 And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come 4. And another horse came forth, a red horse: and to him that sat thereon it was given to take 5 peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he opened the third seal, I

heard the third living creature saying, Come 4. And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he that sat thereon had a 6 balance in his hand. And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, A 6 measure of wheat for a 7 penny, and three measures of barley for a 7 penny; and the oil and the wine hurt thou not.

7 And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come 4. And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was Death; and Hades followed with him. And there was given unto them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with sword, and with famine, and with 8 death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw underneath the altar the souls of them that had been slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which 10 they held: and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, O Master, the holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell 11 on the earth? And there was given them to each one a white robe; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little time, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, which should be killed even as they were, should 9 be fulfilled.

12 And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as 13 blood; and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth her unripe figs, when she is shaken of a 14 great wind. And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were 15 moved out of their places. And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the 10 chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in 16 the rocks of the mountains; and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the 17 wrath of the Lamb: for the great day of their wrath is come; and who is able to stand?

7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth, or on the sea, 2 or upon any tree. And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and 3 the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on 4 their foreheads. And I heard the num-

1 Some ancient authorities omit seven.
2 Gr. hath taken.

3 Gr. unto the ages of the ages.

4 Some ancient authorities add and see.

5 Some ancient authorities read the peace of the earth.

6 Gr. chavira, a small measure.

7 See marginal note on Matt. xviii. 28.

8 Or, pestilence

9 Some ancient authorities read have fulfilled their course.

10 Or, military tribunes
Gr. chili-arche.

ber of them which were sealed, a hundred and forty and four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the children of Israel.

5 Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand:

Of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand:

Of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand:

6 Of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand:

Of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand:

Of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand:

7 Of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand:

Of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand:

Of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand:

8 Of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand:

Of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand:

Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9 After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation, and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms

10 in their hands; and they cry with a great voice, saying, Salvation unto our God which sitteth on the throne, and unto

11 the Lamb. And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,

12 saying, Amen: ¹ Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God ² for ever and ever. Amen.

13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These which are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and

14 whence came they? And I ³ say unto him, My lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which come out of the great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them

15 white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over

16 them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the

17 sun strike upon them, nor any heat: for the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

8 And when he opened the seventh seal, there followed a silence in heaven about ² the space of half an hour. And I saw the seven angels which stand before

God; and there were given unto them seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood ⁴ over the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should ⁵ add it unto the

prayers of all the saints upon the golden

4 altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, ⁶ with the

prayers of the saints, went up before

5 God out of the angel's hand. And the angel ⁷ taketh the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it

⁸ upon the earth: and there followed thunders, and voices, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 And the first sounded, and there followed hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast ⁹ upon the earth: and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third

9 part of the sea became blood; and there died the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, ¹⁰ even they that had life; and the third part of the ships was destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of

11 the waters; and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood; and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for the third part of it, and the night in like manner.

13 And I saw, and I heard ⁹ an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, for them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound.

9 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the

2 key of the pit of the abyss. And he opened the pit of the abyss; and there went up a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason

8 of the smoke of the pit. And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and power was given them, as the scorpions of the earth have ⁴ power. And it was said unto them

⁴ Or, at

⁵ Or, upon

⁶ Or, for

⁷ Or, with

⁸ Or, and

⁹ Or, and

¹ Gr. The blessing, and the glory, &c.

² Gr. unto the ages of the ages.

³ Gr. have said.

⁹ Or, eagle.

that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only such men as have not the seal of God on their fore-
 5 heads. And it was given them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months: and their torment was as the torment of a scorpion, when it striketh a man.
 6 And in those days men shall seek death, and shall in no wise find it; and they shall desire to die, and death fleeth from them.
 7 And the ¹shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared for war; and upon their heads as it were crowns like unto gold, and their faces were as 8 men's faces. And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as 9 the teeth of lions. And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots, of many horses rushing to war. And they have tails like unto scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men five 11 months. They have over them as king the angel of the abyss: his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek ² tongue he hath the name ³ Apollyon.
 12 The first Woe is past: behold, there come yet two Woos hereafter.
 13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard ⁴ a voice from the horns of the 14 golden altar which is before God, one saying to the sixth angel, which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound at the great river 15 Euphrates. And the four angels were loosed, which had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, that they should kill the third part of men.
 16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand: I heard the number of 17 them. And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates as of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone: and the heads of the horses are as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths proceedeth fire 18 and smoke and brimstone. By these three plagues was the third part of men killed, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of 19 their mouths. For the power of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails are like unto serpents, and have heads; and with them 20 they do hurt. And the rest of mankind, which were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship ⁵ devils, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of brass, and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, 21 nor walk: and they repented not of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

¹ Gr. like-
nesses.

² That
is, De-
stroyer.

³ Gr. one
voice.

⁵ Gr.
Idols.

10 And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and 2 his feet as pillars of fire; and he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his 3 left upon the earth; and he cried with a great voice, as a lion roareth: and when he cried, the seven thunders ut- 4 tered their voices. And when the seven thunders uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write 5 them not. And the angel which I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, 6 and swore by him that liveth ⁶ for ever and ever, who created the heaven and the things that are therein, and the earth and the things that are therein, ⁷ and the sea and the things that are therein, that there shall be ⁸ time no 7 longer: but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then is finished the mystery of God, according to the good tidings which he declared to his servants the prophets.
 8 And the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard it again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel that standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.
 9 And I went unto the angel, saying unto him that he should give me the little book. And he saith unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it shall 10 be sweet as honey. And I took the little book out of the angel's hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my 11 belly was made bitter. And they say unto me, Thou must prophesy again. ⁹ over many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.
 11 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: ¹⁰ and one said, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein.
 2 And the court which is without the temple ¹¹ leave without, and measure it not; for it hath been given unto the nations: and the holy city shall they tread un- 3 der foot forty and two months. And I will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand and two hundred and threescore days, cloth- 4 ed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two ¹² candlesticks, standing before the Lord of the earth.
 5 And if any man desireth to hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man shall desire to hurt them, in 6 this manner must he be killed. These have the power to shut the heaven, that it rain not during the days of

⁶ Gr.
unto the
ages of
the ages.

⁷ Some
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ties omit
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⁸ Or,
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⁹ Or, con-
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¹⁰ Gr.
saying.

¹¹ Gr.
not
without.

¹² Gr.
candle-
sticks.

their prophecy: and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they shall desire. And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that cometh up out of the abyss shall make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. And their ¹dead bodies *lie* in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. And from among the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations do *men* look upon their ¹dead bodies three days and a half, and suffer not their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb. And they that dwell on the earth rejoice over them, and make merry; and they shall send gifts one to another; because these two prophets tormented them that dwell on the earth. And after the three days and a half the breath of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which beheld them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they went up into heaven in the cloud; and their enemies beheld them. And in that hour there was a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell; and there were killed in the earthquake ²seven thousand persons: and the rest were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second Woe is past: behold, the third Woe cometh quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there followed great voices in heaven, and they said, The kingdom of the world is become *the kingdom* of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign ³for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders, which sit before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces, and worshipped God, saying, We give thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, which art and which wast; because thou hast taken thy great power, and didst reign. And the nations were wroth, and thy wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and *the time* to give their reward to thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, the small and the great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth.

19 And there was opened the temple of God that is in heaven; and there was seen in his temple the ark of his ⁴covenant; and there followed lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.

12 And a great sign was seen in heaven; a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; and she was with child: and she crieth out, travelling in birth, and in pain to be delivered.

¹ Gr.
carcase.

² Gr.
nations
of men,
seven
thousand.

³ Gr.
unto the
ages of
the ages.

⁴ Or, testament

8 And there was seen another sign in heaven; and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. And his tail draweth the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was about to be delivered, that when she was delivered, he might devour her child. And she was delivered of a son, a man child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that there they may nourish her a thousand two hundred and threescore days.

7 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels *going forth* to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; and they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole ⁵world; he was cast down to the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, ⁶Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accuseth them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony; and they loved not ¹²their life even unto death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe for the earth and for the sea: because the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time.

13 And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the ¹⁴man child. And there were given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness unto her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.

15 And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman water as a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the stream. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his ¹⁷mouth. And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and hold the testimony of Jesus: ¹³and he stood upon the sand of the sea.

⁵ Gr. inhabited earth.

⁶ Or. Now is the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom, because our God's, and the authority is become his Christ's.

⁷ Gr. he himself.

And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on his horns ten diadems, and upon his heads names of blasphemy.

2 And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his throne, and

3 great authority. And I saw one of his heads as though it had been smitten unto death; and his death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered

4 after the beast; and they worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to war

5 with him? and there was given to him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and there was given to him authority

6 to continue forty and two months. And he opened his mouth for blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, even them that dwell in the heaven.

7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and there was given to him authority over every tribe and people

8 and tongue and nation. And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, every one whose name hath not been

9 written in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain from the foundation of the world. If any man hath an

10 ear, let him hear. If any man is for captivity, into captivity he goeth: if any man shall kill with the sword, with the sword must he be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like unto a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the authority of the first beast in his sight. And he maketh the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose

13 death-stroke was healed. And he doeth great signs, that he should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon

14 the earth in the sight of men. And he deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given him to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the

15 beast, who hath the stroke of the sword, and lived. And it was given unto him to give breath to it, even to the image of the

16 beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as should not worship the image of the beast should be killed. And he causeth all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them a mark on their right hand, or

17 upon their forehead; and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, even the name of the beast or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man: and his number is Six hundred and sixty and six.

14 And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty and four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads.

2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and the voice which I heard was as the voice of harpers harp-

3 ing with their harps: and they sing as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders: and no man could learn the song save the hundred and forty and

4 thousand, even they that had been purchased out of the earth. These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were purchased from among men, to be the firstfruits unto

5 God and unto the Lamb. And in their mouth was found no lie: they are without blemish.

6 And I saw another angel flying in mid heaven, having an eternal gospel to proclaim unto them that dwell on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe

7 and tongue and people; and he saith with a great voice, Fear God, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters.

8 And another, a second angel, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, which hath made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

9 And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worshippeth the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on

10 his forehead, or upon his hand, he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared unmixed in the cup of his anger; and he shall be

11 tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: and the smoke of their torment goeth up for ever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, they that worship the

12 beast and his image, and whoso receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints, they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead

* Some ancient authorities read Six hundred and sixteen.

10 Gr. etc.

11 Gr. mingled.

12 Gr. unto ages of ages.

1 Gr. slain.

2 Gr. to do his works during See Dan. xi. 26.

3 Gr. tabernacle.

4 Some ancient authorities omit And it was given

... over-

come them.

5 Gr. written from the foundation of the world in the book ... slain

6 The Greek text in this verse is somewhat uncertain.

7 Or, leadeth into captivity

8 Some ancient authorities read that even the image of the beast should speak; and he shall cause &c.

¹ Or, in the Lord.
From hence-
forth, yea,
saith the
Spirit

² Or,
the Son

³ Or,
dried up.

⁴ Or,
vine.

⁵ Or,
upon

⁶ Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
nations.

⁷ Many
ancient
authori-
ties read
in linen.

⁸ Or,
unto the
ages of
the ages.

which die ¹ in the Lord from hence-
forth: yea, saith the Spirit, that they
may rest from their labours; for their
works follow with them.

14 And I saw, and behold, a white cloud;
and on the cloud I saw one sitting like
unto ² a son of man, having on his head
a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp
sickle. And another angel came out
from the temple, crying with a great
voice to him that sat on the cloud, Send
forth thy sickle, and reap: for the hour
to reap is come; for the harvest of the
earth is ³ over-ripe. And he that sat on
the cloud cast his sickle upon the earth;
and the earth was reaped.

17 And another angel came out from the
temple which is in heaven, he also hav-
ing a sharp sickle. And another angel
came out from the altar, he that hath
power over fire; and he called with a
great voice to him that had the sharp
sickle, saying, Send forth thy sharp
sickle, and gather the clusters of the
vine of the earth; for her grapes are
19 fully ripe. And the angel cast his sickle
unto the earth, and gathered the ⁴ vin-
tage of the earth, and cast it into the
winepress, the great *winepress*, of the
20 wrath of God. And the winepress
was trodden without the city, and there
came out blood from the winepress, even
unto the bridles of the horses, as far
as a thousand and six hundred fur-
longs.

15 And I saw another sign in heaven,
great and marvellous, seven angels hav-
ing seven plagues, which are the last,
for in them is finished the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a glassy sea
mingled with fire; and them that come
victorious from the beast, and from his
image, and from the number of his
name, standing ⁵ by the glassy sea, hav-
ing harps of God. And they sing the
song of Moses the servant of God, and
the song of the Lamb, saying, Great
and marvellous are thy works, O Lord
God, the Almighty; righteous and true
are thy ways, thou King of the ⁶ ages.
4 Who shall not fear, O Lord, and glorify
thy name? for thou only art holy; for
all the nations shall come and worship
before thee; for thy righteous acts have
been made manifest.

5 And after these things I saw, and the
temple of the tabernacle of the testi-
mony in heaven was opened: and there
came out from the temple the seven
angels that had the seven plagues, ar-
rayed ⁷ with precious stone, pure and
bright, and girt about their breasts with
7 golden girdles. And one of the four
living creatures gave unto the seven
angels seven golden bowls full of the
wrath of God, who liveth ⁸ for ever and
8 ever. And the temple was filled with
smoke from the glory of God, and
from his power; and none was able to

enter into the temple, till the seven
plagues of the seven angels should be
finished.

16 And I heard a great voice out of the
temple, saying to the seven angels, Go
ye, and pour out the seven bowls of the
wrath of God into the earth.

2 And the first went, and poured out his
bowl into the earth; and ⁹ it became a
noisome and grievous sore upon the men
which had the mark of the beast, and
which worshipped his image.

3 And the second poured out his bowl
into the sea; and ⁹ it became blood as
of a dead man; and every ¹⁰ living soul
died, even the things that were in the
sea.

4 And the third poured out his bowl
into the rivers and the fountains of the
5 waters; ¹¹ and ⁹ it became blood. And
I heard the angel of the waters saying,
Righteous art thou, which art and which
wast, thou Holy One, because thou didst

6 thus ¹² judge: for they poured out the
blood of saints and prophets, and blood
hast thou given them to drink: they are

7 worthy. And I heard the altar saying,
Yea, O Lord God, the Almighty, true
and righteous are thy judgements.

8 And the fourth poured out his bowl
upon the sun; and it was given unto
9 ¹³ it to scorch men with fire. And men
were scorched with great heat: and
they blasphemed the name of the God
which hath the power over these
plagues; and they repented not to give
him glory.

10 And the fifth poured out his bowl
upon the throne of the beast; and his
kingdom was darkened; and they
11 gnawed their tongues for pain, and
they blasphemed the God of heaven be-
cause of their pains and their sores;
and they repented not of their works.

12 And the sixth poured out his bowl
upon the great river, the river Euphrates;
and the water thereof was dried up,
that the way might be made ready for
the kings that come from the sunrise.

13 And I saw coming out of the mouth
of the dragon, and out of the mouth of
the beast, and out of the mouth of the
false prophet, three unclean spirits,

14 as it were frogs: for they are spirits of
¹⁴ devils, working signs; which go forth
¹⁵ unto the kings of the whole ¹⁶ world, to
gather them together unto the war of
the great day of God, the Almighty.

15 (Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is
he that watcheth, and keepeth his gar-
ments, lest he walk naked, and they
16 see his shame.) And they gathered
them together into the place which is
called in Hebrew Har-Magedon.

17 And the seventh poured out his
bowl upon the air; and there came
forth a great voice out of the tem-
ple, from the throne, saying, It is
18 done: and there were lightnings,

⁹ Or,
there
came

¹⁰ Or,
and of
life.

¹¹ Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
and they
became.

¹² Or,
Judge.
Because
they
prophets
there hast
given
them
blood
also to
drink.

¹³ Or,
him

¹⁴ Or,
demons.

¹⁵ Or,
upon

¹⁶ Or,
habitat-
ed earth.

and voices, and thunders; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since ¹there were men upon the earth, ¹⁹so great an earthquake, so mighty. And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his ²⁰wrath. And every island fled away, and ²¹the mountains were not found. And great hail, *every stone* about the weight of a talent, cometh down out of heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof is exceeding great. ¹⁷And there came one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls, and spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the judgement of the great harlot that sitteth upon many ²waters; with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and they that dwell in the earth were made drunken with the wine of her fornication. And he carried me away in the Spirit into a wilderness: and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet-coloured beast, ³full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and ⁴decked with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations, ⁵even the unclean things of her fornication, and upon her forehead a name written, ⁶MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the ⁶martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered with a great ⁷wonder. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and the ten horns. ⁸The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss, ⁷and to go into perdition. And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, *they* whose name hath not been written ⁸in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast, how that he was, and ⁹is not, and ⁹shall come. Here is the ¹⁰mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which ¹⁰the woman sitteth: and ¹¹they are seven kings; the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a little ¹¹while. And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; and he goeth into perdition. And the ten horns that thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but they

receive authority as kings, with the ¹³beast, for one hour. These have one mind, and they give their power and ¹⁴authority unto the beast. These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they *also shall overcome* that are with him, called ¹⁵and chosen and faithful. And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the harlot sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and ¹⁶tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest, and the beast, these shall hate the harlot, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and ¹⁷shall burn her utterly with fire. For God did put in their hearts to do his mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished. ¹⁸ed. And the woman whom thou sawest is the great city, which ¹²reigneth over the kings of the earth. ¹⁸After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried with a mighty voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and is become a habitation of ¹³devils, and a ¹⁴hold of every unclean spirit, and a ¹⁵hold of every unclean and hateful bird. For ¹⁶by the wine of the wrath of her fornication all the nations are fallen; and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth waxed rich by the power of her ¹⁷wantonness. ⁴And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth, my people, out of her, that ye have no fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her ⁵plagues: for her sins ¹⁸have reached even unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Render unto her even as she rendered, and double *unto her* the double according to her works: in the cup which she mingled, mingle ⁷unto her double. How much soever she glorified herself, and waxed ¹⁹wanton, so much give her of torment and mourning: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in ⁸no wise see mourning. Therefore in one day shall her plagues come, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire; for strong is ²⁰the Lord God which judged her. And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication and lived ²¹wantonly with her, shall weep and wail over her, when they look upon the ¹⁰smoke of her burning, standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! for in one hour is thy ¹¹judgement come. And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their ²²merchandise

¹ Some ancient authorities read there was a man.

³ Or, names full of blasphemy
⁵ Or, gilded.

⁴ Or, and of the unclean things
⁵ Or, a registry, BABYLON THE GREAT

⁶ Or, witnesses

⁷ Some ancient authorities read and he saith.
¹ Or, on.

¹ Or, shall be present.
² Or, meaning
¹ Or, here are

¹² Or, hath a kingdom.

¹³ Or, demons.
¹⁴ Or, prison
¹⁵ Some authorities read of the wine . . . have drunk.

¹⁶ Some ancient authorities omit the wine of.
¹⁷ Or, luxury
¹⁸ Or, close together

¹⁹ Or, luxurious

²⁰ Some ancient authorities omit the Lord.
²¹ Or, luxuriously

²² Or, cargo.

¹ Gr.
cargo.

² Gr. a-
momm.

³ Gr.
bodies.
⁴ Or,
knees

⁵ Gr.
gladd.

⁶ Gr.
work the
sea.

⁷ Gr. one.

⁸ Some
ancient
authori-
ties omit
of what-
soever
craft.

12 any more; ¹merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stone, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and all thine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel made of most precious wood, and of brass, and 13 iron, and marble; and cinnamon, and ²spice, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep; and *merchandise* of horses and chariots 14 and ³slaves; and ⁴souls of men. And the fruits which thy soul lusted after are gone from thee, and all things that were dainty and sumptuous are perished from thee, and *men* shall find them no more 15 at all. The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weep- 16 ing and mourning; saying, Woe, woe, the great city, she that was arrayed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and ⁵decked with gold and precious stone 17 and pearl! for in one hour so great riches is made desolate. And every shipmaster, and every one that saileth any whither, and mariners, and as many as ⁶gain their 18 living by sea, stood afar off, and cried out as they looked upon the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city* is like the great city? And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, wherein were made rich all that had their ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she 20 made desolate. Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye saints, and ye apostles, and ye prophets; for God hath judged your judgement on her. 21 And ⁷a strong angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with a mighty fall shall Babylon, the great city, be cast down, and shall be found no more at all. 22 And the voice of harpers and minstrels and flute-players and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, ⁸of whatsoever craft, shall be found any more at all in thee; and the voice of a millstone shall be heard no 23 more at all in thee; and the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the princes of the earth; for with thy sorcery were all the nations deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth. 19 After these things I heard as it were a great voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, Hallelujah; Salvation, and glory, and power, belong to our God: 2 for true and righteous are his judge- ments; for he hath judged the great harlot, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and he hath

avenged the blood of his servants 3 at her hand. And a second time they ⁹say, Hallelujah. And her smoke goeth 4 up ¹⁰for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four living creatures fell down and wor- shipped God that sitteth on the throne, 5 saying, Amen; Hallelujah. And a voice came forth from the throne, saying, Give praise to our God, all ye his servants, ye that fear him, the small and the great. 6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, Hallelujah: for the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. 7 Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and let us give the glory unto him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the right- 9 eous acts of the saints. And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, 10 These are true words of God. And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren that hold the testimony of Jesus: worship God: for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. 11 And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sat thereon, ¹¹called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he doth judge and 12 make war. And his eyes are a flame of fire, and upon his head are many diadems; and he hath a name written, which no one knoweth but he himself. 13 And he is arrayed in a garment ¹³sprinkled with blood: and his name is called 14 The Word of God. And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine 15 linen, white and pure. And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the ¹⁵winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of Al- 16 mighty God. And he hath on his gar- ment and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, and LORD OF LORDS. 17 And I saw ¹⁷an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come and be gathered together unto the great supper of God: 18 that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of ¹⁸captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses and of them that sit thereon, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, and small and great. 19 And I saw the beast, and the

⁹ Gr.
have
said.
¹⁰ Gr.
unto; the
ages of
the ages.

¹¹ Some
ancient
authori-
ties omit
called.

¹³ Some
ancient
authori-
ties read
dipped
in.

¹⁵ Gr.
wine-
press of
the wine
of the
fierce-
ness.

¹⁸ Gr.
military
rulers &c.
Gr. chief-
arches.

kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat upon the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought the signs in his sight, wherewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image: they twain were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone: and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, *even the sword* which came forth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

20 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain ¹in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time.

4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgement was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither his image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned

5 with Christ a thousand years. The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years should be finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no power; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him ²a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war: the number of whom is as the sand of the

9 sea. And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down ³out of heaven, and devoured them. And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be tormented day and night ⁴for ever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the

book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. 18 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, *even the lake* of fire. And if any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. And I saw ⁵the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, ⁶and be their God:

4 and he shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more: the first things are passed away. And he that sitteth on the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he saith, ⁷Write: for these words are faithful and true. And he said unto me, They are come to pass. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely. He that overcometh shall inherit these things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.

9 And there came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls, who were laden with the seven last plagues; and he spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the wife of the Lamb. And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and shewed me the holy city Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, having the glory of God: her ⁸light was like unto a stone most precious, as it were a

12 jasper stone, clear as crystal: having a wall great and high; having twelve gates, and at the ⁹gates twelve angels; and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel: on the east were three ¹⁰gates; and on the north three ¹¹gates; and on the

⁵ Or, the holy city Jerusalem coming down new out of heaven

⁷ Or, tabernacle.

⁸ Some ancient authorities omit, and be their God.

⁹ Or, Write, These words are faithful and true.

¹⁰ Or, luminary.

¹¹ Or, portals.

¹ Or, upon.

² Or, authority
³ Some ancient authorities insert here.

⁴ Some ancient authorities insert from God.

⁵ Or, unto the eyes of the eyes.

¹ Gr.
portals.

south three ¹gates; and on the west
14 three ¹gates. And the wall of the
city had twelve foundations, and on
them twelve names of the twelve apo-
15 stles of the Lamb. And he that spake
with me had for a measure a golden
reed to measure the city, and the
¹gates thereof, and the wall thereof.
16 And the city lieth foursquare, and
the length thereof is as great as the
breadth: and he measured the
city with the reed, twelve thousand
furlongs: the length and the breadth
17 and the height thereof are equal. And
he measured the wall thereof, a hun-
dred and forty and four cubits, accord-
ing to the measure of a man, that is,
18 of an angel. And the building of the
wall thereof was jasper: and the city
was pure gold, like unto pure glass.
19 The foundations of the wall of the
city were adorned with all manner of
precious stones. The first foundation
was jasper; the second, ²sapphire; the
third, chalcedony; the fourth, emerald;
20 the fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sar-
dus; the seventh, chrysolite; the
eighth, beryl; the ninth, topaz; the
tenth, chrysoprase; the eleventh,
21 ³jacinth; the twelfth, amethyst. And
the twelve ¹gates were twelve pearls;
each one of the several ¹gates was
of one pearl: and the street of the
city was pure gold, ⁴as it were trans-
22 parent glass. And I saw no temple
therein: for the Lord God the Al-
mighty, and the Lamb, are the temple
23 thereof. And the city hath no need
of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine
upon it: for the glory of God did
lighten it, ⁵and the lamp thereof is the
24 Lamb. And the nations shall walk
⁶amidst the light thereof: and the
kings of the earth do bring their glory
25 into it. And the ¹gates thereof shall
in no wise be shut by day (for there
26 shall be no night there): and they
shall bring the glory and the honour
27 of the nations into it: and there
shall in no wise enter into it anything
⁷unclean, or he that ⁸maketh an
abomination and a lie: but only they
which are written in the Lamb's book
22 of life. And he shewed me a river
of water of life, bright as crystal,
proceeding out of the throne of God
2 and of ⁹the Lamb, in the midst of the
street thereof. And on this side of
the river and on that was ¹⁰the tree
of life, bearing twelve ¹¹manner of
fruits, yielding its fruit every month:
and the leaves of the tree were for
3 the healing of the nations. And there
shall be ¹²no curse any more: and the
throne of God and of the Lamb shall
be therein: and his servants shall do
4 him service; and they shall see his
face; and his name shall be on their

² Or,
lapis
lazuli

³ Or,
sapphire

⁴ Or,
trans-
parent
as glass

⁵ Or,
and the
Lamb,
the lamp
thereof
⁶ Or, by

⁷ Or,
common.

⁸ Or,
doeth

⁹ Or, the
Lamb.
In the
midst of
the street
thereof,
and on
either
side of
the river,
was the
tree of
life

¹⁰ Or,
a tree

¹¹ Or,
crops of
fruit

¹² Or,
no more
any-
thing
occurred

5 foreheads. And there shall be night no
more; and they need no light of lamp,
neither light of sun; for the Lord God
shall give them light: and they shall
reign ¹³for ever and ever.

6 And he said unto me, These words are
faithful and true: and the Lord, the
God of the spirits of the prophets, sent
his angel to shew unto his servants the
things which must shortly come to pass.

7 And behold, I come quickly. Blessed
is he that keepeth the words of the
prophecy of this book.

8 And I John am he that heard and saw
these things. And when I heard and
saw, I fell down to worship before the
feet of the angel which shewed me these
9 things. And he saith unto me, See thou
do it not: I am a fellow-servant with
thee and with thy brethren the prophets,
and with them which keep the words
of this book: worship God.

10 And he saith unto me, Seal not up the
words of the prophecy of this book;
11 for the time is at hand. He that is un-
righteous, let him do unrighteousness

¹⁴ still: and he that is filthy, let him be
made filthy ¹⁴still: and he that is right-
eous, let him do righteousness ¹⁴still:
and he that is holy, let him be made

12 holy ¹⁴still. Behold, I come quickly;
and my ¹⁵reward is with me, to render
to each man according as his work is.

13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first
and the last, the beginning and the end.

14 Blessed are they that wash their robes,
that they may have ¹⁶the right to come
to the tree of life, and may enter in by

15 the ¹gates into the city. Without are
the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the for-
nicators, and the murderers, and the
idolaters, and every one that loveth and
⁸maketh a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to tes-
tify unto you these things ¹⁷for the
churches. I am the root and the off-
spring of David, the bright, the morning
star.

17 ¹⁸And the Spirit and the bride say,
Come. And he that heareth, let him
say, Come. And he that is athirst, let
him come: he that will, let him take
the water of life freely.

18 I testify unto every man that heareth
the words of the prophecy of this book,
If any man shall add ¹⁹unto them, God
shall add ¹⁹unto him the plagues which

19 are written in this book: and if any
man shall take away from the words
of the book of this prophecy, God
shall take away his part from the tree
of life, and out of the holy city,
²⁰which are written in this book.

20 He which testifieth these things saith,
Yea: I come quickly. Amen: come,
Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus ²¹be
²²with the saints. Amen.

¹³ Or,
unto the
ages of the
ages.

¹⁴ Or,
yet more

¹⁵ Or,
wages

¹⁶ Or, the
right-
fully ever

¹⁷ Or,
court.

¹⁸ Or,
such

¹⁹ Or,
signs.

²⁰ Or,
from the
things which
are written

²¹ Some
ancient
authorities
omit
Christ.

²² Two
ancient
authorities
omit
with of.

*List of readings and renderings preferred by the American Committee,
recorded at their desire. See Preface to New Testament.*

CLASSES OF PASSAGES.

- I. Strike out "S." (i.e. Saint) from the title of the Gospels and from the heading of the pages.
- II. Strike out "the Apostle" from the title of the Pauline Epistles, and "of Paul the Apostle" from the title of the Epistle to the Hebrews; strike out the word "General" from the title of the Epistles of James, Peter, 1 John, and Jude; and let the title of the Revelation run "The Revelation of John."
- III. For "Holy Ghost" adopt uniformly the rendering "Holy Spirit."
- IV. At the word "worship" in Matt. ii. 2, etc., add the marginal note "The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to man (see chap. xviii. 28) or to God (see chap. iv. 10)."
- V. Put into the text uniformly the marginal rendering "through" in place of "by" when it relates to prophecy, viz. in Matt. ii. 5, 17, 23; iii. 8; iv. 14; viii. 17; xii. 17; xiii. 35; xxi. 4; xxiv. 15; xxvii. 9; Luke xviii. 31; Acts ii. 16; xxviii. 25.
- VI. For "tempt" ("temptation") substitute "try" or "make trial of" ("trial") wherever enticement to what is wrong is not evidently spoken of; viz. in the following instances: Matt. iv. 7; xvi. 1; xix. 3; xxii. 18, 35; Mark viii. 11; x. 2; xii. 15; Luke iv. 12; x. 25; xi. 16; xxii. 23; John viii. 6; Acts v. 9; xv. 10; 1 Cor. x. 9; Heb. iii. 8, 9; 1 Pet. i. 6.
- VII. Substitute modern forms of speech for the following archaisms, viz. "who" or "that" for "which" when used of persons; "are" for "be" in the present indicative; "know" "knew" for "wot" "wist"; "drag" or "drag away" for "hale."
- VIII. Substitute for "devil" ("devils") the word "demon" ("demons") wherever the latter word is given in the margin (or represents the Greek words *δαίμων*, *δαίμονιον*); and for "possessed with a devil" (or "devils") substitute either "demoniac" or "possessed with a demon" (or "demons").
- IX. After "baptize" let the marg. "Or, *in*" and the text "with" exchange places.
- X. Let the word "testament" be everywhere changed to "covenant" (without an alternate in the margin), except in Heb. ix. 15-17.
- XI. Wherever "patience" occurs as the rendering of *ὑπομονή* add "steadfastness" as an alternate in the margin, except in 2 Cor. i. 6; James v. 11; Luke viii. 15; Heb. xii. 1.
- XII. Let *ἀσάριον* (Matt. x. 29; Luke xii. 6) be translated "penny," and *δηνάριον* "shilling," except in Matt. xxii. 19; Mark xii. 15; Luke xx. 24, where the name of the coin, "a denarius," should be given.
- XIII. Against the expression "the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ" add the marginal rendering "Or, *God and the Father*" etc.; viz. in Rom. xv. 6; 2 Cor. i. 3; xi. 31; Eph. i. 3; Col. i. 3; 1 Pet. i. 3. And against the expression "our God and Father" add the marg. "Or, *God and our Father*"; viz. in Gal. i. 4; Phil. iv. 20; 1 Thess. i. 3; iii. 11, 13; Jas. i. 27. And against the expression "his God and Father" add the marg. "Or, *God and his Father*", viz. in Rev. i. 6.
- XIV. Let the use of "fulfil" be confined to those cases in which it denotes "accomplish," "bring to pass," or the like.

MATTHEW.

- III. 7 Against "to his baptism" add marg. Or, *for baptism*
 10 For "is the axe laid unto" read "the axe lieth at" So in Luke iii. 9.
- VI. 11 Let the marg. read Gr. *our bread for the coming day, or our needful bread.* So in Luke xi. 5.
 27 For "his stature" read "the measure of his life" (with marg. Or, *his stature*) So in Luke xii. 25.
- VIII. 4 Here and in Matt. xxvii. 65; Mark i. 44, for "go thy [your] way" read simply "go"
- IX. 6, 8 For "power" read "authority" (see marg. ¹⁶) So in Mark ii. 10; Luke v. 24.
- X. 39 "life" strike out the marg. So in xvi. 25; Mark viii. 35; Luke ix. 24; xvii. 33; John xii. 25.
- XII. 23 For "Is this the son of David?" read "Can this be the son of David?" [Comp. John iv. 29.]
 31 "unto men" strike out the marg.
- XIX. 14 For "of such is" read "to such belongeth" with marg. Or, *of such is* So in Mark x. 14; Luke xviii. 16.
- XX. 1 For "that is" read "that was"
- XXII. 23 For marg. ⁷ read "Many ancient authorities read *saying.*"
- XXIII. 9 For "Father, which is in heaven" read "Father, *even* he who is in heaven."
 23 For "judgement" read "justice" So in Luke xi. 42.
- XXVI. 29 For "I will not drink" read "I shall not drink" Similarly in Mark xiv. 25; Luke xxii. 16, 18.
- XXVII. 27 For "palace" read "Prætorium" with marg. Or, *palace* [as in Mark xv. 16] So in John xviii. 28, 33; xix. 9

MARK.

- II. 4, 9, 11, 12 "bed" add marg. Or, *pallet* So in vi. 55; John v. 8, 9, 10, 11, 12; Acts v. 15; ix. 33.
- VII. 4 For "wash" read "bathe" [Comp. Luke xi. 38.]
- X. 13 For "brought" read "were bringing" So in Luke xviii. 15.
 32 "and they that followed" etc. omit the marg.
 45 For "For verily" etc. read "For the Son of man also" etc.
- XI. 24 For "have received" read "receive" with marg. Gr. *received.*
- XIV. 3 For "spikenard" read "pure nard" (with marg. Or, *liquid nard*), and omit marg. ⁶ So in John xii. 3.

LUKE.

- I. 35 Let the text run "wherefore also the holy thing which is begotten shall be called the Son of God" with the present text in the margin.
- 70 For "since the world began" read "of old" Similarly Acts iii. 21; xv. 13.
- II. 34 For "and rising up" read "and the rising"
 37 For "even for" read "even unto"
- III. 14 For "Do violence to no man" etc. read "Extort from no man by violence, neither accuse *any one* wrongfully" and omit marg. ⁵
 20 For "added yet this above all" read "added this also to them all"
- IV. 1 For "by the Spirit" read "in the Spirit" and omit the marg.
- VI. 16 For "was the traitor" read "became a traitor"
- VIII. 3 For "Chuzas" read "Chuzas"
 29 For "commanded" read "was commanding"
 33 For "were choked" read "were drowned"
- IX. 12 For "victuals" read "provisions"
 18 For "alone" read "apart"

- IX. 46 For "should be greatest" read "was the greatest"
- XI. 38 For "washed" read "bathed himself" [Comp. Mark vii. 4.]
- XII. 40 For "what will I" etc. read "what do I desire" (with the marg. Or, *how I would that it were already kindled!*)
- XIII. 32 "I am perfected" add marg. Or, *I end my course*
- XV. 16 For "have been filled" read "have filled his belly" (with the marg. Many ancient authorities read *have been filled.*)
- XVII. 6 Read "If ye had faith" etc. and "it would obey you."
- 11 For "through the midst of" read "along the borders of" and substitute the present text for marg.⁶
- XVIII. 5 "lest she wear me" etc. add marg. Or, *lest at last by her coming she wear me out*
- 7 For "and he" etc. read "and yet he" etc. with the marg. Or, *and is he slow to punish on their behalf?*
- XIX. 29 For "*the mount of Olives*" read "Olivet" So in xxi. 37; see Acts i. 12.
- 42 "day" add marg. Some ancient authorities read *thy day.*
- "peace" add marg. Some ancient authorities read *thy peace.*
- XX. 20 "rule" add marg. Or, *ruling power*
- XXII. 24 For "is accounted" read "was accounted"
- 70 For "Ye say that I am" read "Ye say it, for I am" and substitute the text for the marg.
- XXIII. 2 "Christ a king" omit the marg.
- 15 "he sent him" etc. add marg. Many ancient authorities read *I sent you to him.*
- 23 For "instant" read "urgent"
- 46 Let margin and text exchange places.
- XXIV. 30 Read "he took the bread and blessed; and breaking it he gave to them"
- 38 For "reasonings" read "questionings"

JOHN.

- I. 3, 10, 17 Substitute the marginal rendering for the text.
- II. 17 For "The zeal of thine house" read "Zeal for thy house"
- III. 20 For "ill" read "evil" So in v. 29.
- 29 For "fulfilled" read "made full" [and so xv. 11; xvi. 24; xvii. 13. See "Classes of Passages," xiv.]
- V. 27 Substitute the marginal rendering for the text.
- VII. 8 For "I go not up yet" read "I go not up" and change the marg. to Many ancient authorities add *yet.*
- 21, 22 For "marvel. For this cause hath Moses" etc. read "marvel because thereof Moses hath" etc. and omit the marg.
- 23 "a man every whit whole" add marg. Gr. *a whole man sound.*
- 38 For "out of his belly" read "from within him" (with marg. Gr. *out of his belly.*)
- VIII. 24, 28 "I am he" omit marg.¹ (and the corresponding portion of marg.⁴) So in xiii. 19.
- 25 Substitute for the present marg.² Or, *Altogether that which I also speak unto you*
- 26 "unto the world" omit marg.³ "Gr. *into.*"
- 44 For "stood" read "standeth" and omit marg.¹⁰
- 52, 53 For "is dead" and "are dead" read "died" [Compare vi. 49, 58.]
- 58 For "was" read "was born" and omit marg.³
- X. 8 "before me" add marg. Some ancient authorities omit *before me.*
- XII. 43 For "the glory of men... the glory of God" read "the glory that is of men... the glory that is of God"
- XIV. 1 Let marg.¹² and the text exchange places.
- 14 For "shall ask me anything" read "shall ask anything" and let marg.³ read Many ancient authorities add *me.*
- XVI. 25, 29 For "proverbs" read "dark sayings"
- XVII. 24 For "I will" read "I desire"

XVIII. 37 For "Thou sayest that" etc. read "Thou sayest *it*, for I am a king" and substitute the present text for the marg. [Comp. Luke xxii. 70.]

XXI. 7 "was naked" add marg. Or, *had on his under garment only*

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

II. 47 For "those that were being saved" read "those that were saved" with the text in the marg.

III. 21 For "since the world began" read "from of old"

VIII. 16 For "he was fallen" read "it was fallen"

XIII. 18 For "suffered he their manners" read "as a nursing-father bare he them", and in the marg. read *Many ancient authorities read suffered he their manners.*

XIV. 9 "made whole" omit marg. ⁷

XV. 18 For "from the beginning of the world" read "from of old"

23 For "The apostles and the elder brethren" read "The apostles and the elders, brethren," and put the present text into the marg.

XVII. 22 For "somewhat superstitious" read "very religious" and put the present text in the marg.

XIX. 31 For "chief officers of Asia" read "Asiarchs" (with marg. i.e. officers having charge of festivals in the Roman province of Asia.)

XX. 28 For "God" read "the Lord" (with marg. Some ancient authorities, including the two oldest mss., read *God*.)

XXI. 10 For "many days" read "some days"

XXIII. 30 "against the man" etc. add marg. *Many ancient authorities read against the man on their part, I sent him to thee, charging etc.*

35 For "hear thy cause" read "hear thee fully"

XXIV. 17 For "many years" read "some years"

XXV. 3 For "laying wait" read "laying a plot"

XXVI. 28 "With but" etc. add marg. Or, *In a little time*

29 "whether with little" etc. add marg. Or, *both in little and in great*, i.e. in all respects

XXVII. 37 Omit marg. ²

ROMANS.

I. 17 For "by faith" read "from faith" and omit the marg.

18 For "hold down" read "hinder"

II. 12 "have sinned" add marg. Gr. *sinned*.

13 For "a law" read "the law"

14 For "which have no" read "that have not the"

For "having no" read "not having the"

14, 15 Enclose in a parenthesis.

15 "their thoughts" etc. add marg. Or, *their thoughts accusing or else excusing them one with another*

19 In marg. ¹⁴ for "provest" read "dost distinguish"

22 Omit the marg.

III. 9 For "in worse case" read "better" and omit the marg.

21 Begin a paragraph.

23 "have sinned" add marg. Gr. *sinned*.

25 "set forth" omit marg. ¹⁰ ("purposed")

For "by his blood" read "in his blood" (retaining the comma after "faith") and omit marg. ¹²

31 Make a paragraph of verse 31.

IV. 1 For "according to the flesh, hath found" read "hath found according to the flesh" and put the present text into the margin.

- V. 1 For "let us have" read "we have" and in marg.³ read Many ancient authorities read *let us have*. So in verses 2, 3 for "let us" read "we" (twice).
 7 Omit marg.⁹ ("that which is good")
- VI. 7 "justified" add marg. Or, *released*
- VII. 25 For "I myself with the mind serve" read "I of myself with the mind, indeed, serve"
- VIII. 3 Let marg.¹⁶ ("*and for sin*") and the text exchange places.
 5, 6, 9, 13 For "spirit" read "Spirit"
 13 For "mortify" read "put to death" and omit marg.³
 24 For "by" read "in" (with marg. Or, *by*)
 26 For "himself" read "itself"
 34 For "shall condemn" read "condemneth"
- IX. 5 For marg.¹⁵ read Or, *flesh: he who is over all, God, be blessed for ever*
 22 "willing" add marg. Or, *although willing*
- XI. 11 Begin the paragraph here instead of at ver. 13.
- XII. 1 For "reasonable" read "spiritual" with marg. Gr. *belonging to the reason*.
 6 Omit marg.¹ ("*the faith*")
 19 Let marg.⁷ ("*the wrath of God*") and the text exchange places.

1 CORINTHIANS.

- I. 18 For "are perishing . . . are being saved" read "perish . . . are saved" and put the present text into the marg.
 19 For "And . . . reject" read "And the discernment of the discerning will I bring to nought"
 26 Omit marg.⁸ ("Or, have part therein")
- II. 6 For "the perfect" read "them that are fullgrown"
 8 For "knoweth" read "hath known"
 12 For "is of God" read "is from God"
 For "are freely given to us by God" read "were freely given to us of God"
 13 For "comparing spiritual things with spiritual" read "combining spiritual things with spiritual words" and omit marg.¹⁸
 14 "natural" add marg. Or, *unspiritual* Gr. *psychical*.
- IV. 8 For "have reigned" read "have come to reign"
 9 For "and to angels" read "both to angels" and substitute the present text for the marg.
 21 For "meekness" read "gentleness"
- V. 10, 11 Let marg.³ and ⁴ and the text exchange places.
- VII. 6 For "permission" read "concession"
 21 Let marg.² ("*nay, even if*") and the text exchange places.
 23 For "faithful" read "trustworthy"
 26 For "the present distress" read "the distress that is upon us"
 31 For "abusing it" read "using it to the full" and omit the margin.
- VIII. 3 For "of him" read "by him"
 8 "commend" add marg. Gr. *present*.
- IX. 10 "altogether" let "assuredly" be the rendering in the text, and substitute "*altogether*" for the marg.
 27 "have preached" add marg. Or, *have been a herald*
- XI. 10 Omit marg.⁵ ("*have authority over*")
 19 For "heresies" read "factions" (with marg. Gr. *heresies*.)
 27 For "unworthily" read "in an unworthy manner"
- XII. 31 Read "And moreover a most excellent way" etc.
- XIII. 12 Read "then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known" and omit marg.⁹ and ¹⁰
 13 Omit marg.¹¹ ("*but greater than these*")

- XIV. 3 For "comfort" read "exhortation"
 33, 34 For "of peace; as" etc. read "of peace. As in all the churches of the saints, let"
 etc. [and begin the paragraph with "As" etc.]
- XV. 2 Adopt marg.¹³ for the text (substituting "*the word which*" for "*what*").
 8 For "as unto . . . time" read "as to the child untimely born"
 19 Let marg.⁴ and the text exchange places.
 33 For "Evil company doth corrupt good manners" read "Evil companionships corrupt good morals"
 34 For "Awake up" read "Awake to soberness" and omit marg.¹⁰
 44, 46 "natural" add marg. Gr. *psychical*.
 51 For "We shall not all" read "We all shall not" and put the present text into the marg.

2 CORINTHIANS.

- I. 9 For "answer" read "sentence" (with marg. Gr. *answer*).
 15 For "before" read "first"
 24 Read in the text "for in faith ye stand fast"
- II. 14 Begin a new paragraph with this verse.
 15 For "are being saved . . . are perishing" read "are saved . . . perish" and put the present text into the marg.
- III. 9 For "is glory" read "hath glory" and let marg.¹⁶ run Many etc. *For if the ministration of condemnation is glory*.
 18 Let marg.¹ and the text exchange places.
 Omit marg.³ ("*the Spirit which is the Lord*")
- IV. 3 For "are perishing" read "perish" and put the present text into the marg.
- VII. 8, 9 For "I do not regret it, though" etc. read "I do not regret it: though I did regret it (for I see that that epistle made you sorry, though but for a season), I now rejoice" etc.
- XII. 7 Strike out "—wherefore" and add marg. Some ancient authorities read —*wherefore*.

GALATIANS.

- I. 7 "which is not another gospel: only" etc. add the marg. Or, *which is nothing else save that* etc.
 10 Read "For am I now seeking the favour of men or of God" and for "seeking to please" read "striving to please"
- II. 1 Strike out marg.¹¹ ("*in the course of*")
 16 For "save" read "but" and omit marg.³
 20 For "yet I live; and yet no longer I" read "and it is no longer I that live" and omit marg.⁴
- III. 22 For "hath shut up" read "shut up"
 23 Omit marg.¹⁴ ("*the faith*")
 24 For "hath been" read "is become"
- IV. 12 For "be" read "become"
 For "I am as" read "I also am become as"
 16 For "because I tell you" read "by telling you"
 19 Substitute a dash for the comma after "you"
- V. 1 Substitute marg.⁸ ("*For freedom*") for the text.
 12 For "cut themselves off" read "go beyond circumcision"
 20 Substitute marg.²³ ("*parties*") for the text.
- VI. 1 "in any trespass" add marg. Or, *by*
 10 "as" add marg. Or, *since*
 11 Let the marg. ("*write*") and the text exchange places.

EPHESIANS.

- I. 15 For "and which *ye shew*" read "and the love which *ye shew*" and in marg.⁹ for "insert" read "omit"
 II. 2 For "power" read "powers" (with marg. Gr. *power*.)
 III. 13 For "ye faint not" read "I may not faint" (with marg. Or, *ye*)
 VI. 9 For "both" read "he who is both"

PHILIPPIANS.

- I. 16 To "the one" etc. add marg. Or, *they that are moved by love* do it
 17 To "but the other" etc. add the marg. Or, *but they that are factious proclaim Christ*
 22 Read in the text "if this shall bring fruit from my work" with marg. Gr. *this is for me fruit of work*.
 Omit marg.¹⁰ ("I do not make known")
 II. 1 For "comfort" read "exhortation"
 6 For "being" read "existing" and omit marg.¹³
 Let the text run "counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped" and omit marg.¹⁶
 14 For "disputings" read "questionings"
 15 For "may be" read "may become"
 III. 8 Substitute marg.¹¹ ("*refuse*") for the text.
 9 For "of God" read "from God"
 12 For "apprehend . . . apprehended" read "lay hold on . . . laid hold on", and in marg.¹⁴ for "*apprehend . . . apprehended*" read "*lay hold . . . laid hold on*"
 13 For "apprehended" read "laid hold"
 IV. 4 Omit marg.¹⁵ ("*Farewell*")
 10 For "fulfil" read "supply" [Comp. "Classes of Passages," XIV.]

COLOSSIANS.

- I. 26 For "from all" read "for"
 II. 15 For "having put off from himself" read "having despoiled" and substitute the text for marg.¹⁴
 III. 5 For "Mortify" read "Put to death" and omit marg.³⁰
 16 For "richly" read "richly;" and omit the semicolon after "wisdom" putting the present text into the marg.

1 THESSALONIANS.

- II. 6 Let marg.³ run *claimed authority*, and then let the marg. and the text exchange places.
 IV. 12 For "honestly" read "becomingly"
 V. 22 Omit marg.¹² ("*appearance*")

2 THESSALONIANS.

- II. 2 For "is now present" read "is just at hand"
 10 For "are perishing" read "perish" with the text in the marg.
 III. 2 Omit marg.¹³ ("*the faith*")

1 TIMOTHY.

- I. 16 For "hereafter" read "thereafter"
 18 Substitute marg.⁹ ("*led the way to thee*") for the text.
 II. 4 Read "who would have all men to be saved"
 15 Let marg.² and the text exchange places.

- V. 12 For "faith" read "pledge" (with marg. Gr *faith*.)
 VI. 9 For "desire" read "are minded"

2 TIMOTHY.

- I. 10 For "incorruption" read "immortality" with marg. Gr. *incorruption*.
 II. 26 Read "having been taken captive by him unto his will"; and let marg.⁵ run Or, *by him, unto the will of God* Gr. *by him* etc.

TITUS.

- I. 2 "before times eternal" add marg. Or, *long ages ago*
 II. 13 Let the text and marg.¹³ exchange places.
 III. 10 For "A man . . . heretical" read "a factious man"

HEBREWS.

- I. 7 Omit marg.⁴ ("*spirits*")
 9 To the first "God" add marg. Or, *O God*
 II. 16 Let the text run "For verily not to angels doth he give help, but he giveth help to" etc. (with marg. Gr. *For verily not of angels doth he take hold, but he taketh hold of* etc.)
 17 For "might be" read "might become"
 III. 9 Let marg.¹ ("*Where*") and the text exchange places.
 11 "As" add marg. Or, *So* So in iv. 3.
 IV. 2 Let the text and marg.⁶ exchange places, reading in marg. "Many ancient authorities" etc.
 7 Read "a certain day, To-day, saying in David, so long a time afterward (even as hath been said before), To-day if ye" etc.
 VI. 1 For "let us cease" etc. read "leaving 'the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us' with marg. ⁴Gr. *the word of the beginning of Christ*.
 9 In marg.¹¹ for "*are near to*" read "*belong to*"
 VIII. 8 "finding fault" etc. add marg. Some ancient authorities read *finding fault* with *it he saith unto them*.
 IX. 4 Let marg.¹⁵ and the text exchange places.
 9 For "parable" read "figure" So in xi. 19.
 Omit "*now*"
 14 "the eternal Spirit" add marg. Or, *his eternal spirit*
 17 Let marg.⁵ and the text exchange places.
 X. 1 For "they can" read "can" (and for marg.² read Many ancient authorities read *they can*.)
 22, 23 Let the text and marg.¹⁶ exchange places.
 25 For "the assembling of ourselves together" read "our own assembling together"
 34 For "ye yourselves have" read "ye have for yourselves" (and omit marg.⁴, letting marg.³ read Many ancient authorities read *that ye have your own selves for* a etc.)
 XI. 1 Read "faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction" etc.
 5 Read in the text "for he hath had witness borne to him that before his translation he had been" etc. with the present text in the marg.
 XII. 3 For "themselves" read "himself" (and let marg.⁹ run Many ancient authorities read *themselves*.)
 17 For "rejected (for . . . of repentance)" read "rejected; for he found no place for a change of mind in his father" with marg. Or, *rejected (for he found no place of repentance)*, etc. Or, *rejected; for . . . of repentance* etc.
 XIII. 18 For "honestly" read "honourably"
 20 For "the eternal" read "an eternal"
 24 "They of" add marg. Or, *The brethren from*

JAMES.

- I. 3 For "proof" read "proving"
 17 For "boon" read "gift"
 III. 1 For "many" read "many of you"
 IV. 4 "adulteresses" add marg. That is, *who break your marriage vow to God.*

1 PETER.

- II. 2 In marg. ³ for "*reasonable*" read "*belonging to the reason.*"
 V. 2 For "according unto God" read "according to *the will of God*" (and so in marg. ¹⁰).
 Comp. Rom. viii. 27.

2 PETER.

- I. 1 Let marg. ⁴ and the text exchange places.
 7 For "love of the brethren" read "brotherly kindness" (twice) with marg. Gr. *love of the brethren.*
 17 For "came such a voice to him from the excellent glory" read "was borne such a voice to him by the Majestic Glory" and omit marg. ¹²
 18 For "come" read "borne" and omit marg. ¹³
 II. 13 For "love-feasts" read "deceivings" and in marg. ⁶ read Some ancient authorities read *love-feasts.*

1 JOHN.

- III. 19, 20 For "him, whereinsoever . . . because God" etc. read "him: because if our heart condemn us, God" etc. (with the present text in the marg.)
 V. 18 Substitute marg. ⁵ for the text, and add marg. ⁵ Some ancient manuscripts read *him.*

2 JOHN.

- 1 (and 5) "lady" add marg. Or, *Cyria*

3 JOHN.

- ⁴ dele marg. ²
 8 For "with the truth" read "for the truth"

JUDE.

- 1 For "Judas" read "Jude" and add marg. Gr. *Judas.*
 4 For "set forth" read "written of beforehand" putting the present text into the marg.
 22 Against "And on some" etc. add the marg. Some ancient authorities read *And some refute while they dispute with you.*

REVELATION.

- I. 3 Omit marg. ⁶ ("*the Lord, the God*")
 13 Omit marg. ¹¹ ("*the Son of man*")
 III. 2 For "fulfilled" read "perfected"
 IV. 6 "of the throne" add marg. Or, *before* [Comp. v. 6; vii. 17.]
 V. 6 "in the midst of the throne" etc. add marg. Or, *between the throne with the four living creatures, and the elders*

- VI. 6 "A measure" etc. add marg. [instead of marg. ⁶ and ⁷] Or, *A chænix* (i.e. about a quart) *of wheat for a shilling*—implying great scarcity.
- 11 For "be fulfilled" read "be fulfilled *in number*" and then let the marg. and the text exchange places.
- VII. 17 "of the throne" add marg. Or, *before* (See iv. 6.)
- X. 6 Substitute marg. ⁷ ("*delay*") for the text.
- XII. 4 For "stood . . . was . . . was . . . might" read "standeth . . . is . . . is . . . may"
- XIII. 1 "he stood" add marg. Some ancient authorities read *I stood* etc., connecting the clause with what follows.
- 8 Let marg. ⁶ and the text exchange places. [Comp. xvii. 8.]
- XIV. 6 For "an eternal gospel" read "eternal good tidings"
- 15 For "over-ripe" read "ripe" with marg. Gr. *become dry*.
- XV. 2 For "that come" read "that come off"
- XVI. 9 For "the God" read "God"
- 16 "Har-Magedon" add marg. Or, *Ar-Magedon*
- XIX. 15 For "of Almighty God" read "of God, the Almighty"
- XXII. 3 For "do him service" read "serve him"



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